

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 p.m. ON 16TH AUGUST 2011.****IN THE PAVILION, WHITFORD ROAD.**

1. **PRESENT** : Cllr. M. Collier (Chairman), Cllr. C.H. Bolton (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. S.A. Huscroft, Cllr. S.J. Newbery, Cllr. R. I. Penzer, Cllr. R.A.L. Tattershall, D.A. Vickers the Clerk, Dist Cllr. Chubb, P.C.S.O. Jones and 10 members of the public were present.
2. **APOLOGIES** : Cllr. S.R. Hodges, Cllr. B.J. Trott and Cty. Cllr. Moulding had tendered their apologies.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** : the minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2011 had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr. Newbery, seconded by Cllr. Huscroft, proposed that they be approved. Agreed.
4. **POLICE REPORT**: Cllr. Collier proposed that P.C.S.O. Jones be allowed to speak at this point rather than wait until public Forum. Agreed. P.C.S.O. Jones said that there had been two crimes since the last meeting, one involving theft of a secured trailer.
5. **MATTERS ARISING**: referring to the item relating to acoustic problems in the Pavilion, Cllr. Penzer said that he had not yet progressed the matter.
6. **MATTERS OF URGENCY**: None.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**a) Current Financial Position:**

The Clerk reported that the bank account stood as follows:

BANK RECONCILIATION	
12/08/2011	
Bank Statement 23 31/07/2011	4943.86
(Unpresented cheques)	-564.28
(Post Date Payments)	-801.35
	3578.23
Post Date Receipts	18.00
Total	3596.23

This was broken down:

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
P3 Balance	951.78
Parish Business Balance	2644.45
	0.00
Total	3596.23

The National Savings Account stood at:

NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£
Balance at 01/04/2011	88380.23
Transfer to Lloyds Ac.	0.00
Interest 10	0.00
Present Balance	88380.23

The Alliance and Leicester Account (now Santander) balance was:

A&L ACC	£
01/04/2011	1063.15
Interest	0.53
Transfer	0
Total	1063.68

b) Requests for Financial Assistance: none.

c) Intervening Payments to Approve: Cllr. Bolton, seconded by Cllr .Vickers proposed that the following intervening payments be made:.

CHQ NO.	PARISH BUSINESS	Sum	V.A.T	Goods
	Payee	£	£	£
1397	D.A.L.C. Axminster Branch (subscription)	10.00	0.00	10.00
1398	Thomas Westcott (audit fee)	342.00	57.00	285.00
1399	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd.(June)	20.75	3.46	17.29
1400	R.G. Landscaping (June)	333.60	55.60	278.00
1401	Kilminster Village Produce Ass. (Prize Money)	23.00	0.00	23.00
1402	Axe Skip Hire (Aug/Sept)	72.00	12.00	60.00
	Total	801.35	128.06	673.29

Cllr. Penzer, seconded by Cllr. Huscroft proposed that these payments be authorised. Agreed.

d) Payments to be Approved: None.

e) Forthcoming Expenditure to Approve: Cllr. Vickers felt that consideration should be given to giving a further cut to The Common.

f) Bank Mandate – still to be completed.

8. OPEN FORUM – PROPOSED NEW BAPTIST CHURCH: three representatives of Kilminster Baptist Church were present. They began by stating that it had been decided not to appeal against the District Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed new Baptist Chapel on the green field site on the corner of George Lane and Shute Road. Instead, they would try to establish whether the site to the north west of the Village Hall on Whitford Road was still available. They invited the Parish Councillors to express any views they had at this stage. Cllr. Collier declared an interest as being the tenant of the site in question and took the opportunity, as having the same rights as any member of the public, to ask whether the same design would be retained. He said that he felt the site was altogether better than the George Lane site.

Cllr. Vickers said that, in principle, he would support the original design being used on a Whitford Road site.

Dist. Cllr. Chubb said that he would support the views put forward by the community.

Those representing the Baptist Church said that it was likely that a different design would be put forward. It was suggested that it might be advantageous to use a local architect who might have more sympathy for the area. Cllr. Penzer felt that the comments made in the draft Village Design Statement should be taken into consideration.

9. OPEN FORUM – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Martell, Chairman of the School Governors, thanked the Parish Council for its contribution to the upgrading of the school play ground.

10. PLANNING MATTERS: a) Current Applications
11/1549/COU

Summerleaze Farm, Kilminster, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RA
Conversion and change of use of farm building to large animal treatment facility.

CLLR. COLLIER DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AS BEING THE OWNER OF THE APPLICATION SITE.

CLLRS. BOLTON AND HUSCROFT DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AS BEING PERSONAL FRIENDS OF THE OWNER OF THE SITE. NONE OF THESE COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATED IN THIS ITEM

SUPPORT

11/1481/TCA

Westgate, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon.

Crown reduce one catalpa tree

SUPPORT

11/1492/LBC

6, Salisbury Terrace, Kilmington, Axminster Devon.

Replacement and repair of windows, reconstruction of chimney and internal works

SUPPORT

11/0617/FUL

The Old Inn, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RB

Alterations to skittle alley building to form access to adjacent site.

CLLR. BOLTON DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AS BEING A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF THE APPLICANT/DEVELOPER AND TOOK NO PART IN THIS ITEM.

OPINION ON THIS WAS DIVIDED. MOST COUNCILLORS OBJECTED TO THE PROPOSED FOOTPATH/PAVEMENT AS BEING A FEATURE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE DRAFT VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT WHICH WAS OUT OF KEEPING IN KILMINGTON. SOME COUNCILLORS FELT THAT THREE DWELLINGS REPRESENTED OVER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE AND THAT THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE REJECTED AND THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR TWO DWELLINGS WITH NO ACCESS OF ANY KIND ONTO WHITFORD ROAD SHOULD BE THE ONLY APPLICATION APPROVED.

b) Decisions

APPROVALS

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REFUSALS

APPEAL UPHELD

c) Correspondence – the following items were noted

E.D.D.C. – re Local Development Framework. The Clerk said that the District Council had just reviewed its general policy regarding the rural villages and that there would be an opportunity to consider individual villages in detail at the end of September.

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Dist. Cllr. Chubb said that Hills Farm was being discussed the following week, with a recommendation for refusal because of the conflict between the licence and the educational use. In response to an enquiry as to whether any action was being taken in respect of Rhea Farm, Dist. Cllr. Chubb said that the enforcement team was now back up to the previous levels. One of the new officers would be responsible for this part of the District.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS: a) Response to Matters Reported – Cllr. Newbery reported that the lengthsman had been in the parish and had been cleaning out the grips at various locations within the village and also at Mill Green. Thanks were expressed for the work that Cllr. Hodges had done in strimming overgrown vegetation in The Street.

b) Matters to Report – there is a rut by the New Inn which needs attention, the surface of The Street is in line for resurfacing and there is a pot hole in Springhead Lane which needs to be infilled again.

c) A35 – Cllr. Vickers reported that he was still awaiting a site meeting with Balfour Beatty-South West Highways regarding the malfunctioning of the flashing speed sign. BB-SWHjv had denied responsibility for

damage to the milestone opposite the junction with Studhayes Lane. The Milestone Society had suggested that a protective wall be built to eliminate any further damage or that it be moved to a less vulnerable positions.

d) 20 M.P.H. Speed Limit – there had been no progress with this matter. A letter will be sent to Dist. Cllr. Stuart Hughes.

14. MAINTENANCE: a) Bus Shelters – nothing to report.

b) Play Area – Cllr. Huscroft will check that the paint was passed on to the contractor.

c) Trees – The Tree warden had sent a memo to the Chairman drawing his attention to a dying elm sapling by Hurfords Stores and problems relating to the willow tree by Whitford Road and a tree impinging on the roadway by the bridge in Gore Lane. He said he would remove the elm during the winter and suggested that consideration be given to trimming back those parts of the other two trees to improve their visual amenity. Councillors will discuss the matter further at the next meeting

15. RESPONSE TO LETTER RE SNOW WARDEN SCHEME: Cllr. Vickers will attend the training day once a date for this has been fixed. Clarification will be sought regarding various points.

16. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Cllr. Collier reminded those present that Dist. Cllr. Key had agreed to attend the September meeting to speak on this topic. The Clerk said that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were to be invited to the opening of the latest scheme at Upottery.

17. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP; a) Areas in Need of Upgrading/Maintenance – none were reported.

b) Encampment on Roman Road – an update had been received from Devon County Council

c) Footpath Map – this is still on-going. Cllr. Vickers said that funding was now being obtained from the East Devon Sustainability Fund as that from Making it Local had fallen through. 18. PARISH PLAN AND

18. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT:

a) Progress With Implementation of Parish Plan Objectives: - a letter had been sent in support of the proposed footpath map. It was suggested that a copy be included with the welcome pack given to newcomers.

b) Village Design Statement: Cllr. Vickers expressed his regret that the Village Design Statement was not on the list for adoption at the August meeting of the Development Management Committee.

19. THE COMMON: Cllr. Vickers said he would talk to the relevant officers in the light of the Auditors Report once received.

20. COMMEMORATION OF H.M. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE: A public meeting will be arranged for early September and advertised on the website and in postscript.

21. RESPONSE TO D.A.P.C. AXMINSTER AREA QUESTIONNAIRE: the Clerk will complete this.

22. CORRESPONDENCE: newsletters and magazines received, such as Devon In Touch, Clerks and Councils Direct and Village Green, were put into circulation.

Signed Date