

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M.ON TUESDAY 18th JANUARY 2010.****IN THE PAVILION, WHITFORD ROAD, KILMINGTON .**

1. PRESENT : Cllr. M. Collier (Chairman), Cllr. C.H. Bolton (Vice-chairman), Cllr. S.R. Hodges, Cllr. G.H. Hurford, Cllr. S.A. Huscroft Cllr. S.J. Newbery, Cllr. R. I. Penzer, Cllr. D.A. Vickers, Dist. Cllr. Chubb, P.C.S.O. Jones and the Clerk. There were 14 members of the public present.

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr. P.W.A. Dare and Cty. Cllr. Moulding.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2010 : referring to item 10, Cllr. Huscroft pointed out that it was the wooden surround to the play are which needed to be replaced or repaired rather than the safety surface, which is not of wood chippings. Subject to this correction, she proposed that they be approved, seconded by Cllr. Hodges. Agreed.

4. POLICE REPORT: P.C.S.O. Jones gave details of various incidents of theft/burglary and vehicle crimes which had taken place since the last meeting. She explained how budget cut backs by Devon and Cornwall Police would affect the local service.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS OF URGENCY: none.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Current Financial Position:

The Clerk reported that the bank account stood as follows:

BANK RECONCILIATION	
16/01/2011	
Bank Statement 16 31/12/2010	4975.80
(Unpresented cheques)	-1441.37
(Post Date Payments)	0
	3534.43
Post Date Receipts	0.00
Total	3534.43

This was broken down:

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
P3 Balance	991.78
Parish Business Balance	2542.65
	0.00
Total	3534.43

The National Savings Account balance was:

NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOU	£
Balance at 01/04/2010	88115.88
Transfer to Lloyds Ac.	0.00
Interest 10	0.00
Present Balance	88115.88

Following the second half-yearly instalment of interest, the Alliance and Leicester Account (now Santander) balance was:

A&L ACC	£
01/04/2010	1062.09
Interest	1.06
Transfer	0
Total	1063.15

b) Requests for Financial Assistance: East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau and British Red Cross had submitted requests for financial support. Cllr. Hurford, seconded by Cllr. Penzer proposed that £40 be granted to East Devon Citizens' Advice Bureau. Agreed. There was no support for a grant to the British Red Cross.

c) Intervening Payments to Approve:

PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP
None.

PARISH BUSINESS

CHQ NO.	PARISH BUSINESS	Sum	V.A.T	Goods
	Payee	£	£	£
1352	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd. (Nov/Dec)	45.44	5.62	39.82
1353	R.G. Landscaping (grass cutting)	145.70	21.70	124.00
1354	H.M. Revenue and Customs (Qtr 3)	67.80	0.00	67.80
1355	H. Kirkcaldie (Qtr 3)	219.45	0.00	219.45
1356	B. Woodsford (Qtr 3)	52.03	0.00	52.03
1357	R.E.J. Wareham (Allotment Hedges)	29.75	4.75	25.00
1358	Hitchcock Trust (Tree work, half share with Shute)	29.38	0.00	29.38
1359	Axe Skip Hire (Dec/Jan)	71.25	11.25	60.00
1360	Kilminster P.C.C. (Church floodlighting and Car Park Rent)	76.00	0.00	76.00
	Total	736.80	43.32	693.48

Cllr. Hodges, seconded by Cllr. Newbery, proposed that these payments be approved.

d) Payments to be Approved:

CHQ NO.	PARISH BUSINESS	Sum	V.A.T	Goods
	Payee	£	£	£
1361	East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau (Section 137)	40.00	0.00	40.00
1362	Kilminster Village (Hall Hire)	84.00	0.00	84.00
	Total	124.00	0.00	124.00

Cllr. Vickers, seconded by Cllr. Huscroft, proposed that these payments be approved. Agreed.

e) Forthcoming Expenditure to Approve: the Clerk said that among the bills likely to be received before the next meeting would be for the snow clearer, grit spreader and grit, stationery and allotment electricity.

f) Budget Preliminaries: the Clerk went through the proposed budget and precept for the next financial year. It was noted that provision of £500 had been made for election costs as elections to the Parish Council would take place in May. Compared with the previous year, some of the regular cost centres the budget had been increased slightly while in others decreases had been made. Cllr. Hurford, seconded by Cllr. Huscroft proposed that the budget be set at £11925. Agreed. Cllr. Bolton, seconded by Cllr. Hurford, proposed that the Precept be set at £11500. Agreed.

COST CENTRES	Budget 1011	Budget 1112	Precept 1112
	£		
Staff costs	1420	1500	1500
Administration	300	400	400
Insurance	700	650	650
Common	200	150	150
Audit Fees	600	500	500
Play Area	500	250	250
Hall Hire	150	185	160
Subscriptions	185	190	190
Sundries	300	100	100
Maintenance	4000	4000	4000
Delegates			
Expenses	200	100	100
S137/Donations	600	500	500
Elections	0	500	500
Contingency	2000	2000	2000
Allotments	800	400	0
Village Plan	250	500	500
Total	12205	11925	11500

It was agreed that a specification be drawn up for the cutting of grass in the parish and that this be put out to competitive tender.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:** In response to questions regarding the expected planning application for a new Baptist Church in the village, the Chairman confirmed that there would be a meeting of the Parish Council called at which the Baptist Church would put its view point and residents would be able to put their view points. The Clerk would enquire whether a planning officer from the District Council would be prepared to attend. Dist. Cllr. Chubb suggested that this would be unlikely because of the costs involved. The meeting would be advertised in the usual places.

It was reported that the allotment shed was in need of treatment with preservative, re-roofing and strengthening of the door and lock, following the recent shed break. The Chairman said that Cllr. Penzer would look into these matters and report back to the Council. Concern was expressed that nothing had been done to strengthen the lock on the Allotment Shed since the break in in August. It was stated that one of the allotment holders had the skills and equipment to reinforce the door lock with steel.

Cllr. Penzer expressed the view that people would break into the shed regardless, if they were so minded and pointed out that the machinery stored in the shed was not a public asset. It was agreed that the Allotment Association members could come back with a proposal as to what they action they felt was needed regarding shed security.

8. PLANNING MATTERS: the following applications and decisions had been received since the meeting on 7th December 2010

Applications

11/0010/OUT

Kilmington Cross Garage, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RB
Demolition of garage and construction of dwellings (renewal of 08/0066/OUT) all matters reserved.

SUPPORT

DCC/3160/2010

Kilmington Sewage Works to Alder Carr, Axminster.
Proposed realignment of part of the approved footway and cycleway between Kilmington sewage works and Alder Carr, Axminster (approved application DCC/2544/2007)

SUPPORT

The Chairman observed that the expected application for a new Baptist Chapel had not been received. He stated that when it was received a special meeting would be called to deal with that application.

Seven members of the public left the meeting at this point.

Enforcement action in respect of Hills Farm and Rhea Farm will be pursued.

Decisions

GRANTS

10/1865/AGR

Sand and Gravel Pitt east of Whitford Road.
Construction of Agricultural Building.

07/2660/CM DCC/2544/2007

Construction of combined footpath and cycle route between Kilmington Sewage Works and B3261 Yarty Bridge

Appeals Upheld

Appeals Dismissed

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Copy Letter Others to E.D.D.C.

Copy Letter E.D.D.C. to Others

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) Response to Matters Raised Previously – Cllr. Newbery stated that he had been informed by Mr. Hoare that the pipe under the highway at Roman Road would be renewed in the spring time. The ditch at Springhead Lane will be cleared.

b) Matters to be Reported – there are potholes in Coryton Lane which need attention. There is gravel on Whitford Road at Whitford Cross which needs to be swept up again and the condition of the road surface is deterioration rapidly

c) A35 – Cllr. Vickers said that Connect had now stated that there were power supply problems relating to the flashing sign which might take two months to resolve.

d) 20 M.P.H. Speed Limit: there was no progress to report regarding this matter.

e) Grit Bins – it was reported that grit bins in the parish had been replenished. The bins ordered by the Parish Council had not yet arrived.

10. MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

- a) Bus Shelters – nil.
- b) Play Area – nothing to report.
- c) Trees – nothing to report.
- d) Telephone Kiosk – Cllr. Vickers confirmed receipt of the contract of ownership.

11. ALLOTMENT MATTERS

The Clerk will sent a letter to all tenants giving details of who to contact if they wished to become members of the Allotment Association. When the request for the annual rent is sent out in April, tenants will be reminded that they should adhere to the rules set out for the benefit of all tenants.

12. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Cllr. Bolton said that the current financial situation would mean that any progress would be very slow.

13. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP:

a) Upgrading/maintenance – Cllr. Hodges reported that this was a more complicated job than he had expected and it was agreed that a contractor should be asked to do the job.

b) Encampment on Roman Road – Cllr. Collier said that he had been told by Cllr. Moulding that the Gypsy Liaison Officer was due to make a visit. Some officers at County level were taking the view that the encampment did not block the highway and so was acceptable. It was considered that the closing of the site at Haldon Hill could create additional problems. It was felt that if more letters of objection were forthcoming it would enable greater pressure to be exerted at County level.

One line of action which might bear investigation was whether the caravans should be subject to building control.

14. PARISH PLAN: Cllr. Vickers said that work on the Village Design Statement was nearing completion and there would be a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting. The draft would be sent to the Parish Council first for endorsement and then to the District Council.

Cllr. Vickers said that he had been informed that to put overhead power cables underground, which had been one suggestion put forward in the Parish Plan, would cost £10,000 per span.

15. THE COMMON: Power was delegated to Cllr. Vickers to investigate the possible cause of tyre ruts reported on The Common, and will monitor the situation. It was not felt that erection of bollards was a sensible course of action at this point.

16. CORRESPONDENCE: A letter had been received regarding various problems experienced by residents of Whitford Road who had been affected by works which involved bringing in lorry loads of soil to stabilise the access road to the water treatment works.

Cllr. Bolton declared a personal interest as having acted for Axminster Carpets, who own part of the site in question, and took no part in this item.

After discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent advising that the matters raised in the letter be addressed to the site owners. Cllr. Penzer added that lorries accessing the sewage treatment works and the engineering firm would also cause damage. It was pointed out that the road was only ever a rough track but had been given a tarmac surface by the water company to reduce the damage done.

Notification had been received of the new timetable for the mobile library. Information had been received about the Royal British Legion's Great Poppy Party Weekend to mark its 90th Birthday. Various newsletters were put into circulation.

Signed Chairman. Date

