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Minutes of a meeting of Kingswood Parish Council held on Monday 13th September 2010 commencing 7.15p.m.at Kingswood Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs Evans, Mr.N.Ward Mrs.J.Simmons Mr.N.Hawksworth Mr.D.Rockey
Chairman, and Mr K.Wood

Clerk: Miss. M. Leonard

Glos.County Council John Cordwell County Councillor

Public Mrs.N.Adams

Press: There were no members of the Press present

Police PC Kate Stuart and PC Josh Griffiths

Neighbourhood Warden - Not able to attend

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

This session was not required

13381/10 - To receive and note apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and noted from Mr.P.Hemming.

13382/10- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th August 2010.

It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th August 2010 are signed as a correct record. Proposed by Mr. N. Ward and seconded by Mrs. S. Evans and thereby resolved.

13383/10- To receive and record declaration of personal interest.

Mrs. S. Evans wished to declare a personal interest in connection with the Public Convenience.

Mr. K. Wood wished to declare a personal interest in connect with membership of Kingswood Cricket Club

the Clerk updating the Council on the following

- **Charfield Road Safety Audit** – On this agenda for discussion
- **Parking on the Chipping** - Awaiting Sign to be erected will be completed by the end of Sept
- **Watercourse Warden** –Work completed. Awaiting removal of equipment from the stream
- **Overgrown hedges – Wickwar Road** reported through to Mr.J.Wilson at Highways for action
- **Play equipment** On going looking as report from John Hicks
- **CCTV** – Nothing new to report
- **Web Site** – Clerk to progress this ASAP
- **War Memorial** – Oiling contract given to Mr.J.Carter
- **Tree on The Chipping** – Awaiting planting of bulbs and seat
- **Allotments- Awaiting decision from Wimpey** – Awaiting further information from Wimpey
- **Gritting of pavements** – awaiting a response from SDC
- **The Clay Pigeon Shoot-** Requested a meeting with the Environmental Health Officer. Awaiting results of the noise survey.
- **Highways** Speed Survey results on Charfield Road. On agenda for discussion. Awaiting details of the proposal for Wickwar Road and also the Safer Routes to school. On agenda for discussion
- **Charfield Road leak-** Monitor the repair
- **Footpath** The Wardens monitoring paths and will advise of any stiles that need to be upgraded along with the ones identified on the route to the proposed allotment site.
- **Notice Board for The Cemetery** – Now resited
- **Pot Holes Arranged** See agenda item 6
- **The Clerk to start work on the Emergency Plan**
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13385/10 - . PC Kate Wilson to report on the findings of the speed survey carried out on Charfield Road

P.C. K. Wilson introduced her colleague P.C.S.O J Griffiths who was responsible for carrying out the speed survey on Charfield Road.

PC Griffiths explained that the camera was placed in the location on the road so that it could capture the speed of vehicles, that would best represent the speeds on that road. The Council and residents did not believe that site of the camera at the junction with Tyndale View achieved this aim. Council and residents believe that the camera should be placed on a telegraph pole opposite the first houses on Charfield Road. This would be inside the 30mph limit, not at the start or the end and would reflect more accurately the speed of the cars. This stretch of road does not have a pavement and is

uses most concern.

speed of the traffic when she was visiting the location on the previous Friday. Pc Stuart promised to periodically carry out speed checks at this location.

A question was raised as to whether the VAR located on Wickwar Road could be used on Hillesley Road as well.

It was commented that other areas have achieved action on roads by taking concerns through the school and the Safer Routes to School Initiative. The Clerk agreed to follow up on this.

The Council asked if the speed survey could be re-carried out at a later date at the location suggested. This would need to be after the lining and signage work has been carried out by Highways. Pc Griffith agreed this would be possible.

Action Point- The Clerk, Pc Stuart and Pc Griffiths

13386/10 The clerk to report back on meeting with Julian Wilson from Highways on the following issues - Traffic calming for Wickwar Road, Resurfacing of Rectory Road, and the resurfacing, signage and road markings on Charfield Road, Walkmill Lane road surface, parking in High Street, access Road by cottages on the Chipping

Wickwar Road - Mr.J.Wilson from Highways attended a recent site meeting. The traffic calming works on Wickwar Road are provisionally scheduled for 29th Nov . 3rd Dec. The proposed scheme is a chicane. The plans will be made available for the Council and residents to comment on.

Resurfacing of Rectory Road, and the resurfacing, signage and road markings on Charfield Road

At the same time as the above works are being carried out Highways plan to resurface the road from Somerset Close through to Rectory Road to the junction with Charfield Road. Highways plan to carry out the work on Charfield Road on behalf of Wimpey. The Charfield Road works will consist of resurfacing and reinstatement of the red surface. Removal of the central line and white edge lining to make the road appear narrower. More prominent 30mph signage to also be put into place.

Walk mill Lane road surface. Although the damage wide in places it is not very deep. No plans for this to be done yet. Mr.J.Wilson will re-list it the action required again

Parking in High Street. This is the responsibility of the parking wardens and the Neighbourhood warden. There would be no engineering solution to this except for taking out some of the advisory parking boxes which would be unacceptable to the majority of residents. The Clerk is currently discussing with Stroud the size of the vehicle they use for refuse collection as it was a refuse truck that was involved in an incident causing damage to a property.

Access Road by cottages on the Chipping – A resident asked if this was officially

ough causing them concern as they step out of their
J.Wilson to check

ACTION POINT: The Clerk and Mr.J.Wilson

13387/10 The clerk to feedback on the Playing Field Working Party meetings and to discuss the following and make decisions as appropriate - Car Parking at the playing field, New Play equipment project, The Flying Fox, CCTV.

The first working party meeting took place with representatives from Village Hall, Playgroup and Football Club. It is hoped that we can involve more organisations from the village in future meetings.

Car Parking at the playing field- The issue of the lack of parking for playing field users was discussed. There are 4 proposals for the Parish Council to consider. These would need to be costed and form part of our budget discussions for 2011/12 budget. None of the proposals could go ahead until the CCTV project is completed. As there are Implications for the playing field project a decision is required now on the favoured proposal.

The 4 Proposals to be considered

1. To leave the parking arrangements as they are and not to have any parking facilities for playing field users.
2. The barrier to the playing field be re-sited adjacent to the village hall. All parking in front of this for users of village Hall and playing field. The barrier adjacent to the village hall to be opened when there is a village Hall booking creating extra spaces for village hall.
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would need to make a decision on this now as we safety surfacing under swings if we then planned to the safety surface to be delayed until swings re-sited as part of the car park project.

The Councillors discussed each option in turn

Option1 . The Council agreed it wanted to provide parking spaces for the playing field. Proposed Mr.K.Wood and Mrs. J.Simmons and was thereby resolved.

Option 2 . The Councillors discussed this option and were happy with this proposal. Mr.K.Wood was concerned as it would not increase the number of parking spaces at the Village hall. The increase of the number of spaces at the current location to provide parking for the paying field users is the ultimately aim and what the Village Hall Management Committee want us to consider.

Option 3 - The Councillor discussed this option and did not agrees with the re-siting of the trees or the use of this area as a car park. Some of the trees were planted as part of the Millennium project. The Councillors wished this area to remain as it is as it provided an attractive feature in front of the village Hall. The Clerk pointed out the area in concern was owned by the Village Hall Management Committee and that they may take a different view from the Councillors. It was proposed that this option be rejected. Proposed by Mrs.J.Simmons and seconded by Mr.K.Wood and thereby resolved

Option 4 The Councillors discussed this option and were happy to consider the re-siting of the swings. Mr.N.Ward raised the concern of access to the swings and wished them to remain accessible to push chair users who may find it difficult to get the push chairs across the grass. Mr.K.Wood stated that this could be achieved within the plan. As discussed in option 3 the Councillors did not wish to use the area in front of the village Hall it was proposed to by Mrs. J. Simmons to reject this option this was seconded by Mr.K.Wood and thereby resolved.

The Councillors reconsidered option 2 and the opportunity to provide additional parking spaces. The following option was discussed -

The barrier to the playing field be re-sited adjacent to the village hall. All parking in front of this for users of village Hall and playing field. The barrier adjacent to the village hall to be opened when there is a village Hall booking only. In addition the swings to be re-sited and this area made over to car parking spaces. This would create extra spaces at this site.

The above option was agreed to be the best solution by all Councillors and was proposed by Mr. N.Hawksworth and seconded by Mrs. J. Simmons and thereby resolved.

New Play equipment project-

The Clerk reported back from previous working party. Concerns had been rasied about the amount of money being spent and provision of equipment for older children.

wood Football club was going to ask its members if affiti board/ shelter for the youths as this is always a

very popular addition.

Details have gone out to tender for the preparatory ground works. The Clerk had a meeting with representatives from the playing equipment provider and the contractors invited to tender for the pre- site works. The clerk also discussing with the Leyhill Prison if the ground works would be something that a working party from the prison could carry out.

The section106 money should be signed off by Stroud this week.

A discussion took place about the disposal of wood from the site. A suggestion was made that The Round Table may be able to use for their bonfire.

The Flying Fox

The working partying party agreed that this was an important item at the playing field and needed to be replaced. The possibility of village organisations helping the Council raise money to fund this item was discussed and rejected. The working party suggested the Parish Council should try to obtain for sponsor ship for the Flying Fox from local Companies. It was decided this approach may be more successful if it came from the children of the village and not the Parish Council. Mrs. N Adams has had an initial meeting with Mrs Brodie the Headmistress at the school who is enthusiastic about the idea. She believes if the children are involved in the raising of the funds they may take more ownership and may have a positive impact on vandalism in the future. Mr. D, Rockey thanked Mrs. N. Adams for her involvement on the working party and her approach to the school. The School Council are meeting on the 21st Sept and Mrs. N. Adams will discuss the Flying Fox and the play equipment project with the children at this time. The Clerk stated she was working on approaching KLB school council

CCTV

The Clerk to view Thornbury and Dursley CCTV in October. This project now need to move ahead and be completed along side the play equipment project

Action Point – Play Equipment Committee and the Clerk

13388/10- To agree on the charges to be set for the playing field for football club and cricket club

Charges for 2009/10 as follows Football Club £568.70, Cricket Club £368.50.
Costs associated with mowing for 20010/11 £970.82. Grass cut on Friday another bill for approx £500 outstanding.

a 3% increase would seem reasonable taking Football Club to £585.00 and cricket club to£379.00.. The above increases were proposed by Mr. N. Hawksworth and seconded by Mrs.J.Simmons and thereby resolved.

13389/10 - Neighbourhood warden Scheme . The Clerk to feed back on the meeting of 24th September 2010.

Stroud District are not replacing 2 of the wardens. This will lead to the remaining wardens covering larger areas. Concerns were raised from Councillors about the amount of time Mr.P.Wilson would have to spend in Kingswood.

The following proposal needs to be considered;

The consequence of change in cover from a funding point of view is as follows, the Parishes can choose to contribute as follows :-

1. increase to assist with service
2. same as now
3. 18% reduction in cost if requested **PS** stated that the 18% reduction had been calculated on the basis that reduction in the service as a rough guide. Was 18%

The Clerk suggested a discussion with Mr.P.Wilson on how he sees the changes affecting Kingswood. Kingswood pay £500 per annum towards this scheme. Town and Parish Councils contribute 10% of the cost of providing this scheme. This item to be raised again in the October agenda. The funding decision to be deferred until we set the 2011/12 budget.

Action Point: Mr.P.Wilson and The Clerk

13390/10 - To review and agree on the seat for the Chipping -The Councillors to review details provided by Councillors as agreed in the last meeting Details provided by Mrs.S.Evans of a seat £149.99 view on line at www.coopersofstortford.co.uk

Mrs. S. Evans had checked on the cost of this item on the internet. It is now £169.00 + £12.00 carriage.

Mr. D. Rockey asked if the Councillors would consider item 34 the use of £100 prize money before we made a decision on the above item. Councillors agreed to this request.

Councillors resumed discussions on the seat and were happy to proceed with this item especially as the funding of it would now be from the £100 prize money

It was proposed by Mr. N.Ward and seconded by Mr.N.Hawksworth to purchase the above seat and this issue was thereby resolved.

13391/10.- The Parish Council to discuss what the £100 prize money should be used for from the GAPTC Village of the year Competition

This item was taken out of order see minute 13390/10 above.

ed to use this money to provide a seat for the use of
proposed by Mrs. J. Simmons and seconded by Mr. K.

ACTION: The Clerk

13392/10 – Discuss Wotton Rovers Youth team using the playing field for training on a Friday night and discuss the charges to be made if appropriate.

The Clerk had discussed the issue with a representative of Kingswood football team and was able to report to Council that they did not want Wotton Rovers Youth Team to use the pitch. This is due to concerns relating to over use of the pitch and damage to the ground as a result. The Parish Councillors discussed this issue and decided not to hire the pitch to Wotton Rovers. Proposed Mr.N.Hawksworth and seconded by Mr.N.Ward and was thereby resolved.

13393/10 - To discuss the arrangements to be made for the winter and to decide if we need to appoint a volunteer to clear and grit the pavement at the Chipping and also the purchase of a snow shovel and brush.

The Councillor agreed that the provision of a snow brush and a shovel was a good idea. The Clerk to ask if these items could be stored at The Well Being Centre. The items to be made available to all members of the community. Proposed by Mr. K. Wood and seconded by Mrs.S.Evans and thereby resolved

ACTION POINT: The Clerk

13394/10 To discuss closing the road at the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday the cost would be £50.00.

The above item was proposed by Mr.K.Wood and seconded by Mrs.S.Evans and thereby resolved. The Clerk to ask PCSO Tring to carry out the road closure on the day.

Action: The Clerk

13395/10 - To discuss and decide on the provision of a water butt at the Cemetery to provide water.

The Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea. Mrs.J.Simmons agreed to give the Parish Council a green container for the butt. The Councillors agreed a budget of £100 to enable the Clerk to go ahead with this. Proposed by Mr.K.Wood and seconded by Mr.N.Hawksworth and thereby resolved.

13396/10 - Environmental Protection Act 1990- to discuss the draft response. (Circulated in advance) to Stroud district council concerning the issue of noise from the clay pigeon shoot on Hillesley Road

The Councillors agreed the draft response prepared by the Clerk. Proposed Mr.K.Wood and seconded by Mr.N.Ward and thereby resolved

13397/10 - To discuss the nomination of a Parish Council representative on the

urrent representative.

ne representative.

13398/10 - To **review** the August report from Pete Wilson neighbourhood Warden and to receive a report on his dog patrols.

The Parish Council acknowledged the report and had no further comments to make.

13399/10 - To **consider the response if received from Stroud District Council on the number of Councillors allowed.**

No responses received.

13400/10 - **Pilot project of registration of births and deaths in the Wotton area meeting Monday 16th Tuesday 17th August.**

A waiting notes from the meeting. It appears that Dursley are interested in running the pilot scheme.

13401/10 - **The Councillors to review and comment on the transport consultation - The Parish Council to agree and to respond to the consultation.**

The Councillors discussed that the questionnaire was centred a round Gloucester and Cheltenham and did not have a lot of questions relating to the out lying rural areas. The questionnaire appeared to be worded in such away as you would agree with the points raised. Mr.K.Wood wished the Council to comment about the following issues; public transport, the opening of Charfield Station and the provision of cycle tracks. He would also like the Clerk to pass on the information from the speed survey stating that 27000 cars were tracked using Charfield Road! The Clerk to write a response rather than complete the questionnaire.

13402/10 - **The clerk to discuss the response she made on behalf of the Parish Council concerning the consultation on local referendums to veto excessive council tax increases.**

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/vetocounciltaxincreasesconsult

The Councillors were happy with the response that the Clerk made on their behalf.

13403/10 - **The Clerk to discuss and take comments on the draft response to the consultation on lottery funding** www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx

The Parish Council proposed the following response. Kingswood Parish Council would be unhappy with any changes that would mean that local Councils could not apply for funding. Parish Councils hold or control many areas and facilities for the local people of its area. With cuts in public funding it may be necessary for Parish Councils to apply for lottery funding to maintain village facilities such as playing fields, play equipment and other village facilities. Proposed Mr.K.Wood and seconded by Mrs.J.Simmons and thereby resolved.

Discuss the consultation on the retirement age.

The Parish Council did not wish to respond to this consultation as believed it was not part of their remit.

13405/10 - The Parish Council to discuss the consultation on the community right to build www.communities.gov.uk/news/communities/1647083

The Parish Council waiting to see the details out lined in the Localism bill.

13406/10 - The Parish Council to review the clerks response on the review in to parish involvement with the fire service.

The Clerk confirmed that there was no formal interaction or involvement with the Fire Service.

13407/10 - ANOB Boundary Review consultation- The Parish Council to review and comment. www.naturalengland.org.uk/images/NEBR1801Annex

The Parish Council confirmed that they would like to respond to this survey. The Clerk advised that she had not been able to get the details from the link. The Clerk to pursue and advise the Councillors of the details accordingly.

13408/10- . Parish Council's meeting on Waste Thursday 14th October 7pm Quedgeley Community Centre to decide on a representative

Mr.D.Rockey to check his availability to attend this meeting. The Clerk to ask Mr.P.Hemming if he is able to attend.

13409/10 - The Clerk and Mr.N.Hawksworth to feed back on the Gloucestershire electoral review meeting

The Clerk advised Councillors to read the comments made by Mr.J.Cordwell in his report as he had provided a very good explanation on the Review. The Clerk added that Councillors need to be aware of the review and positive comments need to be made as well as negatives. Therefore if we approve on the details relating to this area we would need to comment to that affect.

13410/10 - Mrs.S.Evans and Mr.N.Hawsworth to feed back on the planning training that they attended

The above Councillors enjoyed the training and found it beneficial. They are looking forward to part 2 which will be held by Stroud District Council.

13411/10 - The Clerk has received an application for the reservation of a plot at the Cemetery. The Parish Council to consider the current rules and decide if they wish them to remain in place or to allow reservation of a plot

ion and agreed that they did not wish to change the
the Cemetery. Proposed by Mr.K.Wood and
by resolved.

13412/10 - The Parish Council to agree on a representative to attend the Highways and Transport Seminar Tuesday 28th at 6.00pm Shire Hall.

The Clerk advised she would be unable to attend this seminar. The Clerk asked if a Councillor could attend. The seminar to cover the winter maintenance programme.

Mr.K.Wood to check his availability for this meeting. The Clerk to ask Mr.P.Hemming if he would be free to attend.

13413/10 - A date to be set in Nov/Dec for the Meeting of the Budget working party to enable them to prepare to set the precept for 2011/12

It was agreed that the budget working party would meet on Monday 15th November. Mr.D.Rockey kindly invited the working party to meet at his house. The Clerk advised that changes may be required once details of the Government Spending Review are made public. The precept request, usually need to be in to Stroud by first week in January. Details from the working party to be put on the December agenda for formal proposal.

13414/10 - A request from Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice for a grant towards inpatients hospice facilities. The Council to Consider this request and to decide if they wish to make a grant to this organisation.

The Councillors decided not to make a grant on this occasion

13415/10 - The following correspondence received for information with no decision or action required from the Parish Council.

Citizens Advice Annual Report

Clerks and Council Direct

SDC News

Notice of Annual General Meeting of SLCC 16/10/2010

Gloucestershire Police Authority Annual Report 2009/10


13416/10- To review and comment on planning matters received before the date of the meeting.

APPLICATION

S 10/1583/ Trench farm - The erection of an agricultural building for storage

A discussion took place and it was decided to object to the plans on the following grounds. Trench Farm is a residential property not a working farm. Why would they require an agricultural building for storage? Concerns raised on highway safety if more access to be required off this busy road. Proposed Mr.K. Wood seconded by Mrs.J.Simmons and thereby resolved

WITHDRAWAL



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S.10/1161/LBC Chipping House 8 The Chipping
 S.10/1148/FUL Renishaw Plc Charfield Road

REFUSAL

None received at the date of the meeting

APPEAL

None received at the date of the meet

COMPLIANCE

13417/10 To discuss County Council Matters and to a receive a report from the County Councillor John Cordwell.

Please see separate report

13418/10 - To discuss District Council matter and receive a report from District Councillor Paul Hemming

No Report

13419/10 - To receive a report from Mr.K.Lival in connection with the playing field and decide on any appropriate action which may need to be taken.

The Clerk had received reports from Mr.K.Livall with the exception of the Flying Fox all other equipment ok.

13420/10 - To approve accounts for payment, sign cheques and Note Additional Payments Made in line with the Parish Council's financial regulations. As listed below .

Payee	Amount £	VAT £	Total £	Reason	Power
Mrs Evans	121.87	0.00	121.87	Contract Cleaning of toilets	Public Health Act 1936,s87
Miss Leonard	478.30	0.00	478.30	Clerk s Salary	
Ecotricity	30.94	1.55	32.49		
Severn Trent Water	19.74	3.45	23.19	Chestnut Park	
Severn Trent Water	351.76		351.76	Toilets	
S Smith	200.00		200.00	Bulbs	



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		08.41	727.91	Gardening	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
TOTAL	1622.11	113.41	1735.52	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	

It was proposed by Mr. K.Wood and seconded by Mr.N.Ward and therefore resolved that the accounts be accepted as a true record.

13421/10 - To consider the monthly bank reconciliation as prepared by the Clerk and for the Chairman to sign as a correct record on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mr.K.Wood proposed that the reconciliation is accepted as accurate seconded by Mrs.J.Simmons and thereby resolved.

13422/10 The Clerk to feed back outstanding administrative issues reported to in the last month or at the end of the last meeting, such as the emptying of litter bins, street lighting, highways and the Cemetery and note any additional Items for Information or referral for a decision to another meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.05

**Signed
 David Rockey
 Chairman**

Administrative Points raised by the Councillors but not forming part of the meeting

Mrs. J.Simmons asked if she could arrange for the hedges to be cut at the Playing Filed. The Clerk said she thought this contract had already been given out. However if it had not she would ask for quotes from local contractors and put on the October agenda for proposal as laid down in Standing Orders.

OUTSTANDING MINUTE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

TORY ROAD.

A reply is awaited from Gloucestershire County Council regarding positioning of the bus shelter.

11838/06 - KATHERINE LADY BERKELEY SCHOOL TRANSPORT.

A reply was received from Applegates outlining why they should not change their route due to punctuality and safety concerns on road proposed. The council noted no difference in safety of two roads in question. It was decided to await replies from other Companies. Clerk to pursue this matter.

11839/06 - TELEPHONE KIOSK, Old Rectory Road.

Information regarding the listing of the telephone kiosk awaited from Stroud District Council.

11842/06 - ACCESS PLAYING FIELD

Kingswood Village Hall Management Committee will consult with the Parish Council regarding the installation of double yellow lines on the entrance road to the facility.

11843/06- CHESTNUT PARK - SEAT

The Clerk has chased this item on numerous occasions. Due to staff changes in Stroud no one appears to know what has happened to the seat. The Clerk is pursuing this matter. The Councillors have agreed to buy a new seat to put around the new tree.