

KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kingswood Parish Council held on Monday 12th January 2009 commencing 7.15p.m.at Kingswood Primary School.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr. D. Rockey Chairman, and Mr. P. Hemming, Mr K. Wood, Mr. N.Ward Vice Chairman Mrs. J. Simmons and Mrs.S.Evans

Clerk: Miss. M. Leonard

Glos.County Council Mr. J. Cordwell

Public Mr.R.Carter Wotton Councillor

Press: NONE

POLICE PCSO Tring

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

PCSO Andy Tring discussed the results of the speed trial held on Wickwar Rd in November. The trial captured 10,947 vehicles average speed was 40mph.

Another speed trial will be held in the Village January/Feb. Full details to be put in The Grapevine.

12854/09 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Mr.I Jones

12855/08- APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2008

It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th December 2008, are signed as a correct record. Proposed by Mr.K.Wood and seconded by Mrs.S.Evans and thereby resolved.

12856/09 - DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Mrs. S. Evans – Cleaning contract for the Public Convenience

MATTERS ARISING

12857/09– CLOSURE OF WOTTON SORTING OFFICE - ROGER CARTER, WOTTON COUNCILLOR

Mr.R.Carter addressed the Councillors on the proposed closure of the Wotton sorting Office. The Royal Mail intends to relocate this service to Cam. Mr.Carter reported that no consultation or costings had taken place to date. The closure of the sorting office would have a huge affect on the surrounding villages not just Wotton. Wotton sorting office has just won an award for efficiency. The loss of the sorting office would mean that all the Postmen/women will have to travel to Cam to pick up their round. This will lead to an increase in traffic. All packages and post that is undelivered would be returned to Cam for collection. This again will cause an increase in traffic

especially as the bus which currently goes from Wotton and Kingswood to Cam is now being rerouted and will no longer call in Cam. A public meeting will be held on Thursday 15th January 2009 at 7.30 at the Civic Centre to present the argument against the closure. From this meeting it is hoped that a working party will be set up to organise a campaign to save the Sorting Office. Mrs S.E vans has agreed to represent Kingswood on this working party.

12858/09- CLOSURE OF WOTTON ROAD

The Clerk has been chasing this issue with Highways Department however John Roberts who is responsible for this issue is on holiday for a week and has not responded to the questions put before Christmas. Mr.J.Cordwell has also been raising this issue; he reports that he has had an unconfirmed report from South Gloucester that the closure has been postponed. The issues as follows were discussed. The proposed diversion along the Wickwar Rd is totally unsuitable due to the 2 low railway bridges. The road closure is the main route through from the M5 and A38. The closure will have a big affect on Renishaw Orchestra Abbey Mills industrial Estates plus Wotton. The milk Tankers for all of the local dairy farms also use this route. Signage will need to be put up in advance and righ back as far as the M5and A38. The major business and schools would also need to be consulted this has not happened. The local police and Fire Service were also unaware of this road Closure. The Clerk to report back to the Councillors on Tuesday 20th January 2009 after contacting John Roberts on his return from holiday.

12859/09 – PLAYBUILDER APPLICATION 2009

Stroud District Council have issued an application to access fund for play equipment aimed at children from 8 – 13. The Clerk has a meeting arranged with Graham Ross from the GPFA to discuss the application form on Wednesday 14th January at 11am. The Clerk to report back to Councillors on Tuesday 20th January at the allotment working party.

12860/09 CHARFIELD ROAD

The Safety Audit has now been carried out. A temporary solution may implemented this could be made permanent if successful after the next safety audit. A possible solution muted on the day of the audit was to move the sign and the road markings nearer to the pinchpoint. The Clerk to chase up on the results and any possible solutions which are intended to be implemented.

12861/09 - STREET LIGHT WITH IN THE VILLAGE

The Clerk is still awaiting an explanation as to why the electrical sup[ply is still not fixed to the street light on The Chipping it was promised to be fixed by 31st October 2008. Stroud has started its lights survey once again. Mr. J. Cordwell informed the Council that Kingswood was not on the list to be done before March.

12862/09 - BT PHONE BOX

Consultation ended on 31st October 2008. The Clerk awaiting the return of the signed contract from BT.

12863/09 - PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

The Clerk awaiting the download of the Councillor's pictures from Mr.Rockey

CORRESPONDENCE
12864/09 – WESSEX WATER

The Clerk had received the letter detailing the leakage allowance applied to the bill received from Wessex Water.

12865/09 - DURSLEY PARISH CLUSTER GROUP MEETING

Mr.Ward attended this meeting and had a question for PCSO A.Tring based on the Crime figures reported. PCSO A Tring explained the way the figures worked. For example if a house shed and garage burgled at one location this would be treated a 3 incidence. Mr.Ward asked how Kingswood compared with other areas. PCSO Tring responded that we compared favourably and had low crime levels possibly due to the location of the village as it is off the main routes out of Bristol.#

Mrs Simmons mentioned a van calling at Folly Farm selling Power Tools. PCSO took the details of this as there had been several incidents of this reported.

12866/09- FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Parish Council are obliged by law to publish their policy on providing information to the public. Currently information is available by appointment from the Clerk or on the Notice Board. It is hoped to have as much as possible available on the Web site for free. A charge of up to £1.00 will be made to provide hard copies of information this charge could be waived at the discretion of the Parish Council. The above proposed by Mr.K.Wood and seconded by Mr.N.Ward and was thereby resolved.

12867/09 – ERIC FRY QUOTE

It was decided to accept the quote with the exception of the work on the War Memorial. The Clerk to ask Mr.E.Fry to fix a new lock on the door in the ladies toilets. The Clerk also to check on the materials intended to be used for painting the barrier. It was proposed that we accept the charge of £185.00 as it stands. Proposed Mr.P.Hemming and seconded by Mrs. S. Evans.

12868/09 – VENTRAL NETWORKS CABLING PLANS KINGSWOOD CHURCH YARD

Details have been received notifying the Parish Council of the closure of the footpath at St Mary's church whilst central networks carry out cabling work.

12869/09 - DATA PUBLICATION SCHEME

Information received on the Freedom of Information Act as above for information.

12870/09 – GAPTC UPDATE

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

12871/09 – POWER OF WELL BEING

This document was reviewed and no further action required at this time.

12872/09 - REPORT FROM PARISH AND TOWN EVENT

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

12873/09 - LEAFING SCHEDULES

The parish Council was surprised that Kingswood was not on this schedule. A discussion took place as to where leafing should be cleared from. It was agreed that the following locations should be looked at Wickwar Road Charfield Road, High Street and Golden lane. The Clerk to inform Highways proposed Mr. K. Wood and seconded by Mr.N.Ward and thereby resolved.

12874/09 - COUNTY HATE CRIME AND INCIDENT AWARENESS DAY

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

12875/00 -. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAME WORK NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

12876/09- NALC BRIEFING DOCUMENT

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

12877/09 - RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

The Parish Council reviewed this proposal and it was decided not to subscribe. Proposed Mr.N.Ward seconded by Mr.K.Wood and thereby resolved.

12878/09 - COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

12879/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NONE

WITHDRAWAL

NONE

REFUSAL

NONE

APPEAL

NONE

COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS.

12880/09- COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

See separate report.

12881/09 - STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mr.P.Hemming the District Councillor reported to the Parish Council the following. The budget meeting takes place on the 21st January and there is likely to be an increase of Council tax by 3.5%.

REPORTS/NOTICES OF MEETINGS

12881/08 - PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT.

15/12/08 - 28/12/08	Mr.Rockey
29/12/08 - 11/01/08	Mrs.Simmons
12/01/08 - 25/01/08	Mr.Ward
26/01/08 - 08/02/08	Mr.I.Jones

Mr.P.Hemming reported that he had carried out a risk assessment on the Crows Nest and in his opinion it was safe for use.

12882/08 ACCOUNTS

JANUARY ACCOUNTS

Mrs. S Evans cleaning contract and materials £121.03 (minute Feb 2007 11920/07)
Miss. M J Leonard clerks salary £444.61
Mr. K Thomas bus shelter £25.00
Data Protection £35.00
Hawkins £172.50 VAT £30.19 £202.69
McAllister Masonry £1031.82 Vat £1504.77 Total £11536.9 *paid in advance of meeting*
Omar Cottle £270.00 Vat £40.50 Total £310.50
Gloucester Association of Playing Fields Association £50.00
Wessex Water £39.02
Clerks Expenses Footpath Wardens Gift and stationary £49.00
The Clerk gave details of the bank accounts

RECEIPTS

None

It was proposed by Mr P Hemming and seconded by Mr.K.Wood and resolved that the above accounts as presented are passed for payment.

The meeting ended at 8.24pm

Mr.D.Rockey

Chairman

12th January 2009 20.45

INFORMAL MEETING FOR POINTS TO BE RAISED TO CLERK AND CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Simmons reported that once again problems with the bins at the Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that the road side bins had not been emptied for the past two weeks but had confirmation that the bins would be emptied on Tuesday 13th January. The Clerk asked for reports of any bins not emptied after this date.

OUTSTANDING MINUTE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

11836/06 - BUS SHELTER, OLD RECTORY 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.
Clerk pursuing this matter.

12098/07 - TUBBS TURF WALL

The Clerk to continue to obtain more quotes for repairs to the boundary wall.
Clerk to review the Tubbs Turf constitution.

12113/07 ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING

Request for additional street lighting on the Walk and the Chipping has been made to Stroud

12114/07 PART NIGHT OPERATION OF STREET LIGHTING

Parish Council to review matter when the darker evenings arrive.

12251/07 PLAYING FIELD DRAINAGE

Treatment to the football pitch it was proposed to pass on this suggestion to the football club for them to fund if they wish the work to be carried out.

A quote for £14000 has been put forward for the drainage of the rest of the playing field.
It was proposed to put an amount in this year's budget in earmarked funds to enable the Council to start accruing fund toward this work.

Proposed Mr. P. Hemming and seconded Mr.N.Ward and thereby resolved.