

## **KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Kingswood Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 commencing 7.15p.m.at Kingswood Primary School.

### **PRESENT**

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

**Clerk:** Miss. M. Leonard

**Glos.County Council** Mr. J. Cordwell

**Public** 1 member of public present

**Press:** NONE

**POLICE** NONE

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A member of the public raised a concern in respect of safe pedestrian access through the parked cars on The Chipping. The member of the public was particularly concerned for the safety of young children who would not be visible to the drivers of the parked cars. The member of the public asked for the following solution to the problem to be considered by the Parish Council. The provision of a painted footpath running from the Spar towards the footpath on The High Street. This was discussed by the Councillors. Mr.K.Wood proposed that the Clerk investigate this further with the Highways Department. Mr.N.Ward seconded the proposal and the matter was thereby resolved.

### **12925/09 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

None

### **12926/09- APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009, are signed as a correct record. Proposed by Mrs J.Simmons and seconded by Mrs.S.Evans and thereby resolved.

### **12927/09 - DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING**

### **12928/09– JOHN FIELD UPDATE ON WATER VOLES AND TROUT FARM**

The water vole faces a 90% decline due to unsympathetic river management. The stream along side the Ash Path is currently home to water voles. There is a further population upstream at the old trout farm. Gloucester Wild Life Trust is keen to assume responsibility for the back channels and footpaths at this site to encourage further water vole populations. The Trust together with other

volunteer organisation is keen to maintain and repair the structures in the backchannels and provide a constant water level. The work carried out will prevent leakage and will not affect the existing water levels.

Mr.N.Ward asked about the provision of a constant water level as he was concerned that this area was required to take excess water in times of flooding to prevent flooding further down in the village. Mr. J. Field assured Mr.N.Ward that there would be no detrimental affect to the water levels and no danger of this work causing an additional flood hazard.

Mr.I.Jones proposed that the Parish Council support the work of the Gloucestershire Wild Life Trust and Mr.P.Hemming seconded this proposal and it was thereby resolved. Mr. J. Field to provide the Clerk with regular updates.

#### **12929/09- SET DATE FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7.30 at Kingswood Primary School was the date and location set for the above meeting. The Clerk to invite representatives from local organisations to attend to report on their activities. The Clerk will also ask for a representative of Wimpey to attend to give an update on the housing development.

#### **12930/09 – CLOSURE OF WOTTON SORTING OFFICE -**

Please see Mr.J.Cordwell's report.

#### **12931/09 CLOSURE OF WOTTON ROAD B4058**

The Clerk to continue with her discussion with the Highways Department on this closure, especially in connection with the lack of signage/ bad signage. It appears that all the concerns raised by The Parish Council in connection with the diversion route have been ignored.

The Clerk also reported that the road will be closed by South Gloucestershire after the current works end bringing the number of weeks that the road will be closed up to 8 weeks.

#### **12932/09 - ALLOTMENTS**

No response received from the legal Department or Painswick Parish Council. The Clerk to chase.

#### **12933/09 – CHARFIELD ROAD**

It has been noted that the Charfield road is getting very muddy again. There is no road cleaning on a Saturday morning or around the roundabout. The Clerk to take up with the Site manager.

#### **12934/09 - STREET LIGHT WITH IN THE VILLAGE**

Currently lights out at the Church yard and Golden Lane. The Clerk to chase up with the County Council.

#### **12935/09 - PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE**

The Clerk suggested that the Web Site was launched at the Annual parish meeting. Awaiting pictures from Mr.D.Rockey

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **12936/09 – INSURANCE QUOTE**

The Clerk recommended that the Council renewed the annual insurance with Community First the new premium is £937.48. Proposed by Mr K.Wood and seconded by Mr.I.Jones and thereby resolved

### **12937/09 - THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHARTER AGENDA 26<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

For information, no further action necessary.

### **12938/09- TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD**

For information, no further action necessary.

### **12939/09 – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE B4058**

See minute 12931/09

### **12940/09 – CORRESPONDENCE ROD ALEXANDER**

The Parish Council agreed to St Mary's Church and the WI using the Chipping for fund raising on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May by having a cake stall etc. The Clerk to check that public liability insurance up to £5 million will be put in place by the above organisations. Proposed by Mrs J.Simmons and seconded by Mr.N.Ward. And thereby resolved.

### **12941/09 - DOG BINS**

The Clerk reported a big improvement in the emptying of the bins. This appears to be as a direct result from the Chairman and Clerk attending the Parish and Town Council Forum at Stroud District Council.

### **12942/09 – NOTES ON PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL FORUM**

For information, no further action necessary.

### **12943/09 - STROUD AND DISTRICT ACCESS GROUP AGM 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Mrs.J.Simmons hoped to attend and represent Kingswood parish Council at the above.

### **12944/09 - NATIONAL VILLAGE HALL SURVEY**

Passed to Mr.P.Hemming for completion.

### **12945/09 - GLOUCESTER MEDAL FOR COURAGE**

For information, no further action necessary.

**12946/00 -. THE PLAYING FIELD**

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

**12947/09 QUESTIONNAIRE ON GRCC**

Clerk to complete.

**12948/09 - BIFFA AWARD**

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

**12949/09 - GLOS LING EVENT**

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

**12950/09 - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TRAINING**

The Clerk is unable to attend this training.

**12951/09 - NEC REPORT**

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

**12952/09 - SEVERN ESTUARY SHORELINE PLAN**

This document was reviewed and no further action required.

**12953/09 KSA Pram Race**

The KSA have asked permission to use an area of the playing field for a pram race. Mrs J.Simmons proposed that the Parish Council waive the hire charge Mr. N.Ward seconded this proposal. The Clerk to check that the KSA has Public Liability insurance up to £5 million.

**12954/09 - PLANNING**

**WITHDRAWAL**

**NONE**

**PERMISSION**

**NONE**

**REFUSAL**

S.08/2396 Merryfield Farm

**APPEAL**

NONE

## **COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS.**

### **12955/09- COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

See separate report.

### **12956/09 - STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

The increase in Council tax was as proposed an increase of 3%. The precept for Kingswood is the 7<sup>th</sup> highest in the district.

### **REPORTS/NOTICES OF MEETINGS**

#### **12957/09 - PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT.**

09/02/08 - 22/02/09	Mr.Wood
23/02/08 - 08/03/09	Mrs.Evans
09/03/08 - 22/03/09	Mr Hemming
23/03/08 - 05/04/09	Mr Rockey

Concerns about the number of litter bins in the playing field and whether we need extra ones. There are 2 bins by the entrance and 1 by the swings. The Clerk to put a comment on the web site and litter to be mentioned at Annual Parish Meeting.

### **12958/09 ACCOUNTS**

#### **March ACCOUNTS**

Mrs. S Evans cleaning contract and materials £121.03 (minute Feb 2007 11920/07)

Miss. M J Leonard clerks salary £440.61 MILAGE Ebley Mill £18.11 MILAGE

Churchdown £31.93

Mr. K Thomas bus shelter £25.00

National Society of Allotments £55.00 Vat £8.25 Total £63.25

Stroud District Council Rate Demand £34.25 (Cemetery)

Highs £91.00 Paid in advance of meeting

Community First £937.48

#### **RECEIPTS**

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

The Councillors agreed that the financial regulations were in order and no changes necessary

The meeting ended at 8.18

**Mr D.Rockey**

**Chairman**

**9 March 2009**

## **INFORMAL MEETING FOR POINTS TO BE RAISED TO CLERK AND CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Simmons requested that we monitor the ditch at the playing field and that the shrubs there need to be cut back

Mr.I.Jones reported that the barrier at Squalls Lake is broken. The Clerk has already reported this some time ago and will chase up. Mr I. Jones also reported the results of the speed checks on the Wickwar Road. Average speed recorded at 46mph. Matter being put to Highways for a solution.

Mr.N.Ward reported that plans for the BMX site have been approved. Clerk to ask Mr.B.Beere to attend the Annual parish Meeting to give an update.

Mrs.S.Evans asked if the Parish Council could write a letter to the Football club stating that the Parish Council would be happy for them to use the playing field for the next 3 years. The Clerk stated that she would contact the football club to discuss along with the matter of their outstanding fee for 2008/9. She would also discuss clearing various pieces of equipment at the same time.

## **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.