

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 20 JULY 2010
HELD AT THE LIBRARY, ARMS LANE, KEDINGTON**

Present: Cllr Terry Wheeler (Chairman)
Cllr Zoe Palmer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Peter Donoghue
Cllr Gloria Double
Cllr Peter Garner
Cllr Richard Hobbs
Cllr Simon McGuire

Ms Marion Farrant (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Mrs M Rushbrook (Borough Councillor); Mrs D Charles (Suffolk Hate Crime Service); Mrs B Surridge (Parishioner); Mr S Jarvis (Wildlife Group); Ms M Preston (Observer); PC 18 Trish Sinclair (Bury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team).

		ACTION
1	<p>Parishioners' Question Time and to acknowledge agenda items of interest to members of the Public present</p> <p>Mr Jarvis expressed an interest in agenda item 12. Mr Jarvis raised awareness about juggernauts obstructing traffic when delivering to the Village Stores, questioning whether such large vehicles were really necessary. Cllr Hobbs reported that during a recent meeting with Kevin Shipp this was discussed, as two lorries arrived at the Village Stores at the same time. Cllr Hobbs said he would speak to the owner of the Village Stores.</p> <p>Open meeting</p>	RH
2	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jennifer Bradnam (Holiday); Cllr Peter Byron (Health) and County Councillor Anne Gower (prior engagement).</p>	
3	<p>To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2010</p> <p>Cllr Double requested an amendment to agenda item 2; fourth paragraph; eighth line. It was agreed the minutes should be changed to read "Cllr Double said SALC would only be able to advise if they had the correct information before them". Cllr Double raised another issue about the proposed new standing order (agenda item 9). The Chairman explained the new standing order was only a proposal. All Councillors found out about the proposal at the same time as Cllr Double, i.e. when they received their agenda. The proposed wording for a new standing order has not yet been drafted. Cllr Double disagreed with this and spoke of her health issues, making an accusation to Cllr Hobbs that he had stated at the last meeting she should resign because of her health. Cllr Hobbs refuted this accusation.</p> <p>Close meeting</p> <p>Mr Jarvis stated, although he was sympathetic with Cllr Double's health problems, he disagreed with the Parish Council Meeting being tied up with "nit picking" and felt the meeting should move on.</p> <p>Open meeting</p>	

Cllr Palmer then proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2010 as a true record, seconded by Cllr Donoghue. Cllr Palmer's proposal was carried by five votes to two (one abstention and one against). The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Cllr Double raised the issue about her using an audio machine and handed a letter to the Chairman. Clerk confirmed she was still researching information on the use of audio machines at meetings.

4 To receive members' Declarations of Interest on agenda items in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct (and section 106 of the LGFA 1992)

Cllr Palmer declared an interest in agenda item 15.2. and 15.3. Cllr Garner declared an interest in agenda item 7.2.

Close meeting

Visitor's Reports

5 Bury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team

PC Trish Sinclair was in attendance for this item and her report is attached to these minutes as Annex 1.

Annex 1

PC Sinclair informed the meeting that during a recent "speed check" in Kedington, the officer carrying out this task was approached by a male (who did not give his name), asking the Police not to park at the particular location they were at. PC Sinclair then left the meeting.

St Edmundsbury Rural South SNT Newsletter for July 2010 is attached to these minutes as Annex 2.

Annex 2

Borough Councillor Marion Rushbrook reported:

- Wickhambrook now designated in the Local Development Framework as a Rural Service Centre.
- Proposed Wind Farm at Clare - Temporary permission has been given for a 6 metre high mast for three years to give wind readings.

Open meeting

6 Clerks' Report

The Clerk read out her report which is attached to these minutes as Annex 3.

Annex 3

6.1 Consider further action (on action taken or reports received since last meeting:

None.

7 Finance Committee

7.1 Consider any matters arising from 08 June 2010 minutes:

None.

7.2 Receive draft minutes of 13 July 2010 meeting:

Cllr Palmer (Chair of the Finance Committee) when through highlights of the meeting.

- Financial position as at 30 June 2010 was that £9,645.32 (24.1%) of the budget had been spent leaving a balance of £30,379.68. Additionally £47,832.69 is held in Reserves.
- Bank of Ireland interest rate for account raised to 0.25%.
- Petty Cash imprest of £50 agreed.

- Parish Council telephone provider changed to Talk Talk.
- Clerk's extra hours worked (payment to be ratified at this meeting).
- Agreed that Parish Council would purchase an audio machine should such a device be required in the future.
- Credit of £900 offered by Lappset Playworld for basketball area.
- Village Handyman has repaired the Notice Board in Haverhill Road.
- At least three quotations to be sought for cutting the hedge around Old School Field.
- Cllr Wheeler and Cllr Garner need to "mark" dead Elm trees in Silver Street Park.
- Work enhancement to entrance of Old School Field to commence on 22 July 2010.
- Fifteen payments totalling £5,350.70 were approved and cheques signed by Cllr Garner and Cllr Wheeler on his return from holiday.

At this point the Clerk left the meeting, while ratification of payment for extra hours worked was discussed. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Palmer to pay the Clerk for the extra hours she had worked since April 2010. Six votes in favour; one abstention.

8 Receive and complete survey form from Suffolk Constabulary concerning Haverhill Police Station Opening Times

The Chairman read from a letter regarding Police Station Opening Times at Haverhill Police Station. Changes would mean that the Police Station would be open for 8 hours per day between Monday and Friday and from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and Sundays. To be circulated to all Councillors.

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9 Grit bins in readiness for winter

Cllr McGuire reported he had contacted Highways who informed him that the Parish Council would have to purchase the grit bins and agree a location for them with Highways. Clerk requested to seek prices for grit bins. Councillors requested to bring ideas for possible locations to the September meeting.

MF
Councillors

10 Community Speedwatch

Information to be circulated to all Councillors.

MF

11 Consider and agree items for inclusion in Chairman's Letter

Items agreed for inclusion in next Chairman's Letter were:

- Dog fouling (along The Cut)
- Speeding in village
- Parking outside School
- Fish & Chip Van
- Organisations applying for Grants
- School Buses / School Organisation Review

Close meeting

Borough Councillor Marion Rushbrook said she would speak to County Councillor Anne Gower about School Buses, following changes to the Planned Admissions Number to Castle Manor and Samuel Ward from September 2011.

Open meeting

12 Environmental / Grounds Maintenance Matters

12.1 Any other environmental/grounds maintenance matters:

Thurlow Estate has yet to reply to Parish Council regarding the Draft Licence for The Cut and Watermill Field.

Tree branch still embedded in power lines opposite the Old Watermill. Clerk to chase Thurlow Estate on this matter.

MF

Close meeting		
Mr Jarvis asked if the Parish Council would be carrying out Autumn Cutting/Late Summer Mowing along The Cut this year. Cllr Garner asked to liaise with Mr Jarvis on this matter.		PG
Open meeting		
13	Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters	
13.1	<p>Receive report on meeting with Kevin Shipp from Suffolk County Council: Cllr Donoghue said Mr Shipp made copious notes when they walked around the village; areas previously flagged up were revisited. Cllr Hobbs said he had compiled a comprehensive report, which had been sent to Mr Shipp. Mr Shipp informed Cllr Hobbs and Cllr Donoghue that he hoped he would be able to get back to the Parish Council within two weeks giving outline proposals on the matters discussed. Cllr Hobbs said that the purpose of his report was to give a holistic, three – four year plan for Highways/Traffic Management issues in Kedington. Cllr Double suggested views could be sought from Parishioners in the Chairman’s Letter.</p>	
13.2	<p>Any other Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters: Sign at entrance to Old School Field asking for dogs to be kept on leads when children are playing on the field has been removed. The post has been sawn off from the bottom and the sign thrown into the litter bin. Village Handyman to be asked to replace sign, using a more robust post.</p>	MF
	Tree fallen across path on The Baulk. Clerk to contact Suffolk County Council.	MF
14	Any other reports (on-going matters) None.	
15	Housing/Planning	
15.1	<p>Applications for discussion at meeting: None</p> <p>At this point Cllr Palmer declared an interest, but remained in the meeting as the items were “reporting” only.</p>	
15.2	<p>Planning Applications – Observations conveyed by Parish Council: The Old Stores, Silver Street Planning Application – (i) erection of two storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey extension); (ii) internal alterations. ACCETPABLE</p> <p>“Buckleys”, Dash End Planning Application – Erection of detached double garage. ACCETPABLE</p> <p>27 Barton Grove Erection of conservatory to rear elevation. ACCETPABLE</p> <p>Stonebridge Farm, Hundon Rd Planning Application – Erection of single storey side extension providing sunroom and annexe. ACCETPABLE</p> <p>Snail’s Cottage, Sturmer Rd Listed Building Application – Replacement windows to east elevation. ACCETPABLE</p>	
15.3	<p>Planning Applications – Decisions received from Borough Council: Land adjacent to Wishing Well, Sturmer Road Extension of time limit for additional three years for the commencement of development authorised by Planning Permission SE/07/1282 – Erection of two WITHDRAWN</p>	

storey dwelling and alteration to vehicular access.

The Old Stores, Silver Street
GRANTED Planning Application – (i) erection of two storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey extension); (ii) internal alterations.

“Buckleys”, Dash End
WITHDRAWN Planning Application – Erection of detached double garage.

27 Barton Grove
GRANTED Erection of conservatory to rear elevation.

15.4 Any other housing / planning matters:
None.

Non agenda item – Guillotine

With the time at 9.45 p.m. it was proposed by Cllr Palmer, seconded by Cllr Donoghue to raise the guillotine for fifteen minutes to allow agenda items 16, 17 and 18 to be transacted.

16 Consultations

16.1 Community Governance Review
To be circulated to all Councillors for comment.

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17 Events

17.1 Nominations:
None.

17.2 Councillor absences (update)
The Chairman requested Councillors update the Clerk with any planned absences.

18 Any other business (new matters)
None.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday 21 September 2010**, commencing at 7.40 p.m.in The Library, Arms Lane, Kedington.

Signed

Dated