

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2011
HELD AT THE LIBRARY, ARMS LANE, KEDINGTON**

Present:

Cllr Terry Wheeler (Chairman)
Cllr Zoe Palmer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jennifer Bradnam
Cllr Peter Byron
Cllr Peter Donoghue
Cllr Nathan Loader
Cllr Richard Pound

Ms Marion Farrant (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Mrs Anne Gower (County Councillor); Mrs Marion Rushbrook (Borough Councillor); Mr R Hopwood (Bidwells); Mrs S Berridge, Mrs B Surridge, Mr S Jarvis, Mr J Brett (Parishioners).

		ACTION
1	Parishioners' Question Time and to acknowledge agenda items of interest to members of the Public present Mrs Berridge expressed an interest in agenda items 5.1 and 12. Mr Jarvis expressed an interest in agenda item 12.	
2	Welcome and apologies The Chairman welcomed everyone present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Simon McGuire (work commitment); Cllr Peter Garner (other commitment); PCSO Kayla Packman (Bury Rural South SNT).	
3	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2011 Cllr Donoghue stated that under agenda item 12.1 on page 4, amendments to Strimming Contract 2011, it had been omitted that the nettles on the left hand side by the evergreen hedge from the bridge in Silver Street Park as you enter from School Road would be cut back to hedge. Agreement to amend. A resolution to accept the minutes of 21 June 2011 as a true record was put forward by Cllr Bradnam, seconded by Cllr Donoghue and unanimously agreed with the exception of Cllr Palmer who left the meeting on 21 June early. There were no other resolutions and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.	MF
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 Wheeler declared an interest in agenda item 7.2. Cllr Palmer declared an interest in agenda item 5.1. Close meeting	
5	Visitor's Reports <u>Borough Councillor:</u> Cllr Rushbrook reported she was chasing up parking issues and also issues with a tree bordering Westward Deals. Cllr Rushbrook informed the meeting that the Borough Council were considering collecting glass as part of their recycling initiative. St Edmundsbury Borough Council was the 6 th top Council in the Country for the collection of Council Tax with 99.2% collected last year.	

County Councillor:

Cllr Gower reported that she has spoken to Suffolk County Council about the impact of vehicles on Arms Lane when building goes ahead on the site of Meadowcroft. An appeal to be allowed to build on the site was submitted to the Building Inspectorate and upheld after St Edmundsbury Borough Council refused planning permission.

Cllr Gower reported that Suffolk County Council's consultation with residents about putting down double yellow lines in some parts of the village had met with little response and it was uncertain whether proposals put forward would now go ahead. Cllr Gower also reported she had received a letter from a disabled resident who had asked for designated disabled parking spaces in the village. The resident put forward ideas for disabled parking at the Post Office; Nisa Store; opposite 21 Kings Meadow and the Doctor's Surgery. It was agreed by all Councillors present that the Parish Council would write to Suffolk County Council about this matter. It was further agreed that the Clerk should write to Suffolk County Council about the way in which the consultation on yellow lines was conducted.

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Bury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team:

The Chairman read out a report from the Bury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team, which is attached to these minutes as Annex 1.

Annex 1

At this point Cllr Palmer declared an interest and signed the Interest's Book.

5.1 Presentation by Mr Rob Hopwood BA(Hons) BTP MRTPI regarding land to the South of Kedington Primary School:

The Chairman introduced Mr Hopwood from Bidwells and asked him to address the meeting.

Mr Hopwood stated he was acting on behalf of Mr Andrew Kiddy, a local businessman. With a new coalition Government now in power, the goalposts have changed as regards site allocations under the Local Development Framework (LDF) and with the onset of the Localism Bill coming into force at the end of 2011, Parishes and Towns will have more say in the planning process. The Borough Council is waiting to see what happens when the Localism Bill comes into being, as it is likely that sites, such as the one to the South of Kedington School, previously rejected under the LDF, may be brought back to the table.

Mr Hopwood handed out a letter and maps about the proposed development. These showed that proposals for the land was to build 80 dwellings, which would include 24 affordable houses; 9 sheltered housing and 4 almshouses, gifted to the Parish specifically for the tenancy of the elderly of Kedington. Mr Hopwood said that Mr Kiddy was keen to ensure that any development proposal benefits the local community and was keen to ensure the Parish Council has as much input as possible into the proposals.

Mr Hopwood said the package being offered by Mr Kiddy superseded that put forward in 2008 and was to include:

- Church Walk being gifted to the Parish Council, new footpaths provided to improve pedestrian and cycle access to the School through and from the development via Church Walk
- Provision of off-street school 'drop off' and 'pick-up' car park and overnight use by residents, removing cars from Mill Road and West end Lane.
- A gift of £100,000 towards the upkeep/maintenance/refurbishment of the Community Centre and Meadow
- A gift of £100,000 to the Committee of the Church Restoration Fund.

Councillors and Parishioners put forward concerns about access onto the proposed development and the increased level of traffic; concerns about the already overloaded and inadequate sewerage system, which could give rise to risk of flooding. Mr Hopwood said he had already liaised with County Highways and the Police and he would be happy to provide the Parish Council with a copy of their reports.

Mr Hopwood said that Bidwells were hoping to have an Exhibition in the village to outline proposals to Parishioners. Mr Hopwood was advised by the Chairman that any Exhibition should be well publicised and held from about 4.00 – 8.00 p.m. to accommodate those that work. The Chairman also explained to Mr Hopwood that following any Exhibition, the Parish Council would have to facilitate a Public Meeting as the village needed to decide on this issue, not just the Parish Council.

Open meeting

6 Clerks' Report

The Clerk read out her report which is attached to these minutes as Annex 2.

Annex 2

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

Clerk's annual leave agreed.

7 Finance Committee

7.1 Consider any matters arising from 14 June 2011:

None.

7.2 Receive draft minutes of 12 July 2011 meeting:

Cllr Palmer (Chair of Finance Committee) went through highlights of the meeting:

- Minutes of meetings on 12 April and 14 June 2011 signed.
- Financial position at 30 June 2011 is that £8,248.76 (18.74%) of the budget had been spent, leaving a balance of £35,771.24. Additionally £27,766.78 is held in Reserves.
- Salaries for employees should not be specified on budget sheets. Clerk to liaise with SALC for clarification.
- Nat West Bank plc, signatories confirmed.
- Agreed that the front of the hedge bordering Old School Field facing Mill Road (roadside) should be cut by 25 metres downwards from School Road to improve visibility at the junction. Mr Pound will be asked to do this as part of his Strimming Contract 2011.
- Agreed that the riverside conservation areas are not to be mowed this year and not until requested by Parishioners/Councillors.
- Replacement for the broken log-roll on the flat flower bed in Silver Street Park was discussed.
- Parish Council to look at Health & Safety issues and Risk Assessments before any further grounds maintenance contracts are issued.
- Cost to replace worn Elephant Springer on Old School Field play equipment ranged from £395 to £625. Councillors thought this to be excessive so decided to have old one repaired.

(At this point Cllr Wheeler declared an interest, signed the Interest's Book and left the meeting while the matter was discussed). Cllr Palmer took the chair and read out a revised quotation from Cllr Wheeler to repair the Springer with two new side panels, treated and painted; a new bottom rail and re-installation. Cost £175.00. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Bradnam, seconded by Cllr Byron that Cllr Wheeler should be asked to carry out the repairs. There were no other resolutions and the motion was carried unanimously. Cllr Wheeler rejoined the meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants of £130.98 were awarded to Kat Kun Kung Fu Club and £150 to Kedington Community Association under Sn 137 LGA 1972, as being of benefit to local people. ▪ Fourteen payments totalling £3,349.25 for Supplier Payments as 30 June 2011 were approved and cheques signed by Cllr Garner and Cllr Bradnam. 	
8	<p>Discuss letter received from St Edmundsbury Borough Council on Polling District Review</p> <p>The Chairman read out a letter from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, which had been sent out to comply with the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006. Councillors were in unanimous agreement that Kedington Parish Council is happy with the facilities available in Kedington and the use of the Royal British Legion Hall as a Polling Station, which has good parking facilities and access for disabled persons.</p>	
9	<p>Discuss items for inclusion in Chairman's Letter</p> <p>Agreed items to be included: Library update; Planning Developments; Parish Plan; List of new Councillors; Dog Fouling; Parking on grassed areas; Notice Boards.</p>	
10	<p>Proposed Clare Wind Farm (update)</p> <p>Stop Clare Wind Farm will be sending updates by e-mail and these will be circulated to Councillors via e-mail when received.</p>	
11	<p>H.M. Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Celebrations 2012</p> <p>Material received to be circulated to all Councillors. Parish Council to contact KCA to see if they are planning any events.</p>	PB/MF
12	<p>Environmental / Grounds Maintenance Matters</p>	
12.1	<p>Any other environmental/grounds maintenance matters:</p> <p>Highways to be requested to remove fallen tree at Bus Stop opposite Westward Deals.</p> <p>Cllr Donoghue reported basal shoots on a tree at the beginning of Church Walk (opposite Church gates) were obstructing the footpath. Unanimously agreed that Cllr Pound should speak to the tree owner and seek permission to cut off basal shoots; this work to be classed as additional work to Strimming Contract.</p> <p>Close meeting</p> <p>Mr Jarvis asked about the Poplar Trees on Watermill Field. Chairman replied the trees would form part of the Survey/Risk Assessment required for Thurlow Estate before Parish Council take over responsibility.</p> <p>Open meeting</p>	
13	<p>Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters</p>	
13.1	<p>Receive letter from Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd – consider response:</p> <p>Chairman read out a letter received, which was asking for Parish Councils to allow a new product range of equipment to be installed on Parish Council sites at reduced prices. There were five criteria ranges, which Kedington were compatible with and it was agreed that the Clerk should seek further information.</p>	MF
13.2	<p>Any other Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters:</p> <p>Cllr Loader asked if Highways could be contacted about the provision of a public footpath near the British Legion Hall.</p>	MF

High kerb opposite entrance to Old School Field in School Road. The Chairman requested the Clerk to write to Highways to asked if this kerb could be lowered.

14 Any other reports (on-going matters)

None.

15 Housing/Planning

15.1 Applications for discussion at meeting:

Building Inspectorate has upheld an appeal to allow new houses to be built on the site of "Meadowcroft" in Arms Lane, following refusal to grant planning permission by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

15.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed by Parish Council:

TPO 275 (1999)2 Application – Fell one Wellingtonia tree (T1 on Order) Dane House, Haverhill Road, Kedington.

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15.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received from Borough Council:

None.

15.4 Any other housing / planning matters:

None.

16 Consultations

None.

17 Events

17.1 Nominations:

17.1.1 Rural Vision 2021 Meeting Invitation (various dates and times e-mailed to all Councillors who should respond directly with St Edmundsbury Borough Council).

17.2 Councillor absences (update):

The Chairman requested Councillors update the Clerk with any planned absences.

18 Any other business (new matters)

Cllr Byron handed some pictures to the Chairman given to him by children living on Risbridge Drive who were worried about losing their green playing spaces if the proposed development of Stourmead Close went ahead.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday 20 September 2011** commencing at 7.40 p.m.in The Library, Arms Lane, Kedington.

Signed

Dated