

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2011
HELD AT THE LIBRARY, ARMS LANE, KEDINGTON**

Present:

Cllr Terry Wheeler (Chairman)
Cllr Zoe Palmer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Peter Byron
Cllr Peter Donoghue
Cllr Nathan Loader
Cllr Simon McGuire
Cllr Richard Pound
Cllr Peter Rowsell

Ms Marion Farrant (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Borough Councillor Marion Rushbrook, PC 18 Trish Sinclair (Bury Rural South SNT), Mr S Jarvis (Countryside Forum Representative), Mrs H Donoghue, Mrs S Berridge, Sir M Berridge, Mrs B Surridge, Mr M Surridge (Parishioners).

		ACTION
1	Parishioners' Question Time and to acknowledge agenda items of interest to members of the Public present Mr Jarvis expressed an interest in agenda item 8. Mr Jarvis reported he had attended the Countryside Forum meeting in November and the Barn Owl boxes to the south of Kedington were the most successful along the length of the River Stour. Mr Jarvis put forward his thanks to the Parish Council and Clerk for all their hard work over the past year; these comments were endorsed by Mrs Berridge. Mrs Berridge expressed an interest in agenda item 8.2 and 10.1. Open meeting	
2	Welcome and apologies The Chairman welcomed everyone present. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Anne Gower and Cllr Peter Garner (Health).	
3	To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2011 Deferred to next meeting.	
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 10.1. Close meeting	
5	Visitor's Reports <u>Bury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team:</u> PC 18 Trish Sinclair gave her report which is attached to these minutes as Annex 1. PC Sinclair reported that as from February 2012, the Bury Rural South SNT will no longer work out of Clare Police Station, but out of Haverhill. It was agreed the Parish Council should write to Inspector Ferry to voice concerns about the effect this may have on Kedington.	 Annex 1 MF

Borough Councillor:

Borough Councillor Marion Rushbrook reported St Edmundsbury had received a Planning Application for the erection of 80m high guyed wind monitoring mast on land at Canhams Farm, near Stoke By Clare.

Open meeting

6 Clerks' Report

- Letter received from Essex & Suffolk Water to inform the construction of the Abberton Scheme Pipelines was now nearing completion.
- Suffolk County Council issued a press release on 14 December 2011 to state that all Suffolk County Council street lights will remain switched on from dusk to dawn over the Christmas period and on New Year's Eve.
- West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust issued a press release on 28 November 2011 to state the hospital has been named in a national guide after recording low mortality rates and ensuring that patients who have suffered a hip fracture receive surgery quickly.

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 November 2011 minutes:

None.

7.2 Receive draft minutes of 13 December 2011 meeting:

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

- Financial position at 30 November 2011 is that £25,625.12 (58.21%) of the budget had been spent, leaving a balance of £18,394.88. Additionally £21,265.14 is held in Reserves.
- Bank transfer of £5,000 from Bank of Ireland to Nat West agreed.
- Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2011 received from BDO LLP External Auditors – there were no significant issues arising.
- Budget for 2012-2013 finalised.
- Thank you letter for grant received from Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Families Association (SSAFA).
- Ten payments and one petty cash cheque totalling £11,353.39 for Supplier Payments as at 30 November 2011 and one bank transfer of £5,000 approved and cheques signed by Cllr Palmer and Cllr Garner. Cllr McGuire signed cheque for Cllr Palmer's travel expenses.

Annex 2

7.3 Receive and ratify final precept/budget recommendation from Finance Committee for financial year 2012/2013:

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Palmer, seconded by Cllr McGuire that the Parish Council should accept the Finance Committee's recommendation of £47,985 as the precept application for the financial year 2012/2013. There were no other resolutions, unanimously agreed.

Annex 3

8 Environment / Grounds Maintenance Matters

8.1 St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Free litter picking equipment:

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Palmer, seconded by the Chair that Kedington should apply for the free community litter picking equipment being offered by the Borough Council. There were no other resolutions, unanimously agreed. Agreed that dates for litter picking would be organised before and after the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012.

8.2 Any other environmental/grounds maintenance matters:

Close meeting

Mrs Berridge asked if the Parish Council were aware when Thurlow Estate would be carrying out work on the trees on Watermill Field and The Cut. Clerk replied the report would be sent to Thurlow Estate after Christmas. Mrs Berridge commented the grass cutting along The Cut and on Watermill Field was being done to a higher standard since the new contractor took over the contract.

Mr Jarvis asked if a meeting had been set up with the Environment Agency with a view to clearing the river. Clerk replied she still had to arrange this.

Open meeting

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9 Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters

9.1 Any other highway/footpath/street furniture matters:

It was reported the telephone kiosk near the Barnardiston Arms has been vandalised. Clerk requested to report this to British Telecom.

Cllr McGuire reported cars were still being parked on grassed verges throughout the village. Agreed this matter would be mentioned in next Chairman's Letter.

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10 Any other reports (on-going matters)

10.1 Land to the south of Kedington School (feedback from Exhibition and Public Meeting):

Meeting on 15 December 2011 at the British Legion Hall was attended by in excess of 100 parishioners. The response time for return of the consultation forms being facilitated by Bidwells has been extended to 31 January 2012. Kedington Primary School will be hosting the exhibition material until this date. Parish Council agreed to do a survey questionnaire to the whole Parish about developments in the village, in order that responses could be considered alongside those received by Bidwells and also to have a Working Party who could consider and collate the responses received. Working Party agreed as Councillors Donoghue, Loader, Palmer and Rowsell.

Close meeting

Mrs Surridge stated people filling in the consultation forms supplied by Bidwells should be aware of how they answer individual questions on the form, as answers may be counted separately and by implication could counter balance. Mrs Surridge advised people should keep a copy of their consultation forms.

11 Open meeting

Housing/Planning

11.1 Applications for discussion at meeting:

Planning Application SE/11/1425 – Erection of 80m high guyed wind monitoring mast for a temporary period of 3 years on land at Canhams Farm, near Stoke By Clare was discussed. It was agreed that whilst it was unlikely to impact directly on Kedington, the Parish Council would raise objections as it was concerned about possible noise created by any future wind turbines at this site and the effect it could have on local residents; also, there is another monitoring mast in the vicinity and the Parish Council presumed information from that mast would be available to this developer, so question the need for another mast.

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Close meeting

Mr Jarvis commented that wind turbines are proving to be an inefficient production of energy and desecration of the countryside.

Open meeting

11.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed by Parish Council:
None.

11.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received from Borough Council:
None.

11.4 Any other housing / planning matters:
None.

12 Consultations
None.

13 Events

13.1 Nominations:
None.

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

14 Receive meeting dates for 2012
A list of meeting dates for 2012 was given to all Councillors present.

15 Any other business (new matters for discussion only)
None.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday 17 January 2012** commencing at 7.40 p.m.in The Library, Arms Lane, Kedington.

Signed

Dated