

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 29 JULY 2014
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, ARMS LANE, KEDINGTON**

Present: Cllr Simon McGuire (Chairman)
Cllr Zoe Palmer (Vice Chair)
Cllr Peter Donoghue
Cllr Debbie Plummer
Cllr Terry Wheeler

Vacancies (2)

In attendance: Ms Marion Farrant – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance: Suffolk County Councillor Tony Brown, St Edmundsbury Borough
Councillor Marion Rushbrook, Mr & Mrs D Kent (Parishioners)

ACTION

1 Parishioners Question Time and to acknowledge agenda items of interest to members of the public present

Mr & Mrs Kent stated they had come to the meeting to find out why the Parish Council had objected to their application submitted to St Edmundsbury Borough Council's Planning Department for a Certificate of Lawfulness on a piece of land adjacent to their property in Dash End. Mr Kent said he was surprised no one from the Parish Council had contacted them before the objection had been lodged. The Chairman explained to Mr & Mrs Kent how Planning Applications are dealt with by the Parish Council and the time-span in which they have to be dealt with. He added, each Councillor makes their own individual comments on whether applications should be acceptable or objectionable and a decision is taken on the majority of comments for or against. The Chairman said the Parish Council would take into consideration the comments made by Mr & Mrs Kent when commenting on Planning Applications.

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2 Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Loader (holiday) and Cllr Rowsell (holiday). Councillors unanimously accepted apologies from Cllr Loader and Cllr Rowsell.

3 To receive members' declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Local Non-Pecuniary Interests in accordance with the revised Suffolk Code of Conduct

None.

4 To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 June 2014

Due to the Clerk being on sick leave for the previous four weeks, this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Close meeting

Receive Visitor's Reports

Borough Councillor Marion Rushbrook:

- Vision 2031 – Inspector's Report was received by St Edmundsbury Borough Council on 14 July 2014 and can be viewed on the Borough Council's website <http://www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/vision2031>. Page 44 of the report states *"Of the two allocated sites in Kedington, site RV13a has now received planning permission. Some concerns over highway safety, parking and congestion, especially in respect of site RV13b, were raised in representations. However, SCC made no objection on highway grounds and the policy requires that access arrangements are considered in a development brief which must be adopted by the Council before planning permission is granted. Arrangements for surface water drainage are capable of resolution in the same way. On this basis, both site allocations are sound."*
- Comments on the North-East Haverhill site and its relevance to Calford Green can be found on pages 31/32 of the above link.

Through the Chair, Cllr Palmer requested the Parish Council write to St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Matthew Hancock, MP to put on record the problems with site RV13b. Unanimously agreed.

- "WOS-UP" rural van has not been in the village this summer because Kedington was identified as having "no trouble" with anti-social behaviour.
- The Library in Kedington now has four "E" Readers purchased from Cllr Rushbrook's Locality Budget.
- Councillor Rushbrook warned the Parish Council to be aware that payment of s.106 money from developers cannot be guaranteed. The village of Stanton recently lost a Court Case when a developer refused to hand over a £200,000 payment of s.106 money.
- Councillor Rushbrook will be liaising with County Councillor Brown to try and facilitate a "No Cold Calling Zone" for Kedington.

Suffolk County Councillor Tony Brown:

- Councillor Brown confirmed he had sent in a formulated response to the consultation for development on the former Limes Cottage site.
- Suffolk County Council have launched a public consultation looking at the future of children's centres in Suffolk. Councillor Brown reported the County Council were looking at withdrawing the "On Track" children's centre in Haverhill, but keeping the Cartwheels centre in Haverhill. The consultation would also look to see if villages had need of children's services and if so, whether they could be brought in to villages by using mobile services.
- Councillor Brown reported he was chasing another meeting about the School Travel Plan for Kedington Primary Academy.

Bury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team:

- The Chairman read out an email from PCSO Claire Fuller which reported two crimes in Kedington for the period from 24 June – 15 July 2014. These were theft of a "poo sticker" from a property in Rectory Road and criminal damage to a motor vehicle on Westward Deals.

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Clerks' Report

- Clerk reported Stephenson's Coaches had replied to the Parish Council's letter regarding the speed of buses through the village. They stated that by using their Greenroad tracking system, they conducted a thorough investigation and found their vehicles stayed within the 30 mph limit, with most vehicles being down to 20 mph.
- Parish Council has received an email from the Chairman of the KCA asking if Councillors would permit the Village Cleaner to include sweeping around the bottle bank area within his rounds. The email stated if cost is an issue, the KCA get some income from the bottle bank "so may be able to fund an extra hour, here and there".
- Parish Council has received further correspondence from Adams Harrison regarding the lease for the Library (rented from the KCA). Now that Libraries are run by IPS, the lease needs to be changed to form an agreement with them. Any costs incurred in doing this will be paid by Suffolk County Council. Parish Council signatories will be needed as they are Custodian Trustees to the KCA.
- Clerk reported St Edmundsbury Borough Council were conducting a Polling Place Review in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983, sections 18C and 31 and the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006. Clerk will respond on behalf of Kedington Parish Council.

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

- Councillors discussed the request from Kedington Community Association for the Village Cleaner to add sweeping around the bottle area to his rounds. There was unanimous agreement that, as this was a KCA facility, the sweeping could be added to the contract with their current cleaner who cleans the Community Centre if required.

7 Finance Committee

7.1 Consider any matters arising from 10 June 2014 minutes:

None.

Noted there was no Finance Committee meeting in July 2014 as Clerk was on sick leave.

7.2 Ratify bank transfer of £5,000 from Bank of Ireland account to Nat West plc current account:

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Palmer to ratify a bank transfer of £5,000 from Bank of Ireland deposit account to Nat West plc current account. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

7.3 Ratify purchase of comb binding machine:

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Palmer, seconded by Cllr Plummer that as most large reports, consultations, etc. are sent via email and not hard copy, the Parish Council should purchase a comb binding machine suitable for purpose. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

7.4 Receive quotation for work to remove old log roll and tarmac edges of lower plant bed in Silver Street Park and agree action:

Councillor Donoghue reported a verbal quotation of £750.00 had been received from D J Sears (contractor who did original path in Silver Street Park). The quotation covered digging out ground to 6" deep; hard-core and tarmac. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Donoghue, seconded by Cllr Palmer that the quotation should be accepted. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. Budget Heading for the work was agreed as Grounds Maintenance Silver Street Park. Clerk requested Cllr Donoghue seek a written quotation from Mr Sears as a works order could not be placed until this was received.

7.5	<p>Hedge around Old School Field – consider interim cut to improve visibility from junction of School Road with Mill Road:</p> <p>A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Plummer that, as in previous years, Mr Pound should be asked to cut back the front face of the hedge on Mill Road by 25 metres to improve visibility from junction of School Road. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.</p>	
7.6	<p>Consider and agree purchase of new protective coat/hat for School Crossing Supervisor:</p> <p>Clerk reported that the School Crossing Supervisor required a new uniform to comply with the (SCP) uniform standards. An updated Home Office circular (3/1989) required the new standard uniform to be worn from 1 April 2015 and gives the names of three suppliers.</p> <p>Close meeting</p> <p>Suffolk County Councillor Tony Brown offered to fund the cost of a new uniform from his Locality Budget. The Chairman thanked Cllr Brown for this gesture.</p> <p>Open meeting</p>	
7.7	<p>Discuss and agree grant applications:</p> <p>7.7.1 Kedington Art Group:</p> <p>Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Cynthia Tilley, founder of Kedington Art Group. After discussion, Councillors requested the Clerk contact Mrs Tilley to ascertain what the group would specifically like a grant to cover.</p> <p>7.7.2 Kedington Primary Academy – Eco Council:</p> <p>Clerk read out an email from Mr Woodward, Headteacher at the Academy. The email was requesting funding to support the purchase of a food-waste composter. The cost of a composter would be £2,200.00 plus £480 for two collectors. After discussion the Clerk was requested to write to the Headteacher to ascertain whether the purchase of this equipment would save money or could the food waste be disposed of more cost effectively.</p>	<p>MF</p> <p>MF</p>
8	<p>Play Equipment</p>	
8.1	<p>Receive defect report(s) if any; agree action.</p> <p>No defects report received this month.</p>	
9	<p>Environmental / Grounds Maintenance Matters</p>	
9.1	<p>Any other environmental/grounds maintenance matters:</p> <p>The Chairman reported on behalf of Mr Shaun Jarvis that following a recent inspection by Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the barn owl boxes supplied by them and sited on Risbridge Meadow had four baby barn owls in it. The box sited at Kedington Primary Academy did not have any baby barn owls in it.</p> <p>Councillor Palmer reported the dead elm trees that had fallen in Silver Street Park had been cleared by RMS Trees free of charge.</p>	
10	<p>Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters</p>	
10.1	<p>Receive request from Kedington Primary Academy Governors for a new street light at the Mill Road end of Church Walk:</p> <p>The Chairman read out an email from Mr A Barney on behalf of the Governors at Kedington Primary Academy. They are concerned about the level of lighting from the end of Church Walk to the school. The email stated in the winter months, it is difficult for pedestrians to see the uneven road surface of Church Walk and asked if the Parish Council could speak to the Highways Authority to see if a single street light could be provided at the end of Church Walk in Mill Road. The Chairman requested the Clerk to liaise with the Highways Authority.</p>	<p>MF</p>

- 10.2 Any other Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters:**
Clerk reported she had received an email from the Area Rights of Way Officer following Parish Council request to Suffolk County Council to remove the mud and overgrown vegetation from footpath FP 18 (The Baulk). The email confirmed that Highways would have the path cleared within six weeks and give it maintenance every six months.
- 11 Any other reports (on-going matters)**
- 11.1 Receive letter from Anglian Water in response to Parish Council letter regarding sewage network in Kedington – consider further action:**
Clerk read out response letter from Anglian Water. The letter appeared to blame residents for blockages in the pipe network and Anglian Water were arranging for a “letter drop” to the whole village reminding residents what should and should not be put down toilets. Anglian Water stated they would be inspecting the sewage system using CCTV. Councillors requested the Parish Council reply to Anglian Water questioning the “blame” put on residents and to seek clarity on which areas CCTV would be used. A copy of the letter to be sent to St Edmundsbury Borough Council and also Matthew Hancock MP.
- 12 Housing/Planning**
- 12.1 Applications for discussion at meeting:**
- DC/14/1022/FUL – 8 Dash End, Kedington**
Planning Application – 2 no dwellings with new vehicular access.
This application has been “called in” to Development Control Committee by Borough Councillor.
- 12.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed by Parish Council:**
- DC/14/0307/HH – 15 Kings Meadow, Kedington**
Planning Application – Dropped kerb to create access onto Highway
OBJECTION
- TPO035(1961)8 – Kedington Primary Academy**
Tree Preservation Order Application – 1 no Horse Chestnut (T3 on plan, within area A1 on Order) to reduce crown by 30%.
ACCEPTABLE
- 12.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received from Borough Council:**
- DC/14/0721/CLE – Land adjacent to 22 Dash End, Kedington**
Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use: Continued use of open space amenity land as garden.
GRANTED
- DC/14/0581/VAR – 10 Dash End Lane, Kedington**
Planning Application: Variation of Condition 9 of SE/10/0144 to allow repositioning of hedge and change from agreed species.
WITHDRAWN
- TPO 434 (2006) (T4 on Order) –30 Dash End, Kedington**
Tree Preservation Order Application: Sycamore (S1 on plan) – reduce by 30% as overhanging and shadowing neighbours.
GRANTED
- 12.4 Any other housing / planning matters:**
St Edmundsbury Borough Council have served an Enforcement Notice on the owner of 122 and 123 Westward Deals for not ceasing to use the said land for the repair and storage of motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts and for not removing all items relating to the unauthorised use. The owner has until 4th August 2014 to comply.

13 Consultations

13.1 Receive report from Suffolk County Council regarding consultation on development of land at The Orchard in Mill Road, Kedington:

Clerk reported a copy of the report had been received and will be circulated to all Councillors.

14 Events

14.1 Nominations:

None.

14.2 Councillor absences (update)

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

15 Any new matters (for discussion only)

None.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday 16 September 2014** commencing at 7.40 p.m. in The Meeting Room, Parish Council Office, Arms Lane, Kedington.

Signed

Dated