

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KEDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2016
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, ARMS LANE, KEDINGTON**

Present:

Cllr Simon McGuire (Chairman)
Cllr Terry Wheeler (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Peter Donoghue
Cllr Nathan Loader
Cllr Debbie Plummer
Cllr Marion Rushbrook
Cllr Peter Rowsell
Cllr Justin Waite

Vacancy - 1

In attendance:

Ms Marion Farrant – Parish Clerk

Also in attendance: Dr Zoe Palmer (Parishioner); Suffolk County Councillor Tony Brown (joined the meeting at 9.25 p.m.).

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| 1 | <p>Parishioners Question Time and to acknowledge agenda items of interest to members of the public present</p> <p>Dr Palmer said she was pleased to see the mini speed indicator device (SID) active within the village. Councillor Rowsell reported the statistics being taken from the device were very interesting.</p> <p>Open meeting</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Karen Richardson.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Co-option of Parish Councillor</p> <p>Clerk reported she had not received notification of any interested parties. The vacancy will be re-advertised in February 2016.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>To receive members' declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Local Non-Pecuniary Interests in accordance with the revised Suffolk Code of Conduct and applications for dispensations on agenda items</p> <p>None.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>To agree and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Kedington Parish Council held on 17 November and 15 December 2015</p> <p>A resolution was put forward by Cllr Waite, seconded by Cllr Plummer to agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 November 2015 as a true record. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.</p> | |

Councillor Wheeler requested two amendments to agenda item 9 of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2015. The first amendment on the first line to read: ... the walk took place from the ridge line (looking down to the British Legion Hall in Kedington); turning right from the ridge line going towards Calford Green. Only one fifth of the development site was actually walked. The second amendment on the sixth line to read ... The pathway from the British Legion Hall up to Wilsey Farm will be remade. A resolution was then put forward by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Waite to agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2015 as a true record. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. The Chairman signed all pages of the minutes with the exception of where changes needed to be made.

Close meeting

6 Receive Visitor's Reports

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

Open meeting

7 Clerks' Report

- Photographic evidence of numerous HGVs using the B1061 through Kedington and Calford Green has been sent to the Assistant Area Manager at Western Area Highways.
- Email read out from Bruno Peek, LVO OBE OPR, Pageant master to HM The Queen with information regarding The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons.
- Suffolk Association of Local Council have sent information that Her Majesty The Queen will be hosting a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 19 May 2016. Nominations for selection to attend have been requested.
- Local Council Public Advisory Service are running a course at the NWES Enterprise Centre in Bury St Edmunds on Friday 5 February 2016, 10.00 a.m. – 12 Noon. Topic: Public Nuisance and Bylaws.

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

- Kedington Parish Council will not be providing a beacon as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.
- The Chairman was nominated for selection to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Clerk will complete form and return to SALC.
- No uptake for course on Public Nuisance and Bylaws.

8 Finance Committee

8.1 Consider any matters arising from minutes of 08 December 2015 meeting: None.

8.2 Receive draft minutes of meeting held on 12 January 2016:

Councillor Wheeler, Chair of Finance Committee went through highlights of the meeting:

- Budget statements effective 31 December 2015 were received. Financial position as at 31 December 2015 satisfactory with £34,368.77 (48.12%) of the budget spent, leaving a balance of £37,056.23. Additionally £17,571.06 is held in Reserves.
- A Petty Cash cheque for £50 was agreed.
- Update information received on the new Sector Led Body (SLB) who will procure audit arrangements for local councils from the start of the financial year 2017/2018. An extension until 31 March 2016 has been given to Councils who wish to opt out from the SLB. The new company will formally appoint external auditors on Council's behalf for a five year period from 2017/2018. For authorities requiring an annual assurance review, the intention is that fee rates will not exceed those applicable to

reviews of accounts for the 2014/2015 financial year, which for Kedington Parish Council will be £300.00

- **The Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report for 2016/2017** has confirmed that the “referendum principles” which can trigger a referendum if there is an excessive rise in council tax or precept (in England) will not apply to Town and Parish Councils setting their precept for 2016/2017.
- Clerk will source quotations from PBM Buildbase and Madingley Mulch for more purple slate to be put down on the lower plate bed in Silver Street Park
- Finance Committee agreed the purchase of at least two new trees for Watermill Field to replace the dead trees removed in 2015.
- K Hutchinson & Son have still not provided quotation for flailing the hedge around Old School Field and the riverbanks. Agreed that M D Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd should be asked to commence work on flailing the hedge.
- Grant of £300.00 awarded to Haverhill First Responders under Sn 137, LGA 1972, as being of benefit to local people.
- Grant of £100 awarded to Age UK Suffolk under Sn 137, LGA 1972, as being of benefit to local people.
- Thirteen payments totalling £3,608.49 for Supplier Payments as at 31 December 2015 plus one Petty Cash cheque for £50 approved on 12 January 2016 and cheques signed by the Chair (Cllr Wheeler) and Cllr McGuire. Councillor Rowsell signed cheque payable to T Wheeler.

8.3 Consider and agree purchase of external hard drive to store data from new S.I.D:

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Waite that a new external hard drive should be purchased for the purpose of recording data obtained from the speed indicator device (S.I.D.). There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed.

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8.4 Sign precept application for financial year 2016/2017:

Precept application to St Edmundsbury Borough Council for the amount of £71,060 for the financial year 01 April 2016 – 31 March 2017 was duly signed by the Chairman and Parish Clerk for Kedington Parish Council.

9 Great Wilsey Park Development (updates)

Councillors discussed Kedington Parish Council’s response to the Outline Planning Application for the development. Councillor Loader raised the following points:

- There does not appear to be any traffic assessment of the impact on the B1061 from Kedington with the junction of the A143 at Blunts Hall. Perhaps a roundabout would be useful instead of a 60 mph crossroads.
- Increased traffic on the A1307 to Cambridge without any road infrastructure improvements to accommodate the increase in traffic will make existing commuters journeys’ worse in journey times and safety.
- Imbalance of jobs for the development is unsustainable and encourages unsustainable patterns of movement forcing people to travel further for work than necessary.
- Due to necessity for the majority of the population on the new development needing to travel great distances to work this will be environmentally unsustainable, resulting in greater emissions than a balanced development. The Borough Council should assess this application against its deleted Development Plan Policy DM8 “improving energy efficiency and reducing carob dioxide emissions” to reduce contributions to climate change, otherwise the objective that the Planning Inspector approved will not be met.
- Cycle route from Kedington to Haverhill delivered between the British Legion Hall and the new development.

- Possibility that the North West ring road could never materialise, which would cause significant impact on traffic through the villages.
- Haverhill Town Centre (only alternative route for all the traffic) is already at high air pollution levels, so it is not clear how air quality levels will be controlled during construction if the North West ring road is not already in place.
- Planning Application needs to be checked against the Haverhill Vision Objectives to ensure they are all met.
- Countryside – no local landscape character assessment was prepared by the Borough Council so there is nothing against which to assess the visual impact of the development. This goes against national guidance and is contrary to the European Landscape Convention as well as Landscape Character Assessment Guidance for England and Scotland (2002).
- Services – because the local health and education authorities only forward plan their services up to a ten year ahead timeframe, it is likely that as these new households grow, the services will be inadequate.
- Kedington requires a guarantee that there will not be further urban sprawl.

Councillor Waite requested the Parish Council should write to the Planning Department regarding the North West by-pass and the importance of this being delivered. Councillor Loader reported that Highways England have questioned how the A11 / A1307 will cope with the predicted 8.2% increase in traffic and asked for further assessments from the developers. The Chairman reported the northern point of the proposed development is a habitat for dormice, which are now classed as an endangered species.

It was agreed that the Clerk should draft the Parish Council's response to the Outline Planning Application based on the points raised. Further agreed that the Parish Council should seek a guarantee from St Edmundsbury Borough Council on the buffer zone between the proposed development and Kedington Parish.

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10 **Suffolk Local Policing Review**

The Chairman read out a joint letter from Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner and Gareth Wilson, Chief Constable from Suffolk Constabulary regarding a series of changes to Suffolk Constabulary's local policing model, which will help deliver significant savings required by Government, whilst improving the efficiency of their services. Details of the Suffolk Local Policing Review (which was emailed to all Councillors) can be found at suffolkchangeteam@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter on behalf of the Parish Council voicing its concerns about the review and that the letter should be copied to Matthew Hancock MP.

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11 **Environmental / Grounds Maintenance Matters**

11.1 **Bloor Homes Development – discuss and agree action regarding the new pathway to Risbridge Meadow as part of s.106 agreement:**

Councillor Rowsell addressed the meeting with his concerns that as the Bloor Homes Development is nearing completion, who would be responsible for installing the new path from the development to Risbridge Meadow. Clerk was requested to liaise with St Edmundsbury Borough Council about this matter and when the s.106 will be released.

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11.2 **Any other environmental/grounds maintenance matters:**

Clerk reported she had received quotations for purple slate for the lower plant bed in Silver Street Park. PBM Buildbase - £110 per ton bag plus vat. Madingley Mulch, 20mm slate - £5.49 per bag or £94 per ton bag plus vat; 40mm slate - £5.49 per bag or £109 per ton plus vat. It was agreed order for membrane and slate will be place in the Spring.

12 Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters

12.1 Village Sign:

Councillor Wheeler reported the oak post holding the Village Sign in Silver Street has begun to rot and was becoming unstable. Councillor Wheeler stated the Parish Council should consider replacing the post and a new post could be in aluminium/steel (powder coated) or oak. A resolution was put forward by Cllr Waite, seconded by Cllr Plummer that a new oak post should be purchased; there were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. Councillor Wheeler said the Parish Council should wait until the Spring before the work is carried out. The Chairman requested that repairs to the base of the sign should be done at the same time.

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12.2 Any other Highway/Footpath/Street Furniture matters:

Clerk reported she had attended Kedington Primary Academy with PCSOs Kayla Packman and Anthony Welford to judge the 20's Plenty Competition Entries. Two entries from each year group at the school were presented and three entries chosen overall as the designs that would be used. Clerk suggested to Councillors that instead of the Parish Council giving prizes to the winners of the competition, it would be nicer if they could increase the budget to £60.00 and each child from the year group whose entry got to the final judging, be given a £5.00 gift voucher for W H Smith. The three winning entries would also receive cycle lights from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. A resolution to adopt the proposal from the Clerk was put forward by Cllr Rowsell and seconded by Cllr Wheeler. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. Clerk will present the vouchers on behalf of the Parish Council at a school assembly.

Clerk reported, weather permitting, the wooden footbridge in Mill Road will be repaired week commencing 25 January 2016.

Clerk reported West End Lane and Silver Street will be closed between 0800 and 1600 hours from 28 January – 03 February 2016 (weekdays only) for carriageway repairs and associated work. White Horse Road will be closed between 0800 and 1600 hours from 03 – 08 February 2016 (weekdays only) for carriageway repairs and associated work. A list of proposed works for road patching/surface dressing in Kedington in 2016/2017 has been provided by Western Area Highways.

Councillor Loader asked if the Clerk could query why the bus stop on the grass verge in Mill Road (near junction with School Road) has not been moved as was promised by Highways about two years ago. Councillor Loader also reported the Public Footpath near the school at the top end of Church Walk is in a very poor condition; Clerk requested to write to the school about this.

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Chairman reported he had received a request from parents whose children go to Kedington Primary Academy for another litter bin to be installed nearer the path next to Watermill Field. Councillors felt the new litter bin recently installed on Watermill Field was adequate and declined to install another.

13 Any other reports (on-going matters)

None.

14 Housing/Planning

14.1 Applications for discussion at meeting:

None.

14.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed by Parish Council:

DC/15/2141/HH – Eastcotts Farm Cottage, Calford Green, CB9 7UN

Householder Planning Application – (i) Two storey rear/side extension including first floor balcony (ii) Replacement of front porch (iii) Enlargement of existing

dormer window to North East elevation (iv) Internal alterations and 3 no new windows to South East elevation.

NO OBJECTIONS

DC/15/2144/TPO – Bloor Homes, St Peters Close, Kedington

TPO 551(2014) 2 – (i) 3 no Silver Birch (G7 on plan, within Group G2 on order) crown lift to provide a ground clearance of approximately 3 metres, selectively shorten overextending lateral branches (only) by approx. 1 – 1.5 metres in length; (ii) 4 no Sycamore (G6 and T15 on plan) and 1 no Ash (T16 on plant) (all within Group G3 of Order) – crown lift canopies to provide a ground clearance of approx. 3 metres (remove major deadwood).

NO OBJECTIONS. Comment: Shows the houses and proposed gardens were positioned too close to the trees. Observation: Inadequate Planning Policy

DC/15/2140/HH – 5 Kings Hill, Kedington, CB9 7NA

Householder Planning Application – Dropped kerb to front of property to allow off road parking.

NO OBJECTIONS.

DC/15/2174/FUL - Land adjacent to 23 Dash End, Kedington, CB9 7QR

Planning Application – 1 no dwelling (following demolition of existing garage).

OBJECT

DC/15/2159/HH – 2 Fern Cottages, Kings Hill, Kedington, CB9 7NB

Householder Planning Application – single storey rear extension and 2st floor side extension on oak posts above driveway.

NO OBJECTIONS

14.3

Planning Applications – Decisions received from Borough Council:

DC/15/1690/HH – Stonebridge Paddocks, Hundon Road, Kedington, CB9 7QT

Planning Application – Construction of 60m x 30m horse ménage with associated fencing and gate together with 4 no lighting columns.

GRANTED

DC/15/2141/HH – Eastcotts Farm Cottage, Calford Green, CB9 7UN

Householder Planning Application – (i) Two storey rear/side extension including first floor balcony (ii) Replacement of front porch (iii) Enlargement of existing dormer window to North East elevation (iv) Internal alterations and 3 no new windows to South East Elevation.

GRANTED

DC/15/1937/HH – 23 Dash End, Kedington, CB9 7QR

Householder Planning Application – (i) Single storey rear extensions; (ii) integral garage with new access (following demolition of existing garage).

GRANTED

DC/15/2174/FUL - Land adjacent to 23 Dash End, Kedington, CB9 7QR

Planning Application – 1 no dwelling (following demolition of existing garage).

WITHDRAWN / ABANDONED

DC/15/2144/TPO – Bloor Homes, St Peters Close, Kedington

TPO 551(2014) 2 – (i) 3 no Silver Birch (G7 on plan, within Group G2 on order) crown lift to provide a ground clearance of approximately 3 metres, selectively shorten overextending lateral branches (only) by approx. 1 – 1.5 metres in length; (ii) 4 no Sycamore (G6 and T15 on plan) and 1 no Ash (T16 on plant) (all within Group G3 of Order) – crown lift canopies to provide a ground clearance of approx. 3 metres (remove major deadwood).

GRANTED

DC/15/2140/HH – 5 Kings Hill, Kedington, CB9 7NA

Householder Planning Application – Dropped kerb to front of property to allow off road parking.

GRANTED

DC/15/2159/HH – 2 Fern Cottages, Kings Hill, Kedington, CB9 7NB

Householder Planning Application – single storey rear extension and 1st floor side extension on oak posts above driveway.

GRANTED

DC/15/1955/HH – 32 Dash End, Kedington, CB9 7QR

Householder Planning Application – (i) Single storey rear extension (demolition of existing conservatory); (ii) new vehicular access and creation of 2 additional parking spaces.

GRANTED

14.4 Any other housing / planning matters:

The Limes, Mill Road, Kedington

Email sent to Planning Help Desk as trees covered by TPO/1972/229 were being cut and no TPO application had been received by Parish Council. Planning Enforcement Team will be carrying out a site visit.

8A Dash End, Kedington (new house)

Fence erected at front of property higher than regulations allow. Councillor Donoghue will contact the Planning Department.

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15 Consultations

15.1 West Suffolk Operational Hub:

Consultation circulated to all Councillors via email. Agreed that no response necessary as the plans would have no impact on Kedington and Calford Green.

16 Events

16.1 Nominations:

16.1.1 Planning and Neighbourhood Plans in Outstanding Landscapes, facilitated by Dedham Vale AONB, 3 March 2016, 10.00 am – 1.30 pm Ipswich

16.1.2 St Edmundsbury Borough Council Parish Conference, venue TBA 11 April 2016
Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Loader nominated to attend.

16.2 Councillor absences (update):

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

17 Any new matters (for discussion only)

Fallen tree on land adjacent to the garage in Silver Street.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m. The date of the next meeting of Kedington Parish Council will be **Tuesday 16 February 2016** commencing at 7.40 p.m. in The Meeting Room, Parish Council Office, Arms Lane, Kedington.

Signed

Dated