

## KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kineton Parish Council held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Rogers, Sayers, Scorer and Davies

DCllr Mills. Clerk - Gina Lowe.

Members of the Public 10

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Kineton Parish Council the Clerk asked Members to select a Councillor to preside over the meeting. It was proposed Cllr Scorer, seconded Cllr Sayers and

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Davies preside at the meeting**

*(All agreed)*

**60/18 APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Gosling, Priddis and CCllr Williams

**61/18 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:** Cllrs Gosling and Priddis; it was proposed Cllr Scorer, seconded Cllr Sayers and

**RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted**

*(All agreed)*

**62/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Scorer – Agenda item 6

**63/18 MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 had been circulated. Proposed Cllr Rogers, seconded Cllr Scorer and

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

*(All agreed)*

**64/18 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

**a. Chairman:**

- i. Cllr Davies reported on the recent informal meeting held between Kevin Pearson, Design & Planning Director of Morris Homes and Members of the Parish Council. Morris Homes continue to assert the future potential link road is not a requirement of the outline planning consent. The Parish Council are to meet with the District Council on Thursday and will continue to make strong representation that the Reserved Matters Application must enable a future potential link. The Parish Council will also engage with the local Highway Authority in the absence of support from County Councillor Williams. The Parish Council's other concerns which form part of its objection to the development in its current form such as the maintenance and access to the railway cutting and a lack of direct pedestrian access to the school have also yet to be addressed.
- ii. To note Speed Data for Warwick Road and Banbury Road will be presented at September's Parish Council meeting.
- iii. Cllr Davies attended SDC's Planning Committee East on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July to speak in objection to the Court Close development on Highway Grounds. He reiterated the Parish Council's request for a traffic management plan for the two single carriageway lanes in order that additional traffic generated from the development does not exacerbate the current highway problems. County Highways had no objection to the proposal and as such the application was subsequently granted.

**b. Clerk:**

- i. Bloor POS – Stratford District Council have been advised that approximately 30% of the shrubs and trees are now dead. The Parish Council have asked the District Council to ensure Bloor are complying to their own Management Plan whilst talks continue.
- ii. County Highways – The Parish Council continue to try and get a response to the concerns raised by residents at March's Annual Parish Meeting. Mark Ryder (Head of Transport & Economy) has declined any further meetings at this time but will receive our concerns via email. Warwickshire Local Council's Charter is a framework to support mutually beneficial working relationships between the tiers of authority within Warwickshire. The Parish Council will now summarise its actions over the past 2-3 years and ask Cllr Andy Crump, the District Council's Parish Champion under the Charter to assist in opening up dialogue with the County Council.

- iii. Mill Lane – A Temporary Road Closure will be in effect between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of August to facilitate works for the connection of a new clean water supply.

**65/18 PLANNING:** The responses agreed and decisions received are noted on the Planning Sheet attached to these Minutes.

**66/18 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:** The Council considered the financial statement and accounts for payment, as attached to the Minutes for signing (Schedule 3/18). It was noted the £50 bank discrepancy had been corrected. It was therefore proposed Cllr Scorer, seconded Cllr Rogers and

**RESOLVED: That the financial statements and folio 3/18 be adopted and the accounts listed paid**

*(All agreed)*

**67/18 TO CONSIDER TREE WORKS MILL LANE GREEN:** The Clerk reported the Council had received a request to remove one of the Chestnut Trees on the Green. Cllr Scorer as Tree Warden had confirmed the tree needed to be reduced and reshaped in the winter; as a resident, he acknowledged tree roots had caused damage to the drains in the past but that this had been resolved. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Scorer would confirm ownership of the land before the Clerk obtained quotations for the appropriate tree works rather than its removal.

**68/18 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:** The Clerk advised that she expected to hear from the Electoral Officer tomorrow. It was likely the position would be filled by co-option and as such it was unanimously agreed an advertisement be placed in the Outlook and on the Village Notice Board; closing date for applications Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Cllrs Gosling, Priddis and one other (if available) would conduct informal interviews prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

**69/18 ONGOING REFERENCES:**

- a. Outdoor fitness equipment – The Clerk reported that the public consultation remained on hold pending the handover date for the first phase of the Bloor POS.
- b. St Peter's Road, Kineton – Item deferred
- c. Dene Valley – No report; alternative consultant to be found with a report to the September meeting.
- d. GDPR – Item deferred to the September meeting

**70/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** CCllr Williams' report is attached to these minutes.

**71/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

- i. Dog Enforcement – At the Regulatory Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July it was reported that there had been an increase in dog related service requests compared to the last period and since the appointment of Phil Rafferty. It was also reported that patrolling is carried out where complaints are received.
- ii. Warwickshire County Council Scam Awareness:-
  - Tax Fraud Scams – A number of Warwickshire residents have reported bogus phone calls from fraudsters claiming to be HMRC. The callers attempt to scare residents by suggesting they have committed tax fraud and a warrant has been issued for their (the residents) arrest. They then demand the resident pays a fine / tax owed.
  - Bitcoin Investment Scams – A Warwickshire resident reported losing over £3000 after being cold called and offered an opportunity to 'invest' in Bitcoins via an online platform. The resident transferred the money which was then almost immediately withdrawn by the fraudsters.
  - Free Solar Panel 'Health Checks' – Owners of solar panels are warned to beware of letters and cold calls from bogus / high pressure companies offering solar panel 'health checks' that are in reality an opportunity to sell the resident highly priced unnecessary warranties and additional solar panel equipment.
  - Bogus BT Callers – Attempts are being made by fraudsters to obtain banking details of Warwickshire residents by making calls falsely claiming to be BT and other telephone service providers. The fraudsters telephone unsuspecting consumers, claiming that their broadband speed is not as fast as it should be and offering £200 refunds.

Make a scam / rogue trader complaint to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506

- iii. Stratford-on-Avon District Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Isabel Edgar Briançon to Executive Director (Head of Paid Service). Isabel will join the leadership team in November 2018. Dave Webb, the current Executive Director, will retire on 31<sup>st</sup> December leaving the council after 29 years of service, in a number of different roles.

- iv. Former Chairman of Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Cllr George Atkinson presented a cheque of almost £1,500 to the NSPCC which will help staff and volunteers reach out to more children in schools across Warwickshire as part of the 'Speak out Stay Safe' campaign.

**72/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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The Meeting closed at 8.22 pm

Chairman  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## **KINETON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Notes on Public Forum held prior to meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

- i. Mrs. Sylvia Wickham asked for an update on the Morris Homes development. To be covered under the Chairman's Report.
- ii. Mr. Adrian Cook asked if the Chairman would take questions from members of the public during his report on Morris Homes. The Chairman confirmed he would.
- iii. Mr. Gerry Lewis raised concern over the County Councillor's response to residents' highway concerns as printed in July's Outlook.
- iv. Mrs. Sue Fisher raised concern that the Community Forum had not been held in Kineton.
- v. Mr. Dennis Powell raised concern about street lighting in general between Shepherd Place and Banbury Street junction; confirmed future agenda item.  
Mr. Powell went on to raise concern over the maintenance of land between the churchyard extension and the road. Cllr Mills to clarify ownership.
- vi. Mr. Adrian Cook – asked when data would be available from the speed sign on Warwick Road. Confirmed this will be the subject of a report to the September meeting along with the Banbury Road data.
- vii. Mrs. Sue Fisher raised concern over the amount of weeds in the gutters on Bridge Street. The Clerk confirmed that volunteers had already identified the area and would be tackling this month.

### **Kineton Parish Council 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 County Councillor's Report**

**Administration** - The spell of hot weather together with the national confusion over our future with Europe and Brexit has led to a period of inactivity at the County Council. June's Cabinet Agenda concerned itself solely on two items with the supply of extra Secondary School places required to meet the demand as a result of the extra housing across the County. Primary School places are also showing a short-term problem as the bulge in pupil numbers moves into Secondary Education. Some schools are beginning to realise the effects of their decision to go to Academy status as County Council support decreases.

The Cabinet also discussed the interface between Social Services and Health. A much awaited Green Paper is expected from the government before the Summer recess. As always funding of both services will prove to be the biggest area of concern.

**Community Forum** - A recent Community Forum meeting had two major topics. Jeff Morris, Locality Team Leader in Highways, gave an interesting presentation on the Process and Problems in getting Highways repairs completed under the present Balfour Beatty contract. The other topic was a presentation on flood prevention and responsibility for maintaining ditches and water courses. The first highway verge cuts have been completed and in some areas the contractor had to revisit where they had not performed satisfactorily.

The next full meeting of the County Council is on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

I will keep the Parish Council informed if there are any decisions that will have an affect on the Parish Council.

**Cllr Chris Williams**  
**Member for Kineton and Red Horse Division**  
**15.07.2018**