

KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kineton Parish Council held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 26th February 2019 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Priddis (Vice Chairman), Rogers, Sayers, Scorer, Davies and Dunant. DCllr Mills CClr Williams. Clerk - Gina Lowe.

Members of the Public 5

In the absence of the Chairman of Kineton Parish Council the current Vice Chairman Cllr Priddis took the chair for the meeting.

167/18 APOLOGIES: Cllr Gosling

168/18 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS: Cllr Dunant; it was proposed Cllr Davies, seconded Cllr Rogers and

RESOLVED: That the apology be accepted

(All agreed)

169/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Priddis – Agenda item 6

170/18 MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd January 2019 had been circulated. Proposed Cllr Scorer, seconded Cllr Davies and

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

(All agreed)

171/18 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

a. Chairman: Little to report for the period since the last meeting

- i. I, with the Clerk and Cllr Priddis, have had meetings with District Council planning officers to:
 - Discuss the revised application for 5 houses at Walnut House, Little Kineton
 - Explain our concerns about the transport / access proposals submitted for Court Close
 - Demonstrate our frustration at a lack of progress with Bloor Homes
- ii. I also attended the Community Library AGM with Cllr Rogers where we heard about the ongoing success of the Library and their plans to develop a Facebook page. Volunteer and user numbers have varied little since last year.

b. Clerk: It was noted an email had been received after the publication date of this month's Agenda requesting road names for the Morris Homes development off Warwick Road. The Clerk is to request an extension to the consultation period to enable the matter to be discussed at next month's meeting.

172/18 PLANNING: The responses agreed and decisions received are noted on the Planning Sheet attached to these Minutes.

173/18 SPEED & TRAFFIC MONITORING: Cllr Davies confirmed the first parking beat survey had been carried out on Tuesday 5th February (originally date of second parking survey) and the second one Wednesday 13th February. The junction and ANPR surveys were completed as planned on Wednesday 6th February.

MHC Traffic will provide the raw data to the Parish Council and Origin by the end of the week. Origin will then provide analysis and a draft report towards the end of March.

Initial findings had shown a high percentage of through traffic, particularly on Bridge Street through Southam Road toward the motorway and JLR.

The Parish Council's traffic monitoring was now being used to measure departing traffic. Warwick Road had been completed, the average traffic movements per day (Monday – Friday) 4,000 with 2,100 entering the village. This data will be shared with Origin.

Monitoring on the remaining 4 roads will be re-scheduled after the conclusion of the WPD road closure.

174/18 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES TO CURRENT SDC CONSULTATIONS: Information had been circulated prior to the meeting. It should be noted that both consultations covered only some topics not yet adopted. After discussion it was unanimously agreed:

- i. Site Allocations Plan – no comments to be submitted.
- ii. Development Requirements (SPD) – Sections: O, Parking and Travel and; U S106 Planning Obligations. Comments to be submitted in line with Cllr Davies proposal.

175/18 TO SEEK AGREEMENT TO WRITE TO ALL RESIDENTS WITH PROPERTY FACING ONTO LK VILLAGE GREEN: This matter has been raised by a number of local residents. As common land, The Green is for the benefit and enjoyment of all residents and The Parish Council is responsible for maintaining it in a condition which will enable that benefit to continue. It was therefore unanimously agreed to write to all residents reminding them that parking on the Green is an offence.

176/18 TO CONSIDER A LATE GRANT REQUEST FROM SHIPSTON HOME NURSING: It was noted the Treasurer had recently retired and the communication had been missed. After discussion it was proposed Cllr Dunant, seconded Cllr Davies and

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500.00 towards ongoing costs

(All agreed)

177/18 STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE 2019-20: The Clerk confirmed she had received WCC's quote for continuing to carry out the street light maintenance for financial year 2019/20. Prices had been increased by around 1.5% to £9.88 per lighting point with LED Lanterns at £1.93 per lighting point. After discussion it was proposed Cllr Priddis, seconded Cllr Rogers and

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation for the coming financial year

(All agreed)

178/18 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This is the meeting when the Parish Council reports on what it has achieved over the past year, and plans for the next 12 months. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the next Parish Council Meeting on the 26th of March. As a result of suggestions made by Members, Cllr Gosling has confirmed John Wharam, Development Manager for Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) as guest speaker.

179/18 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION: To consider payments to be made - The Council considered the financial statement and accounts for payment, as attached to the Minutes for signing (Schedule 8/18) proposed Cllr Davies, seconded Cllr Dunant and

RESOLVED: That the financial statements and folio 8/18 be adopted and the accounts listed paid

(All agreed)

180/18 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 – Cllr Scorer reported that he had been unable to get assistance with a management plan due to his contacts prior work commitments; this item will now be passed to the Clerk.
- d. GDPR – Cllr Dunant will be attending a training course, 'GDPR and Protecting Personal Data' in early April

181/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: CCllr Williams' report is attached to these minutes.

182/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- i. Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Budget Consultation Results – SDC recently undertook a budget consultation exercise to help inform the District Council's budget for the next financial year. Highlights include:
 - 90% of respondents thought the District Council offered Value for Money
 - 63% of respondents agree that *'it is important for the District Council to maintain current levels of service, even if it means increasing council tax by more than £5 a year'*
 - Support for the homelessness prevention tools (69%) was first choice for residents out of the new budget proposals, followed by UBUS (67%) and Wellesbourne Airfield (61%)
 - Around two-thirds of respondents felt the quality of Council services was good overall506 questionnaires were returned from a mailing to 1,063 residents on the District Council's Citizens' Panel
- ii. Extra Funding Secured to Help Rough Sleepers – Stratford-on-Avon District Council has secured up to £24,000 in funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to support initiatives

designed to help rough sleeping in the district.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council already operates the Stratford Link Project providing:

- Housing advice / homelessness
- Benefits and budget service
- Debt assistance
- Drug and alcohol advice
- Employment, education and volunteering advice
- Health advice
- Recreation activities

Stratford Link Project open Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm, 14 Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BA

- iii. Concern Raised Over Orbit Selling Off Properties – I have outlined my concerns to the Leader of Stratford District Council about the disposal of Orbit properties in Kineton and the surrounding villages. In particular bungalows in Kineton which would have been ideal for elderly residents wanting to downsize. I have asked the Leader to raise this matter with Orbit as a matter of urgency before we see yet another rise in our housing register.

183/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 26th March 2019

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The Meeting closed at 9.48 pm

Chairman
26th March 2019

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Notes on Public Forum held prior to meeting on 26th February 2019

- i. Mrs. Elaine Sutherland enquired about WPD's road closures; also, what action could be taken against those continuing to park on the Village Green
- ii. Mr. Gerry Lewis raised concern over the 9.3-mile diversion caused by the WPD road closure
- iii. Mrs. Sue Fisher asked when the Morris Homes development would start; she also suggested the Parish Council look at a road name to remember Admiral Cowan whose last residence was in Kineton

Kineton Parish Council 26th February 2019 County Councillor's Report

Please accept my apologies for not being with you over the past few months. I still have some weekly chemotherapy treatments to undergo but hopefully I will be able to attend future meetings. I would like to thank the residents of Kineton and the Parish Council for their good wishes for my recovery. It is much appreciated and please feel free to contact me by email should there be any issues requiring my attention.

Administration – December and January were quiet months at the County Council. The mild weather at the end of the year meant that the gritting teams were able to enjoy their Christmas at home. However, the spell of very cold weather earlier this year has meant that the Highways team have now been fully utilised ensuring that the roads have been kept clear and the stock of grit salt is sufficient to meet any future demand. The recruitment of senior staff is in the process of being implemented and posts are slowly being filled. The long-awaited report on the County's Fire & Rescue service has at last been released and generally our Fire Service meets all required standards although there is room for improvement in some areas (predominately back office). Warwickshire's Youth Justice Service is a beacon of which we are rightly proud. They have just undergone an inspection which has rated the service as Good with areas that are Outstanding.

Budget - The Budget was set by the full council for the next financial year on 7th February 2019. The overall riding strategy has been two-fold: to grow the economy and look after the most vulnerable in our community. The economy in Warwickshire is strong and is now recognised to be the fastest growing region in the country. At 30% growth since 2009, this is double the rate in England and 10% higher than the midland region. The unemployment figure is at a record low of 1.8% and our employment rate is also at a record high of 80.7% which is 5% higher than the national figure. The task facing the local authority is to create an environment that is pro-business and an attractive place to live and work. By working with our partners and the districts and boroughs as well as maintaining excellent relationships as a non-constituent member of the West Midlands Combined Authority we have been very successful in attracting businesses and people to Warwickshire.

One example of this wider influence is the £80 million investment in the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre located on the Coventry/Warwickshire border which translates into jobs and rateable value for Warwickshire. In the autumn statement announced by the government Warwickshire will receive a one-off Social Care grant of £6 million plus £1.2 million for vulnerable pupils. With the principle of protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and the investment that requires we shall increase the Council Tax by 3% with an additional Social Care precept of 2%. There have been no controversial reductions in the budget spending for next year.

We are about to start the third year of a three-year plan which was originally set in 2017 where we mapped out how WCC was going to deliver services to the high standards our residents are used to and at the same time making savings of £67 million. To date we have achieved this target. Be assured that Warwickshire County Council has a sound financial basis and problems that have affected authorities such as Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire will not occur in Warwickshire. I will keep the Parish Council informed if there are any decisions that will have an effect on the Parish Council.

Cllr Chris Williams

Member for Kineton and Red Horse Division

24.02.2019