

## KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kineton Parish Council held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Gosling (Chairman), Priddis, Sayers, Scorer, Davies and Dunant. DCllr Mills. CCllr Williams. Clerk - Gina Lowe.  
Members of the Public 6

**161/19 APOLOGIES:** None

**162/19 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS:** N/A – All Parish Councillors were in attendance

**163/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Dunant – Agenda Items 6 and 9; Cllr Priddis – Agenda Item 6; Cllrs Davies, Scorer and Sayers – Agenda Item 9

**164/19 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 had been circulated. Proposed Cllr Davies, seconded Cllr Sayers and

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

*(All agreed)*

**165/19 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND OTHER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

**a. Chairman:**

i. Meetings attended:

- Kineton.biz working breakfast – a presentation encouraging employers to recognise the immense benefits of giving employment opportunities to all
- WCC Highways – following the PC response to the consultation of Warwick Road speed management
- WCC Localities – agreement now reached to provide some raised beds on the Kineton Meadows roundabout to enable planting to take place. Other matters discussed included the fir trees in Little Kineton (opposite Tysoe Road) and the state of the Red Road D road and PROW as a result of the weather and frequent use of farm machinery
- WCC Leader Cllr Seccombe – to re-establish good working relations following the departure of Ben Simm. Another meeting with the Director of Strategic Infrastructure is planned for 6 February
- Blythe Liggins – to finalise the legal documents for the transfer of Kineton Meadows Public Open Space

ii. Correspondence received:

- Reporting problems travelling down Banbury Street outside the Coop and Bargain Booze
- Reporting 24hr noise from Brookhampton Lane – since resolved
- Reporting ongoing issues with roads and drainage in Little Kineton outside the Kendrick Homes development
- Proposing that an award should be sought for Gill Hawtin's contribution to village life (Christmas Trees and Remembrance Sunday events)

iii. Additional items:

- A property in Bridge Street has been reported to, and investigated by, the Empty Homes team at SDC
- The PROW from Banbury Street across the Dene is the subject of correspondence between WCC and the landowner to achieve reinstatement

iv. Good News:

- The new ownership of the allotments on Banbury Road is a local family who have confirmed there will be no changes to the allotments. They intend to improve the security arrangements and regularise the tenancies
- KSSC was announced as joint winner of the SDC Community Sports Club Award 2019
- Kineton's Christmas Tree Trail was declared Second Place in a national award supporting the "lighting up of Communities for Christmas" – more information at [illuminationstreet.com/](http://illuminationstreet.com/)  
The Sale of Trail Maps raised £2000 which will be shared between The Friends of Kineton Primary School, Kineton Junior football teams, Kineton Scouts and Brownies and St Peters Restoration Fund. I suggest a huge vote of thanks is due to Gill Hawtin who organised the trail and I suspect

- funded many of the trees and the bags of gravel to hold them upright
- v. Lastly, with so much more local commentary appearing on Facebook I would like to propose that one of the Cllrs is the Council's Facebook "watcher" and brings a short report of any issues which are being raised and which might be for the PC to engage with; to be discussed next meeting

**b. Clerk:** No report

**166/19 PLANNING:** The responses agreed and decisions received are noted on the Planning Sheet attached to these Minutes.

**167/19 SPEED & TRAFFIC MONITORING:** As per the Chairman's report above. The Parish Council's speed monitoring equipment will be used for traffic calming purposes until data collection begins again in May.

**168/19 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FURTHER INVESTMENT – PARK PIECE PLAY AREA:** As a local resident Mr George Seddon had given a constructive presentation to the Parish Council during the Public Forum. More extensive consideration will be given to the matter next month; written submission with Clerk.

**169/19 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018/19:** Grant applications were circulated prior to the meeting. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed Cllr Gosling, seconded Cllr Priddis and

**RESOLVED: To award grants as agreed on the sheet attached to these minutes**

*(All agreed)*

**170/19 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** Members were asked for their thoughts on additional content for this year's Meeting. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Davies put together a presentation on the village's Highway Issues as outlined in the recently commissioned Traffic Survey outlining what is being done by the Parish Council to engage with both District and County Councils.

**171/19 CLIMATE CHANGE SPD CONSULTATION:** SDC has prepared new planning guidance on ensuring that new development adapts to, and mitigates the effects of climate change. The draft guidance is set out in the Part V of the Development Requirements SPD. The SPD provides advice and guidance to applicants when submitting planning applications on the interpretation of a number of policies in the Council's Core Strategy. Parts A-U, which cover a range of topics, already adopted by the Council.

Once finished (adopted), this new Part of the SPD will be used by the Council to help reach decisions on whether to approve or refuse planning applications.

**172/19 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. The Council considered accounts for payment, the financial statement will be circulated prior to next month's meeting and attached to the Minutes for signing (Schedule 8/19) proposed Cllr Priddis, seconded Cllr Sayers and

**RESOLVED: That the financial statements and folio 8/19 be adopted and the accounts listed paid.**

*(All agreed)*

- b. Precept 2020/21 – With projected consultancy and street lighting maintenance costs it was suggested the precept be raised; it was therefore proposed Cllr Gosling, seconded Cllr Priddis and

**RESOLVED: To raise the Precept to £68,600.00**

*(All agreed)*

**173/19 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. Play Equipment Kineton Meadows – As above
- c. St Peter's Road, Kineton – Item deferred
- d. Climate Change – No report
- e. Dene Valley – No report
- f. GDPR – No report
- g. CIL Funds Distribution Procedure – Alternative policies to be discussed next meeting

**174/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** CCllr Williams' report is attached to these minutes

## 175/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- i. Councillor Peter Barnes - It is with deep regret that Stratford-on-Avon District Council has been informed of the sad passing of Councillor Peter Barnes, on Friday 3 January 2020. Councillor Peter Barnes was the longest serving District Councillor with over 29 years continuous service.
- ii. Stratford-on-Avon District Council Cabinet budget proposals - This year Central Government, within their spending calculation assumed that council tax would increase by £5, which equates to a 3.6% increase. The District Council's Cabinet has recommended an increase of £5 in line with this assumption. That equates to an increase of less than 10p per week on a Band D property. Stratford-on-Avon District Council has been able to maintain a relatively low level of council tax as a result of years of prudent financial management, whilst retaining reserves, which will be used in future years.

This year's budget proposals include: Financial Support for the Fred Winter Project; UBUS Contract Extension; Core Strategy Review; Housing Register IT Platform Upgrade; Consultancy Advice and Climate Change Strategy Funding

Following the Cabinet's decision, the proposals will now go out for consultation – a questionnaire will be sent to the Council's Citizens' Panel, seeking views on a range of issues including Council Tax and the proposed budget.

The results of the consultation will be considered by The Cabinet at the next meeting before the final budget recommendations are made to Council on Monday 24 February.

- iii. Dog owner fined almost £10,000 for barking dogs - Stratford-on-Avon District Council has successfully prosecuted a dog owner from Southam for a breach of a Community Protection Notice.

Samuel Hawkins, 40, Manager of Five, a public house in Daventry Street, Southam kept up to six Rottweiler type dogs on the premises. The Notice required Mr Hawkins to remove all the dogs from outside of the property and put them inside after 11pm and to take reasonable steps to prevent the dogs from persistently or excessively barking at all times.

- iv. Green Waste Collection - If you would like to receive a garden waste service from 1st June 2020, there will be an annual charge of £40 per bin. An early bird rate of £35 for residents who subscribe before 1st May 2020 is being offered. To register your interest go to <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-service.cfm> or call 01789 260628
- v. The Stratford-on-Avon District Community Sports Awards, organised by Stratford-on-Avon District Council in partnership with Everyone Active, took place on Friday 17 January.

The ceremony at Stratford Play House celebrated the sporting achievements of clubs and individuals across the District and recognised the valuable contributions made by volunteers, parents and coaches. The event was hosted by Iwan Thomas MBE.

The Community Club Award was shared by Stratford Town FC and Kineton Sports & Social Club.

Stratford Town FC's facilities play host to large spectrum of activities and events within the community and its academy, provides a pathway for 16-18 year old to receive coaching from UEFA licensed professionals, play in a national League and move up the ranks to the 1st team squad.

Kineton Sports & Social Club is at the heart of the village and operates a number of outdoor sports and many indoor activities. The club also acts as the hub for a number of cyclists. As a community club it holds many events designed to bring people together.

**176/19 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC:** N/A - all Members of the Public had left prior to this item

**177/19 TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR LANDSCAPING WORKS, KINETON MEADOWS:** Having considered the quotations received it was proposed Cllr Gosling, seconded Cllr Priddis and

**RESOLVED: To accept Benchmark Garden Maintenance's quotation of £13830.34 + VAT**

*(All agreed)*

**178/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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The Meeting closed at 9.38 pm

Chairman  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## **KINETON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Notes on Public Forum held prior to meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

- i. Mr. George Seddon – as per Minute Item 168/19 above
- ii. Mrs. Sue Fisher – sought clarification on unapproved signage (Hastings House and the Swan Hotel) and raised concern over drug taking in Bridge Street
- iii. Mr. Gerry Lewis - raised concern over roads and drainage in Little Kineton. This item is covered in the Chair's report above
- iv. Mr. Jon Campbell – sought clarification on unapproved change of use, Dudley Taylor Pharmacy, Warwick Road
- v. Ms. Lorraine Dunn – asked that forthcoming meeting dates be put onto the website

### **Kineton Parish Council 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 County Councillor's Report**

#### **1. General**

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing the Parish Council a Happy New Year. For my part, I trust that my health will be much improved than over the last two months some of which was spent in Intensive Care in Warwick Hospital. As far as activities within the county are concerned my illness coincided with a period of purdah cause by the General Election. No major decisions were taken during this period and hopefully the new year will bring better benefits to everyone.

#### **2. Finance**

The County will set the budget for the coming year on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020. As you can imagine the various departments are all submitting their fiscal requirements and although our finances and reserves are healthy there are issues including Adult Social Care which will have to be tackled. Originally, the government was going to issue a Green Paper on this matter but due to Brexit pressures this has not yet materialised. Although yet to be finalised, the budget will incorporate a 2% allowance for social care costs as last year but any material changes to the budget proposals are still to be announced.

#### **3. Highways**

Warwickshire County Council has been named as the UK's Top Performing Council for Highway Maintenance in National Highways for the second year in a row. Warwickshire was among 111 Highway Authorities, including 28 County Councils, which took part in an independent survey which looks at satisfaction with Highway services. Warwickshire came out top for Public Satisfaction amongst County Councils for Highway Maintenance dealing with potholes and undertaking cold weather gritting. The Council also ranked amongst the best in other areas including condition of pavements, speed of repair to damaged roads, keeping drains clear and speed of repair to streetlights. We are grateful to Patch Byrne for looking after us so well.

#### **4. Grants**

Funding opportunities: WCC has made funds available to community and voluntary sector groups under the countywide health and wellbeing grants programme. South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group has also provided additional funds for projects in South Warwickshire. Groups can bid for funding from £5,000 to a maximum of £10,000 per initiative. Projects must be delivered in Warwickshire and need to address various health and wellbeing criteria. The online application closes at 12 noon on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020, a very tight turnround. Please get in touch with me for further information. There will be other opportunities to apply to Health and Well-Being Funding

#### **5. Administration**

We are currently being plagued by itinerant travellers so if you are troubled by unauthorised camping please contact Warwickshire Police in the first instance and then advise the Gypsy and Travellers' Team on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/travellerunauthorisedsites](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/travellerunauthorisedsites). In case you have not been aware there were around ten caravans parked in the layby on the A423 at the county boundary near Farnborough having previously been moved on from Gaydon.

**Cllr Chris Williams**  
**Member for Kineton and Red Horse Division**  
**27.01.2020**