

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH KILWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Held at South Kilworth Village Hall, Leys Crescent, South Kilworth, Leicestershire

Monday 6th August 2012

Minute's number - 8

1.0 MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr P Alcock (PA) – Chairman
Mr R Dorman (RD)
Mr E Roberts (ER)
Mr G Byrne (GB) Vice chairman

Apologies

Mrs J Williams (JW)

2.0 OTHER ATTENDEES – PARISHIONERS AND NON PARISHIONERS

Mr Colin Olle
Mrs Mary Knibbs

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2012 as circulated were confirmed as a true record of matters discussed after corrections to the spelling of Mrs Knibbs and Sally Asher.
RESOLVED: Copy of previous minutes signed by PA

4.0 DISCLOSURES OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

RD disclosed that an applicant for the Clerks position was a relative, and so disqualified himself from all discussions on this topic.

5.0 REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No Reports

6.0 PLANNING MATTERS INCLUDING MATTERS RECEIVED SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

- 6.1 Planning Application List
The PC reviewed the planning application list from HDC – no applications in July

7.0 PARISHIONER'S TIME

Dog fouling - Mr Ollie updated on changes at HDC – see section 12.

8.0 TO DISPOSE OF BUSINESS, IF ANY, REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING

- 8.1 Footpath between the Church and the Grange. This has been marked out for repairs for some time now and is scheduled to happen 'soon'
- 8.2 A "Children Playing" sign will be installed at the entrance to Leys Crescent. REFS 4905388 please see 8.1 comments
- 8.3 Refurbishment of the Village Pump has now been completed.
- 8.4 PA has contacted HDC requesting a schedule and specification for the grass cutting around the village, the next cut is due 18th August. The PC discussed the poor state of the current grass cutting and it was agreed that we should seek quotes for cutting the village green at least, and possibly explore options beyond this if it could be afforded.
- 8.5 We have now received two quotes to refurbish the benches, although these do not include the notice board. We are waiting for one further quote and hope to make a decision at the next meeting, subject to confirmation that we should in fact repair the benches (see section 13).
- 8.6 PA followed up with HDC and Seven Lock Housing regarding the parking areas in Leys Crescent. HDC agreed to write to the residents and clarify acceptable use of these areas and any restrictions that would apply, hopefully this will help to resolve the matter, as there is little more the Parish Council can do.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

- 9.1 All correspondence was circulated and any relevant matters that arise to be raised at the next meeting
- 9.2 The Parish Council received a letter pointing out that the Bus Shelter opposite the Belt was overgrown and there was a build up soil surrounding the immediate area. We will take this up with HDC.
- 9.3 GB is following the 2014 Minerals & Waste Control consultation and will be emailed with updates

10.0 PRESS RELEASE, POSTERS AND NEWS LETTERS

- 10.1 All press releases etc were circulated and any relevant matters that arise will be raised at the next meeting.

11.0 ACCOUNTS / FINANCE MATTERS

- 11.1 ER presented the updated Financial Regulations, and these were approved and signed.
- 11.2 ER raised that the Parish Council will be required to produce a long term (10 years) financial plan.
- 11.3 ER has reconciled the Current Account (£2,454.58) and the Reserve Account (£11,524.97). The following payments/receipts were made;

Expenditure	Total
Pump repairs	£240.00
Total	£240.00
Income	
VAT	£500.26
Total	£500.26

12.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER MEETINGS OR ORGANISATIONS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL

Highways/footpaths

We continue to chase HDC to see if Welford Road and North Road could be swept and the trees and paths cut back from the carriageway. Some residents have now received letters asking that they cut back trees that are overhanging footpaths.

Dog Lane has now been partially repaired and the sign has been replaced, but the top half closest to the Welford Road is in a bad state of repair.

As the weather has improved we will follow up with Rod Hook (Mount Sorrell) who has said previously that once the weather improves he will be pulling the verges back with more soil and seeds if necessary fill in any large potholes.

The pothole that had developed around the fire hydrant has been repaired

Allotments

No report.

Agar Venture

ER confirmed the reserve account currently shows £3,579.82 that is earmarked for recreation. PA requested that the Agar Venture convene and confirm what the plans are for the final stage of the playground development.

Neighbourhood watch

No Report

Wind Farm

South Kilworth PC need to provide a Director of the Community Interest Company (who would need to be a Parish Councillor) along with the other six parishes. ER was proposed by PA, his nomination was seconded by RD and his nomination was approved by a unanimous vote.

Wind Farm Income suggestions

It is essential that we get engagement with the parishioners to determine how best to allocate the funds that we should receive from the wind farm developer. We have had a few suggestions, but not nearly enough.

- Further Traffic calming measures
- Replace the bench that used to be on the left of Rugby Road just past the entrance to Dog lane
- Establish a sheltered area either by the play ground or the store end of the Village Hall for events or for just a "quiet" area in the village. Say 25 m x 25 m or so with a mix of hedging and trees to provide wind shelter and possibly seats or a patio area for barbeques - may be a large brick built barbeque?

We discussed holding a meeting to try and get as many people involved – we will also need to create a subcommittee to assess the various options and decide how best to allocate the funds. We will place a notice in the next edition of the SKN.

Website/Broadband

No Report

Dog Fouling

HDC are considering a bylaw specifically aimed at addressing this problem. This bylaw would in effect extend Dog Control orders to cover any open air space. This proposal is currently at the ‘discussion’ stage, and this would then be followed by a consultation period before a final bylaw was decided

Colin Ollie is continuing to track progress with this initiative, although the person responsible for this has left HDC. The Environmental Health section are due to contact Colin with the name of whoever is taking charge of this initiative moving forward

Street Lights

The maintenance of the street lights has now been transitioned to LCC. They have completed the inventory and will be undertaking the safety checks shortly. We anticipate that the streetlight column opposite the White Hart will need replacing and RD will obtain a quote for this.

Phone Box

We are investigating installing a defibrillator in the phone box, and the shelving was constructed with this in mind. For details of how a defibrillator could benefit the village you can follow the link below from the British Heart Foundation.

<http://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/life-saving-skills/defibrillators.aspx>

We were delighted to hear from the Kilworth Challenge, who have very generously offered a significant contribution to the cost of installing a defibrillator - more details to follow!

Parish Council procedure improvements

After a rigorous interview process we are delighted to announce that Sophie Wetton has been offered the post of Clerk, and she has accepted. Sophie will start getting up to speed with things immediately, and we are really looking forward to working with her as she picks up the Clerks responsibilities over the coming months.

13.0 Matters raised to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting

We have been discussing repairing the benches around the village, and this is likely to cost several hundred pounds. During the discussion around this expenditure the question was raised – does anyone actually use the benches? Should we repair them, are simply remove them? This is clearly a question for the parishioners – we’ll try and get something in the SKN and see what people think.

14.0 MEETING CLOSED

21.00

15.0 Date of Next Meeting

3rd September 2012 – 7.30pm start

COPY OF THESE MINUTES SHALL BE CIRCULATED IN SOUTH KILWORTH NEWS, POSTED ON VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING SHALL BE POSTED ON THE VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD.

Minutes Signed..... Dated.....