

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH KILWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 13th January 2014 at 19:30

Minute's number - 24

1.0 MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr P Alcock (PA) – Chairman
Mr E Roberts (ER) - Vice Chairman
Mr G Byrne (GB)
Mr R Dorman (RD)
Mr Kevin Coyne (KC)
Mrs S Wetton (SW)

2.0 OTHER ATTENDEES – PARISHIONERS AND NON PARISHIONERS

Mr Colin Olle

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2013 as circulated were confirmed as a true record of matters discussed.

RESOLVED: Copy of previous minutes signed by PA

4.0 DISCLOSURES OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

None

5.0 REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No report; SW to contact new District Councillor to attend future meeting.

6.0 PLANNING MATTERS INCLUDING MATTERS RECEIVED SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

6.1 Discussion regarding the plans for the changes at the Catthorpe Interchange Improvement scheme, at the last meeting the Councillors expressed their concern of the amount of traffic that is being diverted through the local villages. ER has sent a letter off to LCC and had a confirmation that they have received the letter but no further update as of yet.

The development of Catthorpe interchange is well underway; the next step will be to close off the road completely in September for twelve months before building a new road to connect through to Catthorpe. If you would like to look at the plans for the upcoming works here is the link, which includes a download showing the plan

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/m1-junction-19-improvement-scheme/>

7.0 PARISHIONER'S TIME

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

8.1 Natwest closure of Reserve account; ER and PA have signed a letter to go to Natwest to move the money from the Reserve into the Current Account.

8.2 KC has completed all the relevant paperwork to be added as a signatory to the Natwest account.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE POSTING OF AGENDA

9.1 Parish Elections Letter received from HDC, PA explained that if the County Council also run an election then the cost will be reduced but as it stands the cost incurred for the polling station have at least trebled and staff cost have increased. KC queried if Councillors have to stand down and be re-elected? The Parish Council dissolves itself and Parish Councillors need to be re-elected. Councillors can stand again and the election information will need to go into the SK News, Noticeboard and to HDC around one month before. If there are any further Parishioners that wish to become a Councillor the District will accept the nominations, but if all stays the same then minimal costs will be incurred. Currently a quarter of the final cost is in the Precept budget for Elections.

10.0 PRESS RELEASE, POSTERS AND NEWS LETTERS

SIA (Spinal Injuries Association) Fish and Chip Supper Night

Action

Noticeboard

11.0 ACCOUNTS / FINANCE MATTERS

11.1 In setting the precept for 2014/2015 the Parish Council faced a number of challenges. Firstly we have uncertainty over the way council tax exemptions are handled, something that historically didn't trickle down to the parish level. A couple of years ago this part of the funding was separated out and is now added to the precept by way of a grant. However, this grant is no longer ring fenced and district councils have the option to pass only part of the this funding to the parish councils, or in fact withhold it entirely. This creates a potential variable of over £800 in the precept.

Additionally we also have to be prepared to cover the cost of Parish Council elections in 2015. If we don't have a contested election, as in recent years, then this cost is minimal – however a contested election could cost over £1,200, another significant variable we have to manage.

In addition to these two variables we are forced to consider what the ramifications will be for the Parish resulting from the frankly staggering budget cuts that are being made at both the County and District Council levels. Whilst we don't yet know how these cuts will impact South Kilworth, it is inevitable that we will see some impact on services, and we therefore need to prepare as best we can in areas where the Parish might need to cover funding.

Despite these challenges, the Parish Council does see managing the budget effectively as one of its primary responsibilities, so with this in mind it was decided to limit the increase to a net 2% - in line with inflation.

11.2 The Councillors discussed their concern regarding the amount of cuts that are cascading down to the Parish Council from the County the top services that are likely to be reduced if not diminished in six months are the Street Lighting, Road Improvements, Grass Cutting and the Bus Service. Currently sixty percent of the street lighting is funded, so those lights could be cut off completely, subject to a risk assessment in certain areas i.e. the speed hump. The Parish will look at discussing these cuts with the Parishioners once the County Council decide what services are no longer funded, as this will affect the figures for future Precepts considerably.

11.3 The Current Account for the period up to 31st December 2013 shows an account balance of £15,830.11

The following payments/receipts were made:-

Expenditure	Total	VAT	Net Amount	Cheque No.
COLIN SWINFEN - REPAIRS TO SEATS	£160.00	£0.00	£160.00	1226
S WETTON SALARY AND EXPENSES	£159.24	£0.00	£159.24	1227
CIC CLERKS SALARY AND EXPENSES S WETTON	£199.92	£0.00	£199.92	1228
HDC EMPTYING DOG BINS 6 MONTHS	£128.40	£21.40	£107.00	1229
EON STREETLIGHTS	£85.05	£4.05	£81.00	1230
Total	£732.61	£25.45	£707.16	

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

Highways/footpaths

Please refer to Planning

Allotments

One Parishioner wishes to add their name to the Allotment waiting list; PA will inform KC of the contact

Recreation

Chill Out Bus – Update email been sent to ER from Mel now that all the sessions have been complete and the feedback was positive, with an overall conclusion that a youth club can work within the village. As previously discussed the Parish are now looking at the 'Room for Music' session that will run for 4 weeks and are free of charge other than the cost of the Village Hall and the Staff. Ongoing if a success then we will look funding the youth club through the Windfarm grant. **Resolved:** ER to check and confirm dates with Michael Murphy for the Village Hall and Mel will contact the young children that attended the Chill Out Bus sessions directly.

Youth Offending Service – The PC are looking into this as they do Community Engagement Talks "Your Community, Your Say". **Resolved:** SW will contact them to gain further information on what they do and feedback to the Councillors

Neighbourhood watch

No further action regarding a Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator

Wind Farm

Future Grant Application consultation process will be published in the SK news by ER. A volunteer has come forward to Project Manage the 'Kick About Wall'. **Resolved:** ER will liaise to discuss the project ideas and process.

Website/Broadband

HDC are working alongside LCC to put in additional investment, potentially up to £530k to allow more residents to be connected from 2014-2016. This topic will be discussed further at the Parish Liaison Event on 29/01/2013 that ER will be attending.

Dog Fouling

SW will chase Enforcement Office for an update. PA informed SW that the all the Dog Bins in the village are currently overfull. **Resolved:** SW to contact HDC

PA mentioned that some Parishioners have approached him to see if another Dog Bin can be installed along the bottom of Welford Road at the end of the Railway track which they believe to be within the border of Northamptonshire Council. **Resolved:** KC will speak with the Welford Parish Chairman to see if they would consider splitting the cost for the bin.

Street Lights

Village Improvements

Bus Shelter quotes to be updated

War Memorial

Still no update regarding the proposal to HDC for some of their funding to be put towards the maintenance and gold leaf for the War Memorial.

Smiths of Derby have sent a letter regarding the costing of the gold leaf. **Resolved:** SW will respond informing them that we are waiting to see if we are successful with the grant.

Parish Council procedure improvements

No issues raised

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

Bus Shelter Quote

**14.0 MEETING CLOSED
20:45**

**15.0 Date of Next Meeting
Monday 10th February 2014 – 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.....