

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Village Hall,
Collingbourne Kingston on 8th November 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Hiscock (Chair), Councillor Saunders, Councillor Holt,
Councillor Coker, Councillor Bouwens, Councillor Howard, PC
Michael Bayliss

APOLOGIES: Councillor May

WELCOME

Councillor Hiscock, chairing, opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7.32pm to hear the report from Councillor Howard (Wiltshire Council) and the police report from PC Bayliss. The meeting reconvened at 8.00pm.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting held on 11th October 2011 were accepted as a true record and signed accordingly.

Proposed: Councillor Coker

Seconded: Councillor Holt

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Holt declared a pecuniary interest in the approval for payment of the Auto Valeting Services invoice for cleaning of the war memorial, play area and bus shelter.

MATTERS ARISING

a. Tidworth Area Board:

The next meeting will be held on 21st November 2011 at the Phoenix Hall in Netheravon at 7pm. There will be a presentation by Help for Heroes about the Army personnel recovery and assessment centre at Tedworth House. All are welcome.

PLANNING

Planning applications received: Two planning applications have been received:

Ventus, Collingbourne Kingston - App. Ref. No E/2011/1422/FUL - relating to the erection of an orangery to the rear of the property. The Parish Council has no comment on this application.

Sycamore House, Aughton, Collingbourne Kingston - App. Ref. No E/2011/1426/FUL - relating to the addition of a two storey and single side storey extension. The Parish Council has no objection to the extension but would be sad to lose the sycamore tree. If it is at all possible to retain the tree by pollarding it to remove excess growth, assuming that the Tree Officer finds that the root network would not impact on the foundations of the extension, this would be preferable to removing it entirely.

Planning decisions received: No planning decisions have been received.

FOOTPATHS and THE ENVIRONMENT

- a) Footpaths: A request has been received from a resident for the opening up of the entrance and exit of the footpath between Aughton and Burbage (CKin 6A-CKin 34 - Graf 30) and the erection of footpath signage. The Footpaths Officer will investigate the blockage (trees) at the end which falls within the Parish boundary and organise any appropriate remedial action.

- b) Salt: The Clerk has arranged for one tonne of salt and a wheeled salt spreader to be delivered by Wiltshire Council to add to the one tonne of salt it has in storage already at Cake Barn Yard. The salt spreader will be stored at the Clerk's residence and will be made available to residents who wish to use it.

Two tonnes of gritting salt is considered sufficient for the coming winter season. Should reserves begin to run low, additional salt will be purchased. The Clerk has made enquiries already into the cost and possible suppliers should this become necessary.

The grit bins at Chapel Lane and Kings Hill, which are the property of the Parish Council, have been filled in preparation for the coming cold weather.

- c) Play area picnic table: The Clerk presented quotations for wood, recycled plastic and recycled polystyrene picnic tables to the Council. A table permitting wheelchair / pushchair access was considered preferable to a standard style table, and plastic/polystyrene was preferred to wood as it can be more easily cleaned and poses less risk of harm to users from splinters.

A budget of £1000 has been approved for the acquisition of the picnic table which will be installed in the spring in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

- d) Jubilee/Olympics: The Village Hall Committee will convene a sub-committee in January 2012 to arrange the Diamond Jubilee and 2012 Olympics celebrations. Application will be made to the Tidworth Area Board for funding. The Parish Council will hold a budget of £1000 in reserve to meet the costs should the TAB funding application be unsuccessful.

The Clerk was requested to find out whether Collingbourne Primary School intends to run a commemorative mug project.

- e) Barleycorn Inn: The response from Brakspear to the Parish Council's letter regarding the future of the Barleycorn Inn was considered. 4 councillors voted in favour of inviting Brakspear to a meeting with Councillor Bouwens to discuss the future of the pub. There was 1 objection. Councillor Bouwens will report to the Parish Council following the meeting.

- f) Brunton Bridge: The humpback bridge has been inspected recently pursuant to work being carried out to strengthen it as its cast iron structure is beginning to deteriorate. In carrying out the work, it is likely that the south corner will be straightened slightly and the hump will be removed to improve visibility. Drawings will be submitted shortly and it is expected that the work will be completed before next autumn. There will be minimal closure of the bridge to traffic which will be controlled with a traffic light during the works. There should be an improvement in the road condition in icy weather as infilling the

bridge will reduce the flow of cold air under it which causes ice to form in low temperatures.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

There will be a Cheese & Wine Evening at the Village Hall on 26th November 2011 from 6-8pm. An entry fee of £6 will cover the first glass of wine and cheese and biscuits for the evening.

Regarding the Jubilee/Olympics celebrations, please see d) above.

A broad estimate of the cost of refurbishing the toilets in the Village Hall indicates that about £9000 will be required to complete the works. Match funding should be available from the Tidworth Area Board. The Village Hall would welcome any financial assistance the Parish Council is able to give.

CORRESPONDENCE

All items of correspondence received since the previous meeting were discussed and passed to the Councillors for circulation.

A draft letter prepared by the Clerk following the long break in broadband service at the beginning of October 2011 was considered. It was decided that the letter should be sent to Claire Perry MP to enlist her support in having broadband services in the area improved.

FINANCE

Balance of the Parish Council Account: The balance of the Parish Council bank account as at 30th September 2011 was £14,133.18.

Items for Payment: The Chairman asked for the following expenditure to be authorised:

- British Legion (wreath)- £16.50

Proposed: Councillor Bouwens Seconded: Councillor Saunders

- Auto Valeting Services (litter patrol)- £110.00

Proposed: Councillor Bouwens Seconded: Councillor Saunders

- Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall (meeting room hire)- £270.00

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Payments received: No payments were received during the period.

Precept 2012/13: The Clerk presented a summary of the Council's 2011-12 expenditure. For the fourth year, the Council resolved unanimously not to increase the rate of Precept for 2012-13, keeping it at £9,500. The Clerk will return the Precept Form received to the Wiltshire Council by email.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the surplus which has built up over a number of years. It is predicted to be £12000 at the end of March 2013. The Parish

Council's auditors have recommended that the Parish Council set aside monies for unexpected eventualities in a general fund and earmark funds for repairs and replacements and for specific projects.

It was resolved therefore that the surplus will be allocated as follows:

£5000	General Fund (unanimous)
£1000	repairs and replacements of Parish Council assets (EMR) (unanimous)
£4000	contribution towards renovation of Village Hall toilet facilities (EMR) (4 in favour, 2 abstentions)
£1000	Jubilee/Olympics picnic table (unanimous)
£1000	Jubilee/Olympics celebrations reserve fund. If unused by August 2013, will be added to repairs EMR. (unanimous)

ITEMS FOR THE COURIER:

- Road works
- Play area cleaned
- Christmas greetings to residents
- Brunton bridge repairs
- Precept 2012/13
- Salt & winter weather measures
- Date of the next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

SIGNED:

DATE: