

KINGSTON SEYMOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Kingston Seymour Parish Council held on
Thursday 6th May 2021 at 20.30
On the Zoom Video Communication System

Councillors Present:

Mike Sewell (MS) Chairman
Paul Cox (PC)

Richard Barber (RB)
Ian Wariner (IW)

Zoe Bartlett (ZB)

In attendance:

Steve Dixon (SD) Clerk & RFO

District Councillor Wendy Griggs
(WG)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from District Councillor Steve Bridger and the Police team.

2. To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

3. Members of the public are invited to address the council

No members of the public were present.

4. To discuss and agree the Parish Council's position on the following application:

Planning Application No 21/P/0730/FUL

Change of use of land from agricultural use to equestrian use, erection of a timber stable block and creation of an outdoor riding arena at:

Land off Back Lane, Kingston Seymour, BS21 6XB

Councillors had reviewed the plans, viewed the location and were conscious of the comments – both for and against – that had already been lodged against the application. The applicant described the background and purpose of the submission and answered questions from Councillors.

After discussion, it was proposed by PC, seconded by ZB and unanimously agreed that the application be supported with the following recommendations made to NSC:

- That the site be specifically for private use only
- That no floodlights should be erected
- That because the entrance way lies on a difficult bend, that the entrance gate to the site be set back into the field by sufficient distance such that the entrance way has enough length for a vehicle and trailer to be completely off the highway whilst accessing or egressing the site.

Action: Clerk to advise North Somerset Council of the Parish' decision.

5. To confirm the minutes of the full meeting on the 11th March 2021

The minutes were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by PC, seconded by RB and supported unanimously.

6. Police and Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk stated that the Police newsletter (which includes the broader area of Yatton, Claverham and Kenn) reported that four instances of catalytic converter theft had occurred in the area as had four instances of criminal damage. Neighbourhood Watch had reported some illegal door to door trading.

There is to be a bike marking event at Bullock Farm on Saturday 22nd May.

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7. Infrastructure. To discuss any updates and agree the next actions.

National Grid

The clerk advised that all village residents would soon be receiving a letter from National Grid advising them of the next phase of work which will see some disruption on the Lampley Road as construction entrances are created. He also reported that the village website had been updated with the latest news and a copy of the issued letter.

Representatives of National Grid would be willing to come and present to a Council meeting in the future if COVID restrictions allow.

Road Safety

The clerk had been approached by the "20s Plenty" group who wished to present to Council. They were advised that Council was conversant with their position, IW having briefed Council in March.

Railings

The clerk is awaiting proposals from NSC and their contractors.

8. Services, Resilience & Community. To discuss any updates and agree the next actions

Hedge and Verge Contract 2021

Two quotations had been received and it was proposed by RB, seconded by IW and supported unanimously that the contract this year would be awarded to A C Harris. It was noted that the council would like to see greater attention to detail in this year's cut and that it was healthy to consider changing the nominated contractor every couple of years.

Action: Clerk to notify the successful and unsuccessful contractors.

9. Administration. To discuss any updates and agree the next actions

Annual Parish Meeting

There is no venue currently available in which to run an Annual Parish Meeting. The position will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10. Finance. To receive the current Financial Report

The clerk reported that whilst not much had changed since the financial year end (31st March), Council had received the first instalment of the precept, so the current account showed a healthy balance of £7.1k and total funds amounted to £18.2k after liabilities had been settled.

Budgeted items were on plan and there is scope for investment, which can be discussed at future meetings.

11. To agree any items to be placed on the next regular meeting Agenda – 14th July 2021

The next meeting will be held face to face (following the expiry of the temporary COVID law re remote meetings) and the Clerk is liaising with potential venues. The meeting will update on all ongoing items and will review the Complaints Policy.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.40.

Steve Dixon

Steve Dixon,
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer,
7th May 2021