

Kingston Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm on 11 November 2010

Present:

Simon Draper, Chairman
Tim Fitzjohn
Julie Conder
Katherine Stalham
James Clear
Fiona Whelan CCC
Peter Stokes, Clerk

1. Apologies

Tumi Hawkins

2. Minutes of meeting on 9 September 2010

Accepted.

3. Minutes of extraordinary meeting on 21 October 2010

Accepted

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1. **3.10 Community Plan:** Sarah Johnston from Cambridgeshire ACRE gave a presentation on Community Plans (see Appendix A). Following discussion it was agreed that a consultation exercise would be undertaken to establish the level of support in Kingston for a community plan, and the number of residents who would be willing to be involved. Tim Fitzjohn agreed to lead this exercise, assisted by Peter Stokes. **Action: TF.**
- 4.2. **3.2 Tree planting in the playground:** agreed to plant trees from Tim Fitzjohn's list in his email of 11 October. Katherine Stalham with helpers to establish positions for 5 or 6 trees, 3 of which will be a screen between the Bedford's house and the play area. **Action: KS.**
- 4.3. **3.5 Clearing of drain outside playground:** the Clerk reported that he was unable to lift the drain covers (apart from a very short section at one end) and so was not able to clear out the drain. James Clear advised that the covers are not removable and the drain is best cleared using a pressure washer to jet mud out of the cover gratings, followed by rodding to ensure the channel underneath is clear. He agreed to carry out this work. Peter Stokes agreed to assist if required. **Action: J Clear.**
- 4.4. **3.7 Risk Assessments:** Agreed that the following risk assessments proposed by the Clerk are accepted: business continuity, financial risk, health and safety, annual litterpick, young people walking to the playground, archery at parish council events. Agreed that the Playground Inspection Policy is accepted. Agreed to delete the risk assessment appertaining to PC-owned equipment, as this is effectively superseded by the Health and Safety risk assessment.
- Tim Fitzjohn advised that PAT-testing of equipment owned by the Clerk and used for Parish Council business is not required. However an annual inspection is advised. This can be carried out by the Clerk and should be documented. **Action: Clerk.**
- 4.5. **3.8 Field Road Green:** the Clerk reported that in order to register this green as Village Green it would be necessary to collect evidence that for the last 20 years it had been regularly used by the public for sports, pastimes, exercise etc. Since in fact it is rarely used for these purposes it is unlikely that such evidence could be collected

- and so an application to register as Village Green would probably fail. Agreed to take no further action.
- 4.6. **3.12 Land bordering bridle path beyond Field Road:** Tim Fitzjohn reported no progress. Fiona Whelan offered to progress through Highways Dept. **Action: FW.**
- 4.7. **3.14 Cranes Lane allotments:** SCDC has sent the draft licence, and a sample sub-licence (see appendices B and C). Agreed to accept the licence arrangement as offered, requesting the following change in wording to the licence: in clause 7 '...a small toolshed and greenhouse' should apply to each plot. **Action Clerk.**
- 4.8. **3.15 Grasscutting at Church Lane/B1046 junction:** Fiona Whelan reported that she has contacted the Highways Department who said that they are not able to inspect the grass at the junction and cut on an 'as and when needed' basis. However they can respond to requests to cut the grass. Kingston Parish Council is unwilling to take responsibility for cutting the grass at this junction in case an accident there resulted in a claim on the Parish Council for failure to keep the grass cut. Agreed that residents would be encouraged to report to the Parish Clerk if they notice that the grass needs cutting. Notice to be put in the magazine and on the website in 'Parish Council News'. **Action: Clerk.**
- 4.9. **3.17 Playground inspections:** these have started to take place as per the agreed programme:
- 4.9.1. The first annual inspection was carried out by RoSPA on 3 Sep 2010 and their report indicates that the following items need attention:
- 4.9.1.1. Old Swing: replace bark with grass + matting, remove boards. This work is already in hand and is scheduled to be carried out by Saunders Landscapes in February.
- 4.9.1.2. Climber: repair loose edging boards. Playdale have already visited at the request of the Clerk on 3 November and corrected this.
- 4.9.1.3. Mound slide: improve width of access area at top or possibly provide steps or alternative access. Extra soil has already been added in this area and it was agreed to monitor this during the summer to see if it appears to still be a problem.
- 4.9.1.4. Top goal: loose in ground. Katherine Stalham agreed to arrange for a working party to rectify this. **Action: KS.**
- 4.9.1.5. Football pitch: channels in grass. This work is being carried out by Buchan's Landscapes.
- 4.9.1.6. Fence: loose posts and loose chain link. Working party to be organised in the Spring. **Action: Clerk.**
- 4.9.1.7. Seats: 2 slats loose, need preservative. Slats have been tightened already. Carry out preservative work at same time as fence repairs. **Action: Clerk.**
- 4.9.2. Weekly inspections have been carried out by John Dickerson. His reports have indicated the following problem in addition to those listed above:
- 4.9.2.1. Tunnel: water puddles inside. Playdale declined to take action on this. Agreed that one or two drain holes should be drilled in the lowest point to allow water to drain away. To be carried out at the same time as other work above. **Action: Clerk.**
- 4.9.2.2. Tyre swing seat cracked: agreed to replace this with a normal toddler swing seat similar to the existing one. Clerk to obtain a price. **Action: Clerk.**

- 4.10. **3.20 Parish magazine:** Julie Conder reported back on the meeting with the PCC attended by her and Tim Fitzjohn. There were split views on the PCC regarding the proposed changes, with some claiming they were not needed. A decision could not be taken as the views of the magazines readership were not known. Agreed that Tim Fitzjohn will prepare a suitable questionnaire as a loose insert in the magazine asking for feedback on content, format etc. **Action: TF.**

In regard to advertising revenue, the Clerk reported that if KPC makes charges to advertisers VAT must be included, for which purpose KPC would need to be registered for VAT. Agreed that until further notice the PCC should continue to invoice advertisers. **Action: Clerk.** See also minute 5.2.

- 4.11. **4.4 Missing street sign, condition of street signs:** The Clerk is progressing replacement of the missing 'The Green' sign near Southcote, reported by Heather Ginn. Mrs Ginn has also commented on the poor condition of some of the old-style street signs in the village. These are cast or embossed steel, painted cream with green lettering, and in a few cases the paint is in poor condition. Mrs Ginn said she felt these signs were preferable to the more modern plastic ones (eg Cranes Lane), and asked if they could be repaired/restored. Restoration would probably involve removal, shot-blasting or similar to remove existing paint, and then repainting. It is unlikely that SCDC would pay for this, so it may be at KPC expense. Since councillors were unsure of the nature of these signs it was agreed to consider this item at the next meeting. Meantime all councillors to familiarise themselves with the signs. **Action: All.**
- 4.12. **Information at playground, introduction of byelaw:** The Clerk advised that new byelaws have to be approved by the Home Secretary, and according to available guidance byelaws are generally not recommended because of the difficulty of enforcement. It is also not advisable to have a byelaw defining hours of use of a play area unless the area is enclosed and can be secured during the hours of closure. It was therefore agreed that the sign at the playground would be revised to include wording advising that the playground is closed from dusk to dawn, and giving the address for use in case of an emergency. Clerk to propose wording and circulate. **Action: Clerk.**
- 4.13. **Willow tunnel at playground:** Katherine Stalham and Julie Conder have met with Peter Reynolds and a slightly larger willow tunnel is now proposed at an additional £40. This was agreed.
- 4.14. **Reports of actions completed or ongoing (not discussed)**
- 4.14.1. 3.4 Installation of grass surface under swings (work planned for February)
 - 4.14.2. 3.6 Work on grassy mound at playground (completed at a cost of £300)
 - 4.14.3. 3.9 New standing orders (ongoing)
 - 4.14.4. 3.13 Village website (ownership has been transferred to KPC)
 - 4.14.5. 3.16 Hedge opposite Louise Darrington's house (Highways Dept have agreed to clear out debris)
 - 4.14.6. 3.18 Bank account signatories (now updated)
 - 4.14.7. 4.1 Winter gritting arrangements (James Clear, Irene Heyman and Charlie Richmond have all agreed to be contacted to help in an emergency, Highways Dept advised)
 - 4.14.8. 7.3 Present for Bingleys (PS organising, details of presentation to follow)

5. Correspondence

- 5.1. Letter from PCC: requesting a grant of £586, this being the amount paid for grasscutting in the churchyard. A grant was also requested towards the following other costs: £970 for tree work carried out, and £300 for further tree work due to be carried out. Agreed that KPC would pay a grant of £586 for grasscutting as in previous years, but no further grant as this had not been previously advised or included in the budget. **Action: Clerk.**

The letter also raised matters in connection with the proposed changes to the magazine, but this information has been superseded by the subsequent meeting (see minute 4.10).

- 5.2. Email from Linda Rimmer advising that invoices to parish magazine advertisers were normally raised by Jill Coleman on behalf of the PCC. This year she has held off raising invoices while the proposed changes to the magazine were under discussion.

6. County Councillor's report

See Appendix D.

7. District Councillor's report

See Appendix E.

8. Clerk's report

- 8.1. Bi-monthly report: see Appendix F

- 8.2. Invoices for payment:

- 8.2.1. Buchans: August invoice for grasscutting £406.83

- 8.2.2. Buchans: invoice for work at the playground £605.13

- 8.2.3. Playsafety: invoice for annual playground inspection £238.53

All approved.

- 8.3. Meeting dates for 2011: the Clerk previously circulated a list of dates for 2011 – see appendix G. Agreed.

9. Planning

- 9.1. S/1569/10 Wind turbine at Bourn Golf Club: agreed no comment.

- 9.2. C/11/40/056 Tree works at Kingston Church: agreed approved.

- 9.3. Appeals ref S/1622/09/F and S/1624/09/LB change of use at Kingston Pastures Farmhouse: appeals against refusal by SCDC have been allowed by The Planning Inspectorate.

- 9.4. S/0816/10/F The Old Rectory: although KPC has already responded to this: 'no recommendation', it was agreed that since a decision by SCDC has been deferred for 3 months, and in the light of the advice from Tumi Hawkins that the parish council should try to give a positive view for or against planning applications, the parish council should write again expressing the view that the proposed extension is unnecessary and undesirable. Clerk to draft a letter and circulate. **Action: Clerk.**

10. Items for next meeting

None

11. Date of next meeting:

13 January 2011

Meeting ended at 11.00 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Appendix A – Sarah Johnston's presentation on Community Plans

Community Led Plans(Parish Plans)

Sarah Johnston

**Community Advisor,
Cambridgeshire ACRE**

A vision for how the community wants to develop and an identification of the actions that will be needed to achieve this.

What is a Community Led Plan?

Cambridgeshire ACRE -Reaching Out to Local Communities

Benefits of Producing a Plan

- Promotes involvement and participation in the community -gives everyone the chance to have their say on social, economic and environmental matters affecting the community.
- Identifies which features, characteristics and distinctiveness local people value about their community.
- Helps to access funding and grants by providing evidence of need.
- Provides Neighbourhood Forums, Local Strategic Partnerships, Councils, Health Service, Police and other agencies with a clear picture of the community's aspirations, resulting in influence over how services are managed and delivered.

The Future of Parish Planning

- The Government's 'Big Society' agenda aims to find ways of implementing services that are most relevant to communities through increasing community involvement and consultation.
- Parish Plans could be used to find genuine solutions to local delivery which will mean that the government is not just 'dumping' difficult problems on communities.
- The future is unclear at the moment but we believe that the strength of Parish Plans will increase and we are lobbying to achieve this.

What's the process?

- Once Parish Council agree to proceed, they inform key stakeholders, other interested parties and the whole community of the intention to produce a Plan.
- Parish Council helps to get the ball rolling but there must be a strong interest from the community.
- A Steering Group is formed of representatives from all parts of the community, including the Parish Council (usually 2 representatives).

What's the process (continued)?

- The Steering Group sets a draft budget and timetable and explores funding sources. The process usually takes 12-18 months but this can vary.
- Community consultation and analysis of the results forms the largest part of the process and it's important to take the time to get it right.

What's the process (continued)?

- The completed Community Led Plan and Action Plan are adopted by the Parish Council, who should agree to monitor its delivery via Parish Council meetings.
- The Plan is published and shared with the community and stakeholders. This achievement should be celebrated.

Action Delivery

- The top 5 or so actions identified in the Plan are presented to the South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership to gain assistance to delivering partnership actions.
- Delivery of the Action Plan is reviewed regularly as a standing agenda item by Parish Council. The community can set up an Action Delivery Committee to support the delivery of actions.

Cost and Support Available

- There is a cost involved: approximately £1,000
 - Meeting room hire and refreshments
 - Stationery, printing, postage, telephone
 - Analysis of community consultation
- Funding to meet these costs may be sought from the Parish Council and from local people, organisations and businesses. Cambridgeshire ACRE will let communities know of sources of funding available.
- Cambridgeshire ACRE provides a Toolkit that guides communities through the whole process and staff who can visit to give support at key points in the process.
- Cambridgeshire ACRE staff are available via e-mail and the telephone and will also attend meetings at key stages.

Cost and Support

Available The main sources of funding that we are pointing community groups towards currently are:

- **Awards for All** -

www.awardsforall.org.uk Awards for All is a Lottery grants scheme funding small, local community-based projects in the UK.

- **Cambridgeshire Community Foundation** -

www.cambscf.org.uk Cambridgeshire Community Foundation makes grants to local voluntary and community groups for charitable projects they are undertaking.

Cambridgeshire ACRE -Reaching Out to Local Communities

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THIS LICENCE is made thisday of2010 BETWEEN the SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (hereinafter called “the Council”) of South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge of the one part and KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL (hereinafter called “the Licensee”) of the other part.

WHEREAS

1. The Council is the owner of inter alia the freehold land for identification only shown outlined in red on the plan annexed hereto (hereinafter called “the Land”)
2. The Council has agreed to grant to the Licensee a licence to use the Land in the manner hereinafter appearing

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Council hereby grants to the Licensee permission to use the Land for allotment use and for no other purpose
2. The licence may be determined by the Council giving to the Licensee not less than one years notice in writing to expire at any time and thereupon the licence hereby granted shall absolutely cease and determine and the Licensee shall vacate and cease to use the Land
3. The licence may be terminated by the Licensee giving to the Council not less than one years notice in writing and upon termination the land shall be returned in a clean and tidy condition
4. The Licensee shall pay to the Council a licence fee of £30.00 per annum payable on the first day of April in each year
5. The Licensee shall be responsible for the maintenance of any fences or hedges on the boundaries of the Land
6. During the continuance of this licence the Licensee shall ensure that no trade or business is carried out from or on the Land but that the same is used for horticulture and for no other purpose whatsoever
7. During the continuance of this licence the Licensee shall not erect nor permit to be erected on the Land without the prior written permission of the Council any building or structure other than a small toolshed and greenhouse
8. During the continuance of this licence the Licensee agrees to ensure that the Land is maintained in a clean and tidy condition and that nothing is permitted to be done which may be a nuisance to occupiers of adjoining land
9. This licence is personal to the Licensee and it shall not be assignable to any person or body
10. The grant of sub-licences to allotment holders is permissible provided the terms of the sub-licence is consistent with this licence
11. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as giving to the Licensee sole right of occupation of the Land and the Council shall at all times retain the rights of an absolute owner over the Land including free and uninterrupted access at all times and the right to

repair maintain renew or install any pipes wires cables sewers or drains now or at any time hereafter laid under in over or through the Land

12. The Licensee hereby admits that they have no right to use the Land except by virtue of this licence

AS WITNESS the hands of the parties hereto the day and year first before written

SIGNED on behalf of
South Cambridgeshire District Council

in the presence of:

SIGNED on behalf of
Kingston Parish Council

in the presence of:

LAND OFF CRANES LANE, KINGSTON



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SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LICENCE NO 100022500 2008

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THIS SUB LICENCE is made thisday of2010 BETWEEN the KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL (hereinafter called “the Parish Council”) of of the one part andof.....(hereinafter called “the Sub Licensee”) of the other part.

WHEREAS

3. The Parish Council is the Licensee of the land for identification only shown outlined in red on the plan annexed hereto (hereinafter called “Plot.....”)
4. The Parish Council as Licensee has agreed to grant to the Sub Licensee a sub licence to use Plot..... in the manner hereinafter appearing

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

13. The Parish Council hereby grants to the Sub Licensee permission to use Plot..... for allotment use and for no other purpose
14. The sub licence may be determined by the Parish Council giving to the Sub Licensee not less than six months notice in writing to expire at any time and thereupon the sub licence hereby granted shall absolutely cease and determine and the Sub Licensee shall vacate and cease to use Plot.....
15. The sub licence may be terminated by the Sub Licensee giving to the Parish Council not less than six months previous notice in writing and upon termination the land shall be returned in a clean and tidy condition
16. The Sub Licensee shall pay to the Parish Council a fee of £..... per annum on the first day of April in each year commencing on 1st April 2011
17. During the continuance of this sub licence the Sub Licensee shall ensure that no trade or business is carried out from or on Plot..... but that the same is used for horticulture and for no other purpose whatsoever
18. During the continuance of this sub licence the Sub Licensee shall not erect nor permit to be erected on Plot..... without the prior written permission of the Parish Council any building or structure other than a small toolshed and greenhouse
19. During the continuance of this sub licence the Sub Licensee agrees to ensure that Plot..... is maintained in a clean and tidy condition and that nothing is permitted to be done which may be a nuisance to occupiers of adjoining land
20. If there is no evidence of allotment use of Plot..... within three months of the date of this sub licence or such use ceases for a period of six months or more at any time thereafter the Parish Council retains the right to give immediate notice to the Sub Licensee
21. This sub licence is personal to the Sub Licensee and it shall not be assignable to any person or body
22. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as giving to the Sub Licensee sole right of occupation of Plot..... and South Cambridgeshire District Council as the freehold owner of the land of which Plot..... forms part shall at all times retain the rights of an absolute

owner including free and uninterrupted access at all times and the right to repair maintain renew or install any pipes wires cables sewers or drains now or at any time hereafter laid under in over or through the land

23. The Sub Licensee hereby admits that they have no right to use Plot..... except by virtue of this sub licence

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- **CGB**

No movement since last month. No suggested opening date. The County Council's Cabinet discussed it at their last meeting, but it continues to roll forward from one meeting to the next with no real change in status.

- **CVC**

I continue to await details of funding in connection with a second school for Cambourne. School places remain available for those feeding in to year 7 from Primary Schools, but all other years are full and therefore places for those moving in to the village mid year are only available via an Appeals process (which appear to have all been successful to date).

Please note that the County confirmed last week that school bus routes are not on the gritting list post the gritting review, nor were they considered. There has been no costing exercise to see what it would cost to grit them – and the possible effect is children will be unable to get to school and therefore parents unable to get to work. Not a satisfactory state of affairs.

The recent 6th form open evening caused chaos for local residents. I have been in contact with some affected, together with the school and police. I hope that District Cllrs Tumi Hawkins, Steve Harangozo and I will be able to meet with the Police and the school in the next week to suggest a path forward.

- **Budget**

I attended a conference on 22/10 at the LGA in London looking at the effects of the CSR. The coalition government is urging Councils to freeze their Council tax for this coming year – and the Govt will top this up with 2.5% for the next 4 years. Any Council not freezing is likely to be capped at 5% - although Parish Councils are not subject to capping.

Many grants are being cut – but we don't actually know what this will definitively mean for the County until the first week in December. A planned seminar for Cllrs on 26th Nov was cancelled but we hope to have details at a rearranged session on Dec 3rd. As soon as I have an idea of how this will affect us locally I will provide more details. What is clear however is that all Parishes are going to have to look carefully at their precepts for next year and consider raising them. With so much cut by way of funding to our County and District Councils, Villages are going to have to consider what they want to provide by way of services for locals.

In short we're looking at 28% of cuts for the next year and approximately 40% over the next 5 years. Cuts will be front loaded in years One and Two. Altogether the anticipated cut to funding is £135million.

- **Madingley Rise**

With another accident involving a moped and a car at the beginning of last month, I have been pushing the County Council to do something more quickly to help reduce the number of accidents on this road.

I'm thrilled that Mark Kemp from Highways has said that the road scheme will be No. 1 or 2 on the October list which will go to Cabinet at the end of this year. Providing it gets the go ahead in March, work should be able to be carried out by summer next year. This really is a great step forward in making local commuting safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, although there remains a lot still to improve locally.

- **A428 "Crash Barriers"**

I am very concerned about the number of accidents, and sadly fatalities, that have occurred on the Cambourne stretch recently. The wire ropes used as barriers are very dangerous and don't protect vehicles from crossing over on to the other carriage way if struck. They are particularly dangerous to motorcycle riders. I am seeing what we can do to have alternative barriers installed. Although not a County's Highway issue as the road is the responsibility of the Highways Authority, County Highways have said they will see what they can do.

Fiona

District Councillor Tumi Hawkins www.TumiHawkins.org.uk

Councillor’s Report – South Cambridgeshire District Council

Month: November 2010

1. Impact of Comprehensive Spending Review

1. Local authority budgets set to fall by 28% over the next 4 years, and we expect this to be front loaded, by as much as 14% in the next year.
2. SCDC has assumed a 30% reduction, in real terms, spread over 4 years
3. SCDC Cabinet already identified £1.2million of cuts are needed to balance the budget, and this has largely been borne out by the CSR
4. Councils may have to freeze council tax, and if does so, will receive a grant which would be equivalent to what it would have had if it had increased the tax by 2.5%. This will be given over 4 years, but no guarantee for any time after that!
5. Many direct grants will be reduced (mostly at county level). The Growth Area Fund has been scrapped altogether, meaning the £650,000 SCDC assumed it would get to fund existing commitments, is no longer coming!
6. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) reform will continue. Therefore SCDC will not have to continue paying part of the rent collected from tenants to the government, or the monies generated from sale of council houses. However, SCDC will have to take on and finance a proportion of the national housing debt – up to £200 million.
7. A New Homes Bonus will be available as a grant, equivalent to the council tax yield from each new home built. It may be worth up to £1m in the first year, payable for up to 6 years. But its unclear how it would be split between county and district.....
8. Benefits will be restricted. Local Housing Allowance (LHA) is already being reduced, using the 30th percentile instead of 50th. Universal benefits, to include the LHA will be capped at £500 per week (average national income). Benefits and Housing departments will have increased workload as the council tries to implement these changes and manage the fall out that is expected.
9. Funding for private sector Disabled Facility Grants will be protected and increased in line with inflation
10. Employees in public sector pension schemes will face an increase in contribution rates of 3% on average, but weighted more toward the higher earners.

2. A14 Upgrade

The Government has reduced its capital spending plans, and no funding is being made available for the A14 upgrade (although it found funds for the A11). This has an impact on Northstowe and the Cambridge fringe planned developments, and it is doubtful that these may now be implemented. However, SCDC New Communities department is looking at this more closely.

3. Blue Wheelie Bins

The first collection of the new blue bins has taken place successfully – for most people. Unfortunately the amount of material put out for collection was so huge that the operatives ran out of time and lorry capacity before all rubbish was collected. Hopefully this problem will be a one off. We are obviously very keen that this scheme is a success as it is costing a lot of your money and we all want to recycle as much of our waste as possible. If you have more material than your blue bin can take then just put it in the old kerbside green boxes and put them out for collection at the same time.

4. SCDC Planning

The New Communities Corporate Manager has admitted that more consultation should have taken place with the users of the planning website, that is, the Parishes, prior to selecting and implementing the new system. It is acknowledged that this new system is inferior to the previous one. Work continues on trying to make it fit for purpose.

On a different but related topic, you may have read recent press articles about what appeared to be an attempt to coerce some members of the Planning Committee at South Cambridgeshire District Council to vote on a matter before them on political grounds.

District Councillor Tumi Hawkins www.TumiHawkins.org.uk

Readers should be assured that our experience is very much that members of the Committee are blind to anything other than the relevant and material planning considerations – as they should be and as they are required to be. We receive regular mandatory training on this and it would be a very foolish Councillor indeed who made a decision on any other grounds.

5. Connexions Bus

The annual general meeting of the Connections Bus Project took place on 26th October 2010, and it was well attended. It was encouraging to hear that the project will be able to continue running this financial

year, with the one operational bus, with financial support being obtained from Parishes. Various options of getting more participation were discussed, and will be explored by the team. One of which is to establish a youth forum in villages/communities where there is potentially a place/hall where young people could meet, and would be run by Connexions youth workers in conjunction with local youth workers. A worthwhile option for Kingston to explore.

6. BT Proposed Exchanges Update

BT is running a competition called "The Race to Infinity", giving rural exchanges the opportunity to get BT Infinity superfast broadband installed. Kingston is served by Comberton Exchange, which is also in the race. To register your interest and vote, go to <http://Racetoinfinity.bt.com> . The top five exchanges with at least 1000 votes by midnight of 31st December 2010 will be included in the rollout plan to be implemented by end of 2012.

7. The Old Rectory

The planning committee considered the planning application for this at its meeting on 3rd November 2010. Members visited the site in the morning, prior to their deliberation in the afternoon. The committee decided to defer a decision on the matter for a further 3 months, in order to give the applicant and the conservation department and English Heritage more time to discuss and agree on the best option.

I would recommend that the Parish Council take a closer interest in this matter and present a view on any further consultations that take place.

8. Casework

Your Councillor is here to help you. Please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints. I can be contacted by phone, email or via my website. I hope I can help but even if I can't, then it's highly likely that I know someone who can!

Prepared by:

Tumi

Tumi Hawkins
11-November-2010

Appendix F – bi-monthly financial report

Financial report: 3 November 2010

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

Item	Budget 2009-10 £	Expenditure YTD £	Budget minus expenditure YTD £	Comments
Grass and Hedge cutting	1715.00	1384.96	330.04	excludes July invoice
Insurance	541.00	722.68	-181.68	excludes additional amount to cover new slide
Clerk's salary	959.87	0.00	959.87	
Grants (section 137)	587.00	100.00	487.00	
Audit fee	175.00	343.00	-168.00	Higher fee than usual because expenditure during the year included Play Pathfinder funded payments, taking us into a higher audit fee band
Village asset maintenance	250.00	638.84	-388.84	Includes £472.30 for slide maintenance (not budgeted)
Subscriptions	150.00	84.17	65.83	
Parish Magazine	212.00	0.00	212.00	
Footpath lighting	247.00	120.00	127.00	
Play Pathfinder payments	25055.00	24398.88	656.12	
Miscellaneous and expenses	163.00	175.00	-12.00	Includes £75 election fees (not budgeted)
Income other than precept	-9.00	0.00	-9.00	
To reserves	1524.00			
Total	31569.87	27967.53	3602.34	

Bank balances	Current account:	699.86	
	Deposit account:	10854.33 656.12 11510.45	Reserves Play Pathfinder grant Total

Appendix G – meeting dates for 2011

Kingston Parish Council – meetings for 2011

13 January	Parish Council meeting
10 March	Parish Council meeting
12 May	Parish Council AGM
19 May	Annual Parish meeting
14 July	Parish Council meeting
8 September	Parish Council meeting
10 November	Parish Council meeting