

KEEVIL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m. ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016.

Present: Cllrs Francis Banfield (Chairman), Cllrs Andrea Hunter, Rob Kevan, Myra Link, Rodney Meatyard and Geoffrey West

In attendance: Cllr Jonathon Seed (WC)
David Bouault
George Goodwin (Clerk)

Consultation Period:

- Cllr Seed said that the Area Board were interested in the idea of financing the purchase of a large mower for the Keevil Community Shed so that they could take over the maintenance of the Playing Field. They would consider any request at their November meeting. Provision of such a mower may need to be subject to sharing one with another PC. He also said that the request to provide shared financing for the footpath at Pyatts Corner was likely to be agreed at the September meeting of the Area Board.
- Cllr Seed sought opinions regarding the recycling depots restricted opening hours. It was apparent that those present felt that a better arrangement was needed. However, it was pointed out that the Bowerhill Recycling Centre had fewer problems than the Trowbridge Centre. Cllr Seed that there were a number of problems with recycling in Wiltshire that needed to be addressed such as out-of-County usage by commercial companies as Wiltshire does not charge for recycling unlike some of the neighbouring counties.
- David Bouault said that he and others were pleased to see that the Keevil School signage had been reduced.

The Parish Council Meeting commenced with Councillor Francis Banfield in the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Jerry Wickham

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18th July 2016

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising from the Parish Council Meeting of 18th July 2016

Remembrance Day Wreath - Donation sent to the Royal British Legion. A wreath will be delivered in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Speed Limit Wheelie Bin Stickers - The Clerk has identified the supplier with the help of the Steeple Ashton Clerk. Bulk packs of one sign are available as are smaller packs of a mixture of signs. Cllr West proposed that the PC purchase a pack of 100 Stickers for distribution to villagers. This will cost £96.00. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Kevan and carried unanimously. The Clerk was instructed to make the purchase.

Keevil School Signage - The Clerk has discussed with the Head Teacher the complaints from villagers regarding the bright red signage on the School. The Head Teacher has arranged for 2 of the 4 signs to be removed.

Scarecrow Trail - The new Scarecrow Trail Organising Committee should be known shortly. The PC sub-committee can then arrange a meeting with them via the Head Teacher.

Super-Fast Broadband - The Clerk has replied to Andrew Murrison MP highlighting the properties in the village that cannot be connected to the fibre optic trunk even though it passes through their property.

Community Shed - The proposal for the Community Shed to take over the Playing Field Maintenance from the external contractor is dependent on a proposal to be put before the November meeting of the Area Board.

Annual Report - The Clerk has corrected the omission in the report of the £500 donation by FOKS to the Playing Field development fund.

External Audit 2015/2016 - The External Auditors have commented on the 2015/2016 Return. They identified that the Rate Support Grant of £43.53 had been entered under the wrong heading. They also commented on the Asset Register brought forward from 2014/2015 that it was inaccurate in that it did not show the purchase price of the Playing Field and the addition of a Picnic Table during 2015. These comments have no material effect on the Council's accounts.

5. Playing Field

Repairs & Maintenance:

- Annual Inspection – The Clerk reported that Playsafety Ltd (ROSPA) will be carrying out their inspection of the Playing Field this month. Cllr Kevan was trying to arrange an appointment with ROSPA Inspector to sound him out about the proposed Zip Wire.
Community Shed – It is proposed that the Community Shed will take over the Playing Field Maintenance from the external contractor. A proposal needs to be put before the PC prior to any actions.
One of the Springies has been damaged and Cllr Kevan will talk to John Tucker regarding a repair.

Installation of new equipment:

- Goal posts & nets have been installed. Pitch marking has been requested and is under consideration.
Zip Wire – Design work is in progress.
Additional signage to direct villagers to the Playing Field is being considered. The commercial cost of finger posts is of the order of £150 per post with 3 posts being needed. Cllr Kevan will talk to the Community Shed to see if they are interested in making the posts.

6. Flooding & Drainage

For Emergencies generally, a new free general number (105) goes live tomorrow to enable you to contact your Electricity supplier. This will enable callers to report faults or problems with their electricity supply.

Paul Lenaerts is concerned about the state of Keevil Airfield drainage. The ditches are overgrown and could backup in severe weather and flood Martins Road. The Clerk has contacted Brize Norton about the problem and they have referred it to the MOD DLO.

Cllr Link raised the overgrown road ditch alongside Main Street. The landowner is Mr Chris Awdry. Cllr Banfield will contact Mr Awdry and ask him to cut the vegetation in this ditch.

7. Highway Matters

The new WC Highways arrangements have been notified to members in an Email dated 28th July 2016. Our representative is Cllr West who will be the interface between the Parish and WC Highways. The new Parish Steward Scheme will go live in October.

Cllr West has been unable to contact the Parish Steward to date. It was agreed to wait until October. If there was no contact with WC Highways by then, the matter would be raised with Cllr Seed.

8. Financial Statement (before Invoice Payments)

The Clerk reported that the Council's finances stood as listed below:

-	Current Account	£	127.14
-	Deposit Account	£	15,414.90
-	Total	£	15,542.04

9. Cheque Approval

- (a) Payee = Keevil Village Hall
Sum = £11.00 for Hire of Hall on 18th July 2016 (£11.00 + VAT £0.00)
- (b) Payee = Cllr Rob Kevan
Sum = £541.99 for Goal Posts & Nets (£451.66 + VAT 90.33)
- (c) Payee = Grant Thornton
Sum = £240.00 for Audit Fees 2015/2016 (£200.00 + VAT £40.00)
- (d) Payee = Mr J. Tucker
Sum = £57.75 for goal posts installation (£57.75 + VAT 0.00)

All proposed by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Meatyard and carried unanimously. A total of £850.74 (£720.41 + VAT £130.33) was disbursed.

10. Any Other Competent Business

- (a) The Clerk asked Councillors to consider what items they wanted including in the budgeting process for 2015/2016.
- (b) Cllr Link said that the Village Quiz Night to raise funds for the Village Hall will take place on 22nd October. Raffle prizes would be welcomed by Pat Bartholomew or Pat Phillips.
- (c) Cllr Link raised the issue of the relationship between Keevil and the Royal Engineer's Team Sapper. After discussion it was left that Cllr Link will investigate further the suggestion of making a presentation of some kind to Team Sapper to show the appreciation of the people of Keevil for their support in attending the service at the Memorial Plaque each year. This service is held in memory of those who lives were lost during wartime in particular the 21 Sappers whose Horsa Glider which had left Keevil earlier, crashed at Paulton South of Bath on 17th September 1944.
- (d) The next meeting of the Council is on Wednesday 7th November 2016 in the Village Hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

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