

KIRDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Chapel, Plaistow Road, Kirdford on Friday, 12th December, 2014 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Mr. I. Campbell (Chairman)
Cllr. Mr. D. Allfrey
Cllr. Mrs. K. Fenney
Cllr. Mrs. L. Nutting

194. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies for absence had been received by Cllr. Cllr. Mrs. A. Gillett, Cllr. Miss S. Pinder, Cllr. Mr. J. Ransley and Cllr. Mrs. J. Robertson for personal reasons.

195. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – To receive and note questions, comments or representations. There were no members of the public present.

196. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST** – to receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. There were no declarations of interest from Members.

197. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS :-**

(a) **CAGNE** was producing leaflets for residents to assist in answering the Airport Commission questions. A donation towards printing costs would be required, 1,000 copies for approximately £100., and A2 boards with 'Have your say, etc.' would cost £20 each. Following discussion it was **AGREED** to order 500 copies of the leaflet and one A2 board at a total cost of £70.00, but if 1,000 copies was the minimum order, this amount should be ordered at a cost of £120.00.

(b) Cllr. Mrs. Nutting advised that she had received a letter from the Environment Agency pointing out that she was responsible for her section of the River Kird.

(c) **Boxal Bridge** – The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with WSCC about a report on the bridge that recommended it was replaced with a new structure. The overwhelming view was that both Parish Councils wanted the bridge left and considered that safety aspects could be mitigated by cutting back as documented in the report. If the bridge was replaced, it would have to comply with Health and Safety which would mean a higher parapet either side. The report stated that the cheapest option was to repair the existing bridge. The question was asked “why were they going for a more expensive option”? They responded that that did not take account of replacing it in the future, but would go away and think about that and re-look at the options. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should write to Cllr. Mrs. Janet Dunton (copy to the Clerk of Wisborough Green Parish Council) because it was stated at the meeting that she had no objection to the replacement of this bridge. There was a possibility that WSCC would not take notice of the Parish Councils and there was a danger that the average speed of vehicles at that point would increase if the bridge is widened. The report highlighted the fact that the signage was inadequate. It was suggested that a one-way priority could be put on the

bridge. It was stated that there was a need to get the County Councillor on the side of the Parish Councils. It was felt that the County Councillor's support of the Parish Councils' views was essential. Members considered that it was her job to represent the views of her Parishes. It should be stressed to Cllr. Mrs. Duncton that the Parish Council did not want Boxal Bridge replaced as there would be increased traffic speed and currently it was a natural traffic calming measure and the cheapest option was to make it safe based on the net value. It should also be pointed out that the original terms given to the consultants for the assessment were to look at widening which it was felt biased the findings. WSCC would be willing to work with the Parish Councils as to what the new bridge looked like.

- (d) The Chairman thanked Members and Clerks for all their efforts over the past very busy year. Cllr. Mrs. Fenney thanked the Chairman and Cllr. Mr. Ransley for all the work that they had done.

198. **CELTIQUE ENERGIE WEALD LTD., APPEAL – TO CONSIDER GIVING DELEGATED POWERS TO THE CLERK IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE.** It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that delegated powers should be given to the Clerk in association with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to formulate a response.
199. **TO RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF TEMPLE GROUP TO REVIEW THE CELTIQUE ENERGIE TRANSPORT SUBMISSIONS TO THE APPEAL IN THE SUM OF £2,280.00 PLUS V.A.T. AND SHARE THESE COSTS WITH WISBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL.** Ratification of the appointment of Temple Group to review the Celtique Energie transport submissions to the Appeal in the sum of £2,280.00 plus V.A.T., was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**. This cost would be shared 50/50 with Wisborough Green Parish Council.
200. **TO RATIFY APPOINTMENT OF SMITHSGORE TO UNDERTAKE WORKS RELATING TO THE WORKSHOP APPEAL IN THE SUM OF £550.00 PLUS V.A.T.** Ratification of the appointment of SmithsGore to undertake works relating to the Workshop Appeal in the sum of £550.00 plus V.A.T., was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.
201. **GATWICK AIRPORT CONSULTATIONS AND AIRCRAFT NOISE – TO CONSIDER GIVING DELEGATED POWERS TO THE CLERK IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE.** It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to give delegated powers to the Clerk in association with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to formulate a response to the Gatwick Airport Consultations.

CAGNE had advised that the Airport Commission was holding an event on the 16th December in Crawley so that they could receive information from local stakeholders and the Chairman of CAGNE had been asked to give evidence to the Airport Commission. They wondered what Kirdford Parish Council's view was on a second runway at Gatwick Airport. Following discussion it was **AGREED** to write to

CAGNE advising that the Parish Council was totally opposed to a second runway at Gatwick.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.