

KINGSTON SEYMOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Kingston Seymour Parish Council held on
Monday 1st April 2019 at 18.30
In the Foyer of the Kingston Seymour Village Hall

Councillors Present:

Mike Sewell (MS) Chairman
Paul Cox (PC)
Fred Malton (FM)

Caroline Harris (CH)
Ian Wariner (IW)

Peter Harris (PH)

In attendance:

Steve Dixon (SD) Clerk & RFO

1 Parishioners:

1. Apologies for absence

All Councillors were present.

2. Planning Application No 19/P/0294/OUT. Outline application for the construction of an agricultural workers' dwelling at Mendip View Farm, Yeo Bank Lane

CH declared an interest (so did not vote) but did not wish to make a statement as a member of the public. Councillors had visited the location immediately prior to the meeting so were familiar with the location and the outline plans.

In discussion it was stated that it was good to have working farms in the Parish and that this dwelling would help the owners retain the viability of their operation and that the outline proposal should be supported. Approval was proposed by IW, seconded by PH and supported unanimously.

Action: Clerk to convey the decision to North Somerset Development Control team.

It was resolved that the press, public and officers not required to remain during the exempt session by the members or officers advising, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that its consideration will involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

3. Concerns expressed about the actions of an officer of the Council and its potential bearing on parish council plans

The Council considered three letters of concern received from the public which related to an action by the Clerk who had submitted a list of possible Road Safety enhancements to NSC on 12th June 2018 that had not been authorised by the Council.

The Chairman had interviewed the Clerk about the matter and Council considered the concerns, together with the evidence that was supplied in the form of a chronology of events that had taken place in the period. The Chairman had also met with the NSC roads lead.

In considering the key issues, the Council concluded that the clerk's actions, whilst well intentioned had been beyond his authority and must not reoccur.

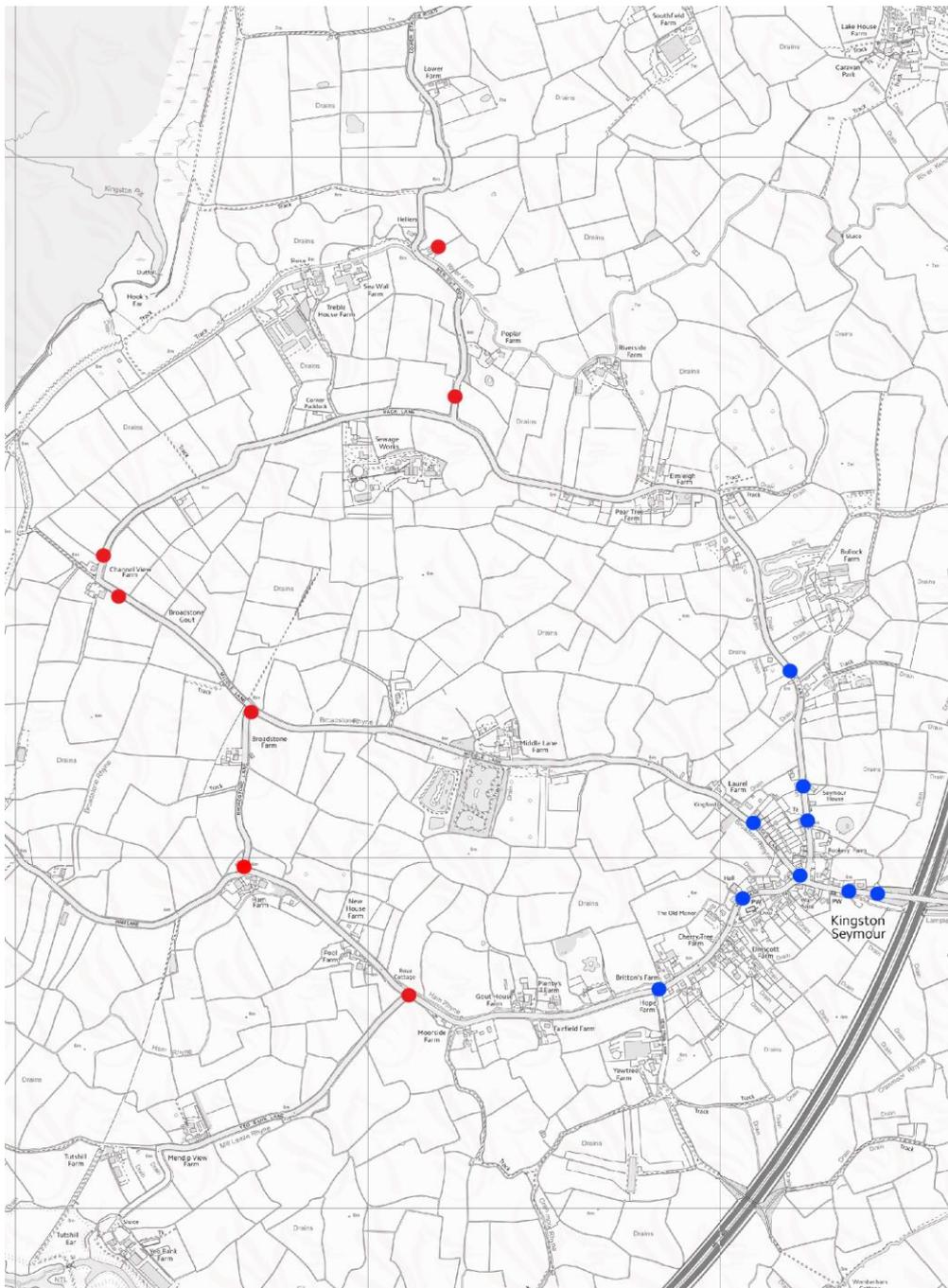
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Actions;

- Chairman to write to the three parishioners who had expressed concerns to fully explain the investigations that had taken place and to outline the way forward

Road Safety Strategy Update

As part of the investigation into the expressed concerns, information received from NSC confirmed that they take full responsibility for funding and implementing the road safety changes that they consider necessary for access to the cycle route at Tutshill Sluice (as attached map marked in red).



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After discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council would amend their instruction to NSC to only support and fund road safety works to the core of the village (locations as the attached map marked in blue). Proposed by PH, seconded by IW and supported by FM & MS. CH & PC did not support this decision.

Actions;

- Clerk to formally write to NSC to confirm support and financial commitment to the agreed changes to parish council requirements for road safety works

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.55.

Steve Dixon

Steve Dixon,
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer,
15th April 2019