

KINGSTON SEYMOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Kingston Seymour Parish Council held on
Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 19.45
In the Kingston Seymour Village Hall

Councillors Present:

Mike Sewell (MS) Chairman
Paul Cox (PC)
Mike Wallis (MW)

Peter Harris (PH) Vice Chairman
Caroline Harris (CH)
Ian Wariner (IW)

Fred Malton (FM)

In attendance:

Steve Dixon (SD) Clerk & RFO

Rob Thomson, NSC Highways (RT)

James Dawson, NSC Highways
(JD)

26 Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence

District Councillors: Jill Iles & Judith Hadley. NSC Representative: Carolyn Hills. PC Adam Clarke

2. Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting on 16th May 2018

It was proposed by PH and seconded by IW that the prepared minutes were a true record. Supported unanimously.

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

A parishioner stated that they were concerned about the speed of traffic LEAVING the village as well as entering it. It was noted that proposals needed to consider both access and egress from the village.

A parishioner noted that the village gates were not at the correct angles and suggested that more needed to be done there to make this entrance to the village more apparent. It was noted that the gates cannot end closer than 450mm from the kerb but that extensions could be constructed to bridge the current gap.

The Chairman stated that he would allow further comments and questions to come from parishioners only where it was appropriate to support the councillors in their deliberations and decisions that evening

5. To receive inputs from North Somerset Council highways officers and to discuss the Road Safety Strategy for the village

5.1 North Somerset Highways inputs

For context, RT explained that his (and other) Highway Improvement Teams were responsible for everything from raising bus stop pavement levels to major traffic schemes (e.g. in Weston) and that they also consulted with developers about road safety and read Police reports about road traffic collisions – all with a view to reducing casualty numbers on North Somerset's roads.

Whilst it was acknowledged that KS had had a fatality in 2004, the current position was that the village had been free of reported accidents for many years and, with the very limited budget available, KS cannot be treated as a priority over other areas. RT confirmed that NS Highways was not against the introduction of a 30mph limit in the village "core" which is a Government guideline, but confirmed that as it is not a mandatory requirement and NS would not fund. RT stated that in his experience applying limits was not necessarily the best way to reduce traffic speed and can sometimes have only a small effect on vehicle speed. In the KS environment he felt there are better ways to change driver behaviour.

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5.2 Discussion and Way Forward

Discussion ensued about what may or may not be possible in terms of further traffic calming measures and RT agreed that resources would be found and proposals – based around the themes below - will be submitted back to the Parish Council by the end of August 2018. Further, RT also agreed to attend the Parish Council meeting scheduled for Monday September 10th.

The themes to be explored are:

- the carriageway and area around the gates on Lampley Road
Which may include: deeper and broader hashings, marker posts along the edge of the carriageway, reflective signs on the gates – 5 words allowed, extensions to the gates to take them to the 450mm from kerb edge allowed, “mirror” gates to substantiate the installation and focus on those leaving the village, clearance of overhanging trees and bushes, raised “rumble strips”

- the Triangle area
Which may include: change of priorities, a section of “ghost” footway painted on the south side of Lampley Road, a reduction in signage to cause more thought to be applied about priorities

- the “entrances” to the more built up area of the village from Ham Lane, Middle Lane and Back Lane
Which may include: Slow painted on the road, rumble strips, road width reduction through hashings

- outlying lanes - refresh of existing carriageway markings and consider further measures at key risk points

- Advice and support opportunities to help educate all types of road user in the village

Further questions were then allowed by the Chairman from the public to verify and clarify parishioners’ understanding of what had been discussed in the meeting. After some clarifications, there were no unanswered questions.

Finally, the Parish Council reaffirmed its commitment to traffic calming as the core of the Road Safety Strategy and it was proposed by PH, seconded by PC and carried unanimously that this was what the Parish Council will pursue.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.15.

Steve Dixon
Steve Dixon,
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer,
12th July 2018