

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE, KINGSLAND

PRESENT

Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN), Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs J Barbour, Mr G T Bradley, Mr H Jones, Mr D Thompson and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs P Potheary, Ms. S Deakin, Mrs S Sheridan, Mr S Sheridan and Mr J Davies, Parish Plan Steering Group; District Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk.

2014/79 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mrs R J Edwards, Mr D Fordham, Mr B J Watkins and Mr R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN).

2014/80 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**
Cllr. Bradley declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in the planning enforcement update for 7 Orchard Close (2014/69). No further declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation were made or received during the meeting.

2014/81 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 30 July 2013 were amended to change the house number at Orchard Close from 5 to 7. Following this amendment the minutes were agreed and signed.

2014/82 **ADOPTION OF KINGSLAND PARISH PLAN**
Final amendments to the draft parish plan were summarised by the Vice Chairman and AGREED by the parish council. Subject to the agreed amendments, the parish council RESOLVED to adopt the Kingsland Parish Plan.

The Vice Chairman thanked the parish plan steering group for the considerable amount of work that had gone into what is a very comprehensive and inclusive parish plan.

2014/83 **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Balfour Beatty has provided an email address for parish councils to report defects. The new contractors appear to be taking a proactive approach and should provide landline contact numbers shortly. The investment in the county's U and C roads will be taking place from Spring 2014. While many staff have transferred under TUPE, there is a new management team. The depot at Kingsland will be retained.

The review of nursing home costs is going to be looked at again as an Open Book Review. There is an ongoing review of Children's Safeguarding services which will tackle the issue of too many interim staff.

Herefordshire Council's general overview and scrutiny committee has heard evidence that the proposed incinerator at Hartlebury may be out of date, expensive and inefficient. An alternative option is to make use of a pyrolysis based treatment plant, which could be based in Rotherwas.

This plant would not only deal with all our biomass streams but would produce 13MW electricity and provide a district heating system for the complete Rotherwas Enterprise Zone and Industrial Estate. There would be at no capital cost to the county and it would only cost the equivalent of landfill for the actual processing of the biomass.

However, against this is the cost of penalties which may be incurred on withdrawing from the original Hartlebury contract, which is believed to have been agreed in 1998.

2014/84 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

Mrs Pothecary, parish plan steering group, said the parish council may be interested to review the qualitative answers to literally hundreds of open ended questions that were gathered through the parish plan questionnaire.

2014/85 CLERK'S REPORT

Markham's Garage has agreed to host the public access defibrillator which at their request will now be sited near to the door to the office. The Vice Chairman said that a sign pointing the way to the defibrillator could be placed to help people to identify its location as easily as possible.

The notice and application for Scheduled Monument Consent for the clearing of the footpath at the Glebe is being processed by English Heritage.

HMRC has been asked for a written ruling regarding the payment of VAT on the donation of £7,000 from the Old Fire Station Trust to the Coronation Hall for the resurfacing of the car park.

The location and type of street sign for St Michaels Avenue has yet to be confirmed. The meeting asked whether Balfour Beatty could provide options on which to consult with local residents.

2014/86 FINANCE

The meeting noted that the Parish Council Accounts, 2012-13 have been signed by Grant Thornton, the external auditors, and no matters have been raised by the auditors for the parish council to consider.

The following payments were agreed: C Sampson, parish plan questionnaire (£200.00); Grant Thornton, external audit 2012-13 (£120.00); Wel Medical, public access defibrillator (£1,010.10); R A Bayliss, footpaths (£162.05); Coronation Hall, meeting, 4 September 2013 (£5.00); and The Clerk, expenses July-August 2013 (£66.05).

The parish council AGREED to purchase a yellow AWC001 LifeBox with 'Emergency Life Saving Equipment' screen print from Turtle Engineering Ltd. to house the public access defibrillator. The LifeBox, including delivery, will cost £514.00 (plus VAT).

2014/87 THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Vice Chairman reported that the hedge on the corner opposite Shrublands has been cut back by the lengthsmen. The tree and hedge that is obscuring visibility on the corner of the B4360 at Cobnash will be actioned once permission has been given to undertake the works on private property.

The meeting asked the lengthsman to cut back the hedge opposite Whitley Court, taking care to use appropriate safety procedures given the number of vehicles using the road and the proximity of the corner on the B4360 at Cobnash.

2014/88

P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME

Cllr. Bradley reported that new cross steps have been delivered and will be put in over the next three weeks. The meeting noted the Richard's Castle Parish Council strimmer used by the contractor has broken and AGREED a budget of approximately £400.00 (plus VAT) to purchase a new strimmer for exclusive use on Kingsland footpaths from the P3 grant, 2013-14.

2014/89

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The meeting noted the application to designate Kingsland as a Neighbourhood Area has been approved by Herefordshire Council, and that a request has been made to undertake a fast track housing needs survey in Kingsland. The housing needs survey is being redesigned to include a wider range of housing types and needs.

The parish council RESOLVED to hold a parish meeting to talk about the adopted parish plan, including how developing a neighbourhood plan will implement the planning section of the parish plan. It was agreed to hold the meeting at the Coronation Hall week beginning 21 October 2013.

2014/90

KERB AT MILLENNIUM GREEN, LONGFORD

In a majority vote, the meeting AGREED not to use the Section 106 monies held by Herefordshire Council for the kerbing of Longford along the Millennium Green.

2014/91

SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON NORTH ROAD

The parish council agreed to request that West Mercia Police conduct speed enforcement on North Road.

2014/92

POLICING IN WEST MERCIA

The meeting agreed that councillors that wish to complete the survey should return it to the Clerk in time for the deadline of 27 September 2013.

2014/93

PLANNING

132101/K Stonehouse, Kingsland, HR6 9RN – Trim fir tree at front of house. The tree application was supported.

132251/K High Field, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RZ – Pollard Ash. Remove 3 x Birch. The tree application was supported.

131972/F Kingsland Church of England Primary School, Kingsland, HR6 9QN – Erection of timber framed pod building. Support for the planning application was ratified by the meeting.

132082/L Showers Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9SE – Conversion of cellar into additional living accommodation and reinstate two historical coal shoots for use as escape windows and associated works. The planning application was supported.

130912/L The Dairy, West Town Court, Kingsland, HR6 9SS – Installation of conservation Velux window to rear roof. The planning application was supported.

132039/FH Venns Bridge, Cobnash, HR6 9RD – Proposed conversion of out buildings and link extension. The planning application was supported.

132152/F The Rosary, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ – Erection of new sustainable dwelling.
The planning application was supported.

Planning enforcement: The meeting noted that planning services is aware of the proposed change of use at 7 Orchard Close and are looking at a pre-application advice request. The parish council asked that the painting of the external timbers, and replacement of grass by gravel at the Angel Inn is reported, including the opinion that overall impact of the painting is not considered to be a problem but that the colour of the gravel is too light.

Planning decisions: Planning applications for Lawton House, Eardisland (131663/FH) and Kingsland Church of England School (131972/F) have been approved by Herefordshire Council. Determination has been made for the tree works to go ahead at The Shrublands (131607/K) and The Granary (131718/K).

2014/94 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)
The parish council agreed to consider the condition of The Glebe at the next meeting.

2014/95 INFORMATION ITEMS
The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

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