

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014 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 B J Watkins, Mr D Thompson and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE

District Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk.

- 2015/96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mr R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN) and Mr D Fordham. The meeting noted Mrs Edwards has not attended parish council meetings for more than six months, and that she told the Clerk verbally of her resignation in September 2014, and said she will write a letter of resignation.
- 2015/97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**
There were no declarations of interest or written dispensations.
- 2015/98 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**
Planning enforcement is taking the use of the site at Cobnash for selling second hand cars very seriously. Balfour Beatty has been given a scrutiny review, and there is likely to be an enhanced lengthsman scheme which will allow for the repair of minor potholes. The lengthsman will require additional training in order to be able to carry out the work. Balfour Beatty's locality stewards have been a great success. Local 'C' and 'U' roads have been repaired, with some work on 'B' roads. Main roads still need more work. District Cllr. Bowen said he will ask Balfour Beatty to look at the water on the road by the Coronation Hall. A planning review is in its early stages. The review of smallholdings owned by Herefordshire Council will be looked at after the next election. The County Hospital has been assessed as inadequate, particularly Accident & Emergency, by the Care Quality Commission. The hospital is now in special measures and will receive help to address the concerns.
- 2015/99 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9 September 2014 were agreed and signed.
- 2015/100 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**
There were no matters raised by members of the public.
- 2015/101 CLERK’S REPORT**
Balfour Beatty has made a note to include a review of the C1037 direction signing in a programme of works for consideration for funding within the Annual Plan. The extended double yellow lines at The Corners' crossroads are expected to be in place by the end of November 2014. Traffic data will be collected on the C1037, and the parish council agreed that measurements should be taken by China Hall, Cobnash.

Smiths Gore has been informed that the parish council is interested in leasing the Glebeland. The Police & Crime Commissioner Parish Council Survey has been submitted. Herefordshire Council's Core Strategy has been submitted to the planning inspector.

2015/102 FINANCE

The meeting noted the receipt of the second half of the precept from Herefordshire Council (£5,000.00). The following payments were agreed: Wigmore School, sponsorship of awards (£50.00); HMRC, PAYE for period to 5 October 2014 (£109.40); R Bayliss, P3 Footpaths (£238.00); G Bradley, high visibility jacket for P3 contractor (£5.65).

2015/103 THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The meeting noted the enhanced lengthsman scheme which is under consideration by the cabinet, Herefordshire Council, is likely to require match funding by the parish council.

The Vice Chairman said he will walk the village with the lengthsman next week. Cllr. Bradley asked the lengthsman to look at the footpath at Orchard Close.

2015/104 P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME

Balfour Beatty has provided a list of complaints made about footpaths in the parish. KL12 is being cleared by Street and a couple of paths towards Yarpole will be maintained shortly. The footpath to the brook is being looked at regularly.

The meeting asked for the removal of hedges at Pinsley Farm, Longford, Kingsland, to be reported to planning enforcement as the property lies within the conservation area, and the parish council is not aware of a planning application to undertake this work.

2015/105 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Vice Chairman said there was a lot of work being done to prepare a draft neighbourhood plan for the parish council to review shortly.

2015/106 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The meeting AGREED to ask for volunteers to participate in a Community Speed Watch initiative via the newsletter and www.kingslandlife.com, and to express interest in participating in the scheme to West Mercia Police.

The meeting noted that the Safer Roads Partnership is due to measure the speed of traffic on North Road and Longford which will highlight whether additional enforcement action will be undertaken by the partnership.

2015/107 REPLACEMENT BENCH, CHURCH ROAD

Cllr. Bengry said a replacement bench has been ordered and will be put up by a private benefactor.

2015/108 PROJECTOR

The parish council considered three quotations for projectors, and agreed to purchase a BenQ MX620ST projector at a cost of £400.00 (excl. VAT) to enable the display of planning applications at meetings.

The meeting agreed to share the cost of purchase and maintenance equally with Orleton and Pyons Group Parish Councils, should those parishes be interested in using the projector and willing to pay an equal share of the costs.

2015/109 MORTIMER COUNTRY HISTORY TRAIL

The meeting considered a request to support and promote the initiative which aims to encourage more visitors to 10 villages in Herefordshire, including Kingsland. The parish council agreed to support the initiative, and asked that local residents are approached to provide information on the history of the village.

2015/110 PLANNING

P142834/F, P142835/F and P142836/F Well House, Kingsland, HR6 9PU – Proposed erection of a turkey rearing unit. The parish council agreed to comment that there were no objections in principle, provided the development conforms with requirements to manage drainage, odour and so on.

P142608/F Broadleaf Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9SB – Proposed conversion of agricultural workshop with office storage space to holiday let accommodation. The planning application was supported.

P142873/F Luctonians Sports Club Ltd., Mortimer Park, Kingsland, HR6 9SB – Proposed erection of a storage building. The planning application was supported.

Planning enforcement: The meeting asked planning enforcement to commence enforcement action to address the ongoing development of the Old Forge, Cobnash. The parish council asked for an update on the 2013 investigation by planning enforcement at Dark Orchard.

Planning decisions: Planning applications for Park House (P141991/F) and Hazeldene (P142293/FH) have been given permission to proceed by Herefordshire Council.

2015/111 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

There were no matters raised.

2015/112 INFORMATION ITEMS

The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Signed:

Date: