

## KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 APRIL 2015 AT 9.15 PM AT THE CORONATION HALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN); Mrs J Barbour, Mr D Fordham, Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN), Mrs G B Bengry; Mr G T Bradley; Mr D Thompson; and Mr H Jones.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

- 2016/1**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.
- 2016/2**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**  
There were no declarations of interest. The parish council agreed to allow a dispensation to consider planning application 150886 Former Post Office, as the change of use is a condition of the proposed purchase of the building and land housing the post office and shop.
- 2016/3**      **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2015 were agreed and signed.
- 2016/4**      **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  
Children's Services no longer require oversight. The number of agency staff has reduced and the social work academy has attracted interest from Birmingham Council. There will be a scrutiny committee review re: Hereford United after the election.
- 2016/5**      **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**  
There were no matters raised.
- 2016/6**      **CLERK’S REPORT**  
There was no report.
- 2016/7**      **PLANNING**  
**P150681/F Land at Shirl Heath, Kingsland** – Proposed 6 no. dwellings and 4 no. garages. The parish council had no objection to the proposed development, subject to highways being satisfied visibility and access is suitable for this stretch of the A4110.  
**P150984/K 5 Tudor Place, Kingsland** – Proposed works to Ash tree. The meeting had no objection to the proposed works  
**150886 Former Post Office, Longford, Kingsland, Herefordshire HR6 9QS** – Proposed change of use of the ground floor of the post office (to include the retail space and coffee shop) to residential accommodation. The meeting agreed to support the application. The parish council is looking at the purchase of this community asset and among other considerations, has asked for change of use to residential to be in place before being able to proceed with the purchase of the property.

**Planning enforcement** – The enforcement noticed has been issued on the property being used as a car dealership in Cobnash. The enforcement officer has been unable to access the site at Dark Orchard.

**Planning decisions:** The application for tree works at Criftings Cottage (P150635/K) has been given permission by Herefordshire Council.

**2016/8**

**FINANCE**

The Clerk reported the payment of the lengthsman grant for 2014-15 by Herefordshire Council (£275.00). The meeting agreed the following payments: The Corners Inn, NP meetings (£45.00); Kingsland PCC (Bookstall Account), parish meeting insert (£50.00); Hitrees, lengthsman maintenance (£84.00); Coronation Hall, meeting on 24 March 2015 (£5.00); Data Orchard, Neighbourhood Plan advice and drafting (£1,247.20).

The meeting agreed to amend the Clerk's salary to reflect the increase to 5 hours per week, and the new SCP21 rate for 2015.

**2016/9**

**THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Maintenance Plan has been submitted to Balfour Beatty. The meeting agreed to appoint Richard Mills to undertake enhanced lengthsman work such as filling potholes (subject to an acceptable reference from two parish councils), and for HITREES to provide traditional lengthsman work.

**2016/10**

**P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME**

Cllr. Bradley reported that the landowner whose stile collapsed on the footpath from Lugg Green to Mortimers Cross, has decided to replace it with another stile after all. This will be a private matter at the landowner's expense.

**2016/11**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Vice Chairman reported that new numbers of houses are now required under the modifications to Herefordshire Council's core strategy. There will be a meeting of the steering group shortly to address the implications of this for the draft Kingsland neighbourhood plan.

**2016/12**

**SPEEDING AT SHIRLHEATH**

Cllr. Bowen said he will raise the matter with Herefordshire Council and the local police to address speeding along the A4110 at Shirlheath.

**2016/13**

**MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO HEREFORDSHIRE CORE STRATEGY**

The parish council agreed to comment that Shirheath should not be part of the calculation used to set housing guideline targets as it is a hamlet without services, and therefore effectively open countryside.

**2016/14**

**MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)**

Cllr. Thompson asked for an explanation re: the outsize sign added to the Corners crossroads sign post.

**2016/15**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

[The meeting was closed to members of the public]

**2016/16      KINGSLAND POST OFFICE**

In light of the support shown by local people who attended the parish meeting held earlier in the evening, the parish council agreed to: increase the offer made for the purchase of the land and building housing the post office and shop by £20,000; consider the vendor's proposal to retain part of the garden, subject to understanding the proportion of garden that might be retained, and providing this is made clear in the referendum; and advertise to try and identify people who are willing and able to take on the business.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.05 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....