

## KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2015 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE, KINGSLAND**

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

District Cllr. S Bowen; Mr N Jenkins, Post Office Ltd; Mrs P Potheary, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk.

- 2015/141      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mr H Jones and Mr P D Vaughan.
- 2015/142      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**  
Cllr. Barbour declared a disclosable interest in item 4, the future of the post office.
- 2015/143      MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2014 and Minutes of the Extraordinary Meetings held on Tuesday 9 December 2014 and Monday 5 January 2015 were agreed and signed.
- 2015/144      KINGSLAND POST OFFICE**  
The parish council noted the support of the community for the purchase of the building housing the shop and post office at the parish council meeting held on 9 December 2014. The meeting agreed a £1,300 quotation from the District Valuer to value the building and business.
- 2015/145      HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  
Herefordshire Council's precept will rise by 1.9 percent in 2015-16. The district council is trying to maintain services. The Care Act may add to the financial pressures. Social Care is expected to be close to break-even, compared to budget, by the end of the financial year. Health and care services are expected to work more closely together. The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is going well. Maintenance of roads will pick up again when the weather gets better. School budgets are likely to decrease.
- 2015/146      UPKEEP OF CHURCHYARD, ST MICHAELS**  
The parish council reviewed the PCC accounts for 2013, and agreed to make a donation of £1,500.00 for the maintenance of the churchyard at St Michael and all Angels, Kingsland.
- 2015/147      LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**  
There were no matters raised.

**2015/148 CLERK'S REPORT**

West Mercia Police has found the speed of traffic on North Road and Longford is in the region of 35-36mph and will look at carrying out speed enforcement under the Community Concern Site programme in 2015. The Community Speed Watch notice has resulted in one volunteer to date, and the scheme requires a minimum of six volunteers – Cllrs. Barbour, Fordham and Southgate agreed to volunteer for a Community Speed Watch. Scheme in Kingsland. The meeting noted Community Speed Watch is not able to operate in the same area as other speed enforcement programmes which would exclude North Road and Longford. A member of the public has expressed an interest in being co-opted to the vacancy on the parish council. The Clerk for Eardisland has emailed to say a volunteer has offered to take local people to medical appointments at cost – more information will be forthcoming from the clerk. The section 106 monies allocated for highways improvements is still not forthcoming from Balfour Beatty – Cllr. Bowen said he will ask for an update on this as a matter of urgency.

**2015/149 PLANNING**

**P150002/K Kingsland Fire Station, Kingsland** – Proposed works to Douglas fir tree. The proposed works were supported.

**Planning enforcement** – An enforcement notice is expected to be issued shortly on the property being used as a car dealership in Cobnash. The removal of the hedge at Pinsley Farm, and large trees behind The Limes and Hazeldene are being looked at by enforcement. The refurbishment of the property adjacent to the dealership at Cobnash is not a matter for enforcement so long as a new boundary wall is at regulation height and the entrance is not changed.

**Planning decisions:** Planning applications for Well House (P142835/F and P142836/F) and Stoneleigh (P143466/F) have been given permission to proceed by Herefordshire Council. Planning application P143387/F The Paddocks has been refused permission by Herefordshire Council. Applications for tree works at Dunvegan (P143521/K) and Little Croft (P143171/K) have been given permission by Herefordshire Council.

**2015/150 FINANCE**

The Clerk reported the payment of £136.50 from Pyons Group Parish Council for the shared BENQ MX1620ST digital projector. The meeting agreed the following payments: Data Orchard, planning support for draft neighbourhood plan (£140.00); R Bayliss, P3 footpaths (£214.86); HALC, colour meeting notices (£13.20); Kingsland PCC, churchyard maintenance (£1,500.00); PIP Printing, neighbourhood plan (£197.50); Coronation Hall, parish meeting on 9 December 2014 (£5.00); and Community Development Foundation, refund of unused neighbourhood plan grant for period to 31 Dec. 2014 (£17.85).

**2015/151 THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

There was no lengthsman report.

**2015/152 HIGHWAYS AND ROADS THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

Cllr. Thompson raised concern at the condition of North Road, which is a potential hazard to people using a bicycle. District Cllr. Bowen said the road is likely to be resurfaced in Spring 2015.

- 2015/153 CONSERVATION AREA IN KINGSLAND**  
The meeting agreed to place an article in the newsletter to remind people about the conservation area in the village, and the requirement to notify Herefordshire Council in advance on proposed tree works. If available, a map should be included with the article showing the outline of the conservation area.
- 2015/154 P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME**  
Cllr. Bradley reported that stiles have been mended and markers replaced. Access to the Glebe Land from the church is being addressed by enforcement. It is proposed to put down wooden duck boarding to allow access to the Glebe Land.
- In response to a letter from a member of the public asked for the Pinsley Brook footpath to be reviewed, Cllr. Bradley said the footpath was the regulation width, and the gate at the bottom will have some chippings put down shortly. The problem with access to the Glebe Land is being addressed through enforcement. The report of honey fungus will be reported to Hereford Diocese.
- 2015/155 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  
The Vice Chairman said the draft neighbourhood plan is out for consultation under Regulation 14, which will end on 10 February 2015. The completion of the next stage, Regulation 16, will need to be worked around the pre-election quiet period. This may not be possible until after 7 May 2015 due to the short time-frame there is to incorporate the results of the Regulation 14 consultation and present an amended draft of the plan to the parish council prior to submission to Herefordshire Council. However, the steering group is minded to try and achieve the Regulation 16 consultation before the elections in May 2015, if possible.
- The meeting noted the application for a £1,930.00 bridging grant to help the steering group through Regulation 14 and 16, which the Clerk is applying for on behalf of the steering group. If successful, the grant will need to be used by 31 March 2015.
- 2015/156 KEEP BRITAIN TIDY LUMINOUS POSTERS**  
The meeting agreed to request that Orleton and Pyons Group Parish Councils share the £200.00 cost of purchasing 10 luminous A3 posters aimed at preventing dog fouling. The signs will be divided up in line with the contribution made by each parish council.
- 2015/157 KINGSLAND LIFE WEBSITE**  
The parish council considered a request for financial support to help transfer the Kingsland Life website to a new host. The parish council agreed to provide £140.00 to help with the transition payable against a receipt or invoice.
- 2015/158 BT CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC PAYPHONE REMOVALS**  
The parish council AGREED to adopt the public telephone kiosk located by the surgery on Lugg Green road at a cost of £1.00.
- 2015/159 SPEED INDICATOR DEPLOYMENT**  
The parish council AGREED to request deployment of two SIDs in the village in March, June and September 2015.

**2015/160 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)**  
There were no matters raised.

**2015/161 INFORMATION ITEMS**  
The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....