

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2014
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 D Thompson; Mr B J Watkins; and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

2015/1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mrs R J Edwards, Mr D Fordham, Mr H Jones and Mr G T Bradley.

2015/2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**
The Chairman and Vice Chairman declared a disclosable interest in the planning application for The Granary (P140455/F).

2015/3 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2014 were agreed and signed.

2015/4 **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**
Balfour Beatty is to improve Longford/ North Road. The speed of traffic using North Road is being checked and there is a proposal to extend the use of double yellow lines at the Corners crossroads. The new locality steward for Kingsland has been appointed and will tour the area with District Cllr. Bowen on 24 April 2014 to identify repairs and potholes that need to be fixed. The fire station at Hereford will be relocated to Bath Street and the existing site redeveloped. The Core Strategy is likely to be completed by mid 2015.

[Cllr. P Vaughan joined the meeting.]

A map highlighting Balfour Beatty’s planned programme of works in 2014-15 will be available shortly.

2015/5 **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**
Several members of the public raised concerns about the speed of traffic using North Road and the condition of the verges on North Road. District Cllr. Bowen said the verges belong to the individual owners of the properties on North Road, and that it was not possible to put obstructions on the side of the road/verge.

2015/6 **CLERK’S REPORT**
Quotations have been received for the resurfacing of the Coronation Hall car park. The Coronation Hall Committee prefers the G M Joyce Surfacing Ltd. quotation (£14,360.00), which is the most cost-effective of the three quotations received, provided the Coronation Hall provides £7,360.00 (plus VAT) as a contribution towards the cost of the works.

The dropped kerbs at the Corners and Millennium Green crossroads have yet to be undertaken by Balfour Beatty. The latest status is that they are: “Not sure who is picking it up and we are having some internal changes and re-organisation...” An update will be secured for the next meeting.

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FINANCE

The meeting noted the receipt of the precept (£5,000.00) and lengthsman grant 2013-14 (£2,000.00). Unfortunately, the lengthsman grant has been paid twice and should be a payment for £1,000.00 only. The overpayment will need to be returned to Herefordshire Council. The receipt of £357.62 to sponsor the purchase and installation of a new kissing gate behind the church was noted as well.

The following payments were agreed: Herefordshire Council, refund of lengthsman grant overpayment (£1,000.00); R Bayliss, P3 footpaths, (£121.77); Zurich Municipal, parish council insurance 2014-15 (£409.18); the Clerk, expenses, Jan.-March 2014 (£90.17); HMRC, PAYE to 5 April 2014 (£109.40); and HITREES, clear footpath at the Glebe land by hand (£1,200.00).

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THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Vice Chairman said a red rose will be planted at the Monument. The work to clear the footpath at the Glebe land by hand has been completed.

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P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME

The Clerk said the P3 scheme requires the appointment of a new footpath officer in order for the parish to remain in the P3 scheme. The Chairman asked a member of the public present at the meeting, Mr Roy Jones, if he was interested in taking on the role. Mr Jones said he was interested, but would need to confirm following the meeting. Cllr. Vaughan said he may know someone who might volunteer for the role as well. The Chairman thanked Mr Jones and the meeting agreed to appoint him as footpath officer pending his confirmation that wishes to accept the position.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Vice Chairman reported that the steering group intends to hold a community consultation weekend in early June 2014. The Clerk said the grant application has been successful – a grant of £4,695.00 has been agreed to support the neighbourhood plan up to the point of submission for examination. The grant will pay for third party costs and support from Data Orchard.

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SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON NORTH ROAD

The meeting considered the speed survey carried out by Balfour Beatty on North Road at the end of March 2014. According to Balfour Beatty, the 85th percentile speeds are high for the 30mph speed limit. After reviewing options highlighted in a short report prepared by the Clerk, the parish council agreed to request support from the Safer Roads Partnership, to hire two speed indicator devices (SIDs) from Balfour Beatty in May and September 2014, and to request new permanent vehicle activated signs (VAS) are paid for from the section 106 agreement for the land adjacent to Kingsleane.

2015/12 SHARE SID WITH SHOBDON AND TITLEY PARISH COUNCILS
Based on the past experience of owning, servicing and maintaining a SID, the parish council decided not to share a SID with Shobdon and Titley Parish Councils.

2015/13 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT CORNERS CROSSROADS
The meeting agreed to support the proposal to introduce parking restrictions on the B4360 North Road/ Longford and C1036 as outlined in a map provided by Balfour Beatty.

2015/14 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
The parish council agreed to grant a six month leave of absence to Mr G Bradley and will review the matter again in October 2014.

2015/15 DRAFT TRANSPARENCY CODE
The parish council commented on the draft transparency code for parish councils.

2015/16 PLANNING
P140626/K West End Cottage, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RZ – Fell conifer. The meeting had no objections to the proposed works.
P140534/F Land adjoining Kingsleane, Kingsland, HR6 9SP – Proposed development of 12 nos. dwellings, consisting of 4 nos. affordable and 8 nos. open market. Works to include new road and landscaping. To review draft section 106 agreement. The meeting advised that the Millennium Green is not owned and maintained by the parish council as highlighted in #3 of the draft agreement.

Planning enforcement: The meeting noted that the work at the Old Forge at Cobnash was reported in March, and is due to be visited by a planning officer “after Easter”. The Vice Chairman said he will ask the owners of The Croase whether their chimney will be reinstated.

Planning decisions: The planning application for Bridge House (P140213/F) has been approved by Herefordshire Council.

[The Chairman left the meeting, and the meeting asked Cllr. Vaughan to take the chair.]

P140455/F The Granary, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Removal of condition 3 of planning permission P133185/F. The application was supported.

2015/17 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)
There were no matters raised.

2015/18 INFORMATION ITEMS
The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

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