

## **KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 PM AT THE CORONATION HALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr R C Smallwood (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.

**2015/172 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mrs J Barbour, Mr D Fordham, Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN), Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

**2015/173 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**  
There were no declarations of interest or written dispensations.

**2015/174 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS** –  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2015 and Minutes of the Extraordinary Meetings held on Thursday 12 February and Monday 9 March 2015 were agreed and signed.

**2015/175 CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL**  
In light of the elections for a new parish council on 7 May 2015, it was decided not to co-opt to the parish council.

**2015/176 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  
The business of Herefordshire Council continues despite the election quiet period or 'purdah'. The precept will increase by 1.9 percent. The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is in operation and working well for the county. The new Herefordshire Archives building on the Rotherwas estate is nearing completion and will be a great asset for historians. Herefordshire's Local Development Framework (LDF) is having a thorough review from the planning inspector, and is expected to be adopted by Herefordshire Council in July 2015.

**2015/177 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**  
There were no matters raised.

**2015/178 CLERK’S REPORT**  
An article providing an overview of the Kingsland conservation area will be published in the newsletter shortly. The report of honey fungus in a fallen tree on the Glebe Land has been passed to the land agents of the Hereford Diocese. SID deployment on North Road and Longford will be in May, July and September 2015. The voluntary offer of help with transport for local parishioners is restricted at present to Eardisland. Herefordshire Council has emailed to say the highways improvements requested in 2013 “will be programmed for delivery in the 2015/16 Highway Annual Plan”. Community speed watch is restricted to four parishes in the county at present – from Spring 2015, it may be possible for nearby parishes like Kingsland to share the equipment provided.

**2015/179**

**PLANNING**

**150576 The Paddocks, Kingsland** – Proposed 1 no. single storey residential dwelling. The meeting commented that the design of the proposed building is not in keeping with adjacent properties, and that the parish council is opposed to the proposed new access to the A4110, which will adversely affect road safety along a busy stretch of road. In addition, the plot lies outside the settlement boundary. The parish plan for Kingsland shows clear support for most new homes to be built within the settlement boundary or using brownfield sites. The emerging neighbourhood plan for Kingsland, which is in its final stages, anticipates that the proposed site will remain outside the settlement boundary.

**150635 Criftins Cottage, Kingsland** – Propose to fell Ash tree. Kingsland Parish Council requested that a couple of suitable replacement trees are planted in the garden to make up for the loss of the Ash tree

**150649 The Laurels, Kingsland** – Proposed removal of tin shed and the erection of 1 cottage & 2 no. bungalows. The parish council would like consideration given to the provision of a self-contained, on-site sewage system for the new properties due to the ongoing problem with blockages and flooding from the sewage infrastructure in this area of the village. Otherwise there were no objections to the planning application.

**Planning enforcement** – Enforcement action is being taken on the property being used as a car dealership in Cobnash. The enforcement officer is to ask for an explanation and replanting scheme re: removal of the hedge at Pinsley Farm. The felling of the large trees behind The Limes and Hazeldene was directed by the electricity board and is not a matter for enforcement.

**Planning decisions:** Planning applications for Croftmead (P143821/F) and Markhams (P150372/F) have been given permission to proceed by Herefordshire Council. Planning application P143682/A The Forge, Cobnash 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.

**2015/180**

**FINANCE**

The Clerk reported the payment of £134.00 from Orleton Parish Council for the shared BENQ MX1620ST digital projector. The meeting agreed the following payments: VOA, valuation of post office and shop (£1,259.36); Herefordshire Council, printed planning applications (£79.00); R Bayliss, P3 footpaths (£169.43); SLCC, subscription 2015 (£78.00); Coronation Hall, parish meeting on 9 March 2015 (£5.00); HMRC, PAYE for period to 5 April 2015 (£116.20); AVG, IT support (£53.27); Clerk, salary increment/expenses, December 2014-19 March 2015 (£182.45); and BT, purchase of telephone kiosk (£1.00).

**2015/181**

**THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The meeting agreed the Annual Maintenance Plan for 2015-16, and noted the 2014-15 lengthsman grant will be £275.00.

**2015/182**

**P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME**

Cllr. Bradley reported that a stile has collapsed on the footpath from Lugg Green to Mortimers Cross, and the landowner has agreed to replace it with a gate instead which will be installed under the P3 scheme.

New waymarkers have been installed in half the parish paths. The plan for KL2 going towards Pinsley brook is to cut back the hedge by the footpath which hopefully will encourage people to use the footpath and not walk in the field on the crop. Three trees have come down in the Glebe Land.

**2015/183 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The steering group will need to review the outcome of the core strategy review by the planning inspector. This may delay progress to Regulation 16 consultation. The application for a £1,930.00 bridging grant has been successful.

**2015/185 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2015-16**

The meeting agreed the schedule of meetings for 2015-16. The first meeting will be at the Coronation Hall on Monday 20 April 2015.

**2015/186 PURCHASE TELEPHONE KIOSK FROM BT**

The parish council AGREED to adopt the public telephone kiosk located by the surgery on Lugg Green road at a cost of £1.00.

**2015/187 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)**

There were no matters raised.

**2015/188 INFORMATION ITEMS**

The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

[The meeting was closed to members of the public]

**2015/189 KINGSLAND POST OFFICE**

The Clerk reported the offer made for the purchase of the land and building housing the post office and shop has not been accepted by the owner. The owner has not indicated an offer which may be acceptable. According to Herefordshire Council, it is possible for the parish council to consider an offer in excess of the value highlighted in the valuation report.

The parish council decided to hold a parish meeting on Monday 20 April 2015 to brief the community on the current situation and consult on the question of making an offer in excess of the valuation. The owner will be asked to indicate what might be an acceptable offer prior to the parish meeting. To publicise the parish meeting the parish council agreed to contribute towards the cost of placing a late insert in the village newsletter.

The meeting agreed that the decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposed purchase of the land and building housing the post office and shop will be a matter for the new parish council following the election on 7 May 2015.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....