

## **KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 PM AT KINGSLAND POST OFFICE**

#### **PRESENT**

R C Smallwood ... CHAIRMAN, Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN), Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs L Juson, Mrs C Sawyers, Mr G Bradley and Mr D Thompson.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

District Cllr. S Bowen; Ms C Rawlings, planning agent; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk.

**2016/120**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** accepted from Mr P D Vaughan, Mr B J Watkins and Mr D Fordham.

**2016/121**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**  
There were none.

**2016/122**      **MINUTES OF MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 October 2015 were agreed and signed.

**2016/123**      **REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**  
Ward Cllr. Bowen said Balfour Beatty has appointed a new locality steward for Bircher and Mortimer Wards. The scrutiny committee review of smallholdings has recommended they are retained, and reorganised so they are better managed. A small number may be sold if they have mineral rights or potential for development. Cabinet will have the final say.

Herefordshire Council needs to reduce funding by £10 million in 2016-17. It is estimated that it will cost £1 million to remove the asbestos found at Hereford library. Libraries will be maintained. About 4,000 responses were made on the budget consultation. Social care makes up 55-60 percent of the budget. It is likely Council Tax will go up by an additional 2 percent to increase funding for social care. Reserves are just £6-7 million.

**2016/124**      **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**  
A member of the public was concerned traffic was speeding on the A4110 between Kingsland and Shirlheath. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will raise this at his forthcoming meeting with the traffic department, Herefordshire Council, which will look at ways to prevent further accidents at the Lawtons Cross junction – one option is to put in a roundabout. A complaint about the road surface on stretches of the A4110 at Shirlheath, and on North Road and Longford will also be raised by Cllr. Bowen with the locality steward.

A member of the public asked that lighting is improved on the A4110 by Leominster Car Auctions, and the double yellow line restricted parking zone is enforced. It was noted that better lighting has been promised by the owner of the car auction, and Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will follow this up and ask for the restricted parking to be enforced.

**2016/125 CLERKS REPORT**

Faulty streetlights from the Corners crossroads to Yew Trees have been reported to Balfour Beatty. The Clerk was asked to re-report the faulty streetlight nearest the crossroads. The Glebe Land tender is still outstanding – the agent hopes to have it agreed by the end of the year. A quotation has been requested from R Mills for the refurbishment of the road sign at the Corners' crossroads. The neighbourhood development plan has been submitted to Herefordshire Council, which is in the process of undertaking Regulation 16 consultation, the final stage before examination of the plan.

**2016/126 PLANNING**

Ms C Rawlings, planning agent, informed the parish council that her client would like to build about 25 houses on a three hectare field off North Road. Ms Rawlings said she is aware of the neighbourhood plan for Kingsland, has had pre-application discussions with Herefordshire Council, and said Welsh Water has indicated the sewage system has capacity at the treatment centre. The parish council requested a copy of this letter.

Ms Rawlings said there will be a consultation held with the local community, and asked if the parish council had any thoughts on facilities it would like to see on the site, such as a leisure space for football and other activities.

The parish council said a pre-school facility was needed, but was not convinced the location was appropriate, and was concerned that the neighbourhood plan, which is at the stage of Regulation 16, does not support the development of this site. Also, the sewage system is at capacity based on the findings of the Herefordshire Council Water Cycle Study - Addendum (Feb. 2015), which states that Kingsland falls within category 1 and "the assessment suggests there is no current capacity".

**152219 Land to the rear of The Laurels, Kingsland, HR6 9QS** – Outline application for a proposed bungalow (approval sought for all matters except landscaping. The parish council agreed to add the following comment to the objection to the proposed plans made on 9 September 2015. *The Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan is now at the stage of Regulation 16 consultation and should be given appropriate weight. The parish council opposes any additional load on the sewage system in line with the Herefordshire Council Water Cycle Study - Addendum (Feb. 2015), which states that Kingsland falls within category 1 and "the assessment suggests there is no current capacity".*

**153236 St Michael's and All Angels Church, Kingsland, HR6 9QN** – Proposed branch removal and lift upper canopy of one Yew tree. The parish council agreed to support the proposed tree works.

**153076 Hartfield, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RZ** – Proposed works to silver birch tree. The parish council agreed to support the proposed tree works.

**150681 Land at Shirl Heath, Kingsland** – Proposed 6 no. dwellings and 4 no. garages. Appeal reference: APP/W1850/W/15/3129906. The appeal was noted by the meeting.

**Planning Decisions** – The meeting noted Herefordshire Council has given planning permission for 152764 Oakfields Farm. Tree works at Hartfield (153076) may proceed. Planning application 151818 Land to the east of Boarsfield has been withdrawn. Planning application 152743 Land off Lugg Green Road has been refused.

- 2016/127 FINANCE**  
The following payments were AGREED: Kingsland PCC, donation for churchyard maintenance (£1,500.00); R Mills, enhanced lengthsman (£1,365.90); and R Bayliss, P3 footpaths (£93.40).
- The meeting considered the draft 2016-17 precept proposed by the finance working group. The precept of £12,500 was agreed without amendment, and will include hiring two speed indicator displays four times per year as well as additional support for traffic calming.
- 2016/128 SECTION 106 RESOLUTION**  
The parish council unanimously passed the following resolution: *To require Herefordshire Council within 30 days of this meeting, either to begin the highways improvements agreed in 2013, which are to be funded by Section 106 contributions from development in the village, or to provide the secured funds to the parish council for the work to be carried out by a recognised contractor. If the work is not started, or the section 106 funding provided, then the matter is to be referred to the appropriate regulatory bodies for resolution.*
- 2016/129 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**  
Ninety-five potholes have been repaired by the lengthsman. The work highlighted the need to clear drainage grips on Chapel and Hereford Lane. The parish council agreed that clearing ditches should be undertaken by the landowner, in line with the guidance from Balfour Beatty.
- The very poor road surface by the Knapp at Aston remains unrepaired, despite being a potential hazard for users of this road. It was marked out by the locality steward for repair by Balfour Beatty during the summer. In addition, the road markings on the junction of the C1037 and B4360 at Cobnash are worn and need repainting. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly offered to take these defects up with the locality steward.
- 2016/130 P3 FOOTPATHS SCHEME**  
Cllr. Bradley said minor work was carried out on KL1 and KL24. There is an urgent need to close two bridges on the footpath from Cholstrey towards the Lugg, and this has been raised with Balfour Beatty which has the authority to close a public footpath. The size of the bridges mean that they are the responsibility of Balfour Beatty. Ward Cllr. Bowen said the locality steward will be going out to inspect both bridges shortly.
- 2016/131 A4110 AT SHIRLHEATH AND LAWTONS CROSS**  
The parish council covered these matters under 2016/124 local residents discussion.
- 2016/132 NO FOULING SIGNS**  
The meeting considered a proposal to put no fouling signs on the verge on North Road. It was decided to monitor the problem as the verges are believed to be privately owned. Cllr. Juson kindly offered to contact the member of the public who raised the matter.

**2016/133 VENUE FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

It was agreed to continue to hold parish council meetings in the meeting room behind the post office if possible. The Clerk will confirm this with the owner of the business which will shortly be operating the post office and shop.

**2016/134 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)**

Speeding in the village.

**2016/135 INFORMATION ITEMS**

Noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....