

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE, KINGSLAND

PRESENT

Mr G T Bradley (Acting CHAIRMAN); Mrs G B Bengry; Mrs J Barbour; Mr H Jones; Mr B J Watkins and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

- 2015/77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mr R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN); Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN); Mrs R J Edwards, Mr D Fordham and Mr D Thompson.
- 2015/78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**
There were no declarations of interest or written dispensations.
- 2015/79 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 22 July 2014 were agreed and signed.
- 2015/80 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**
It was reported that a member of the public has expressed concern at the state of the verges now that Herefordshire Council has reduced the number of times they are cut. The parish council agreed that the lengthsman is able to cut back verges where required.
- 2015/81 CLERK’S REPORT**
The Clerk read out a report from Balfour Beatty re: HGV traffic using the C1037 and HGVs turning from North Road/ Longford into Lugg Green road. The parish council noted the report and asked that: Balfour Beatty implement their proposal to review “the existing directions signing to deter HGV shortcutting” on the C1037; confirm when the additional yellow lines will be in place on the Corners' crossroads in the village; and measure the current speed of traffic using the C1037, as the parish council believes it may merit the extension of the speed limit on grounds of road safety.
- 2015/82 FINANCE**
The following payments were agreed: G M Joyce, contribution to resurfacing of the Coronation Hall car park (£8,400.00); Data Orchard, neighbourhood plan consultation (£468.20); C May, refurbish noticeboards at Coronation Hall and school (£145.00); and The Clerk, expenses for July-August 2014 (£47.08).

The meeting noted that the VAT will be reclaimed on the £8,400.00 part payment of the G M Joyce payment, and agreed to transfer £7,000.00 from the Old Fire Station Trust to the parish council Treasury account.
- 2015/83 THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**
There was no lengthsman report.

- 2015/84 P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME**
The acting Chairman kindly offered to be the designated footpath officer, and this was agreed unanimously by the meeting.
- 2015/85 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
The Clerk said the steering group was assessing the findings of the public consultations and has walked the parish to help assess options for the neighbourhood plan.
- 2015/86 REPLACEMENT BENCH, CHURCH ROAD**
The Clerk reported on a number of quotations for a replacement bench. The meeting agreed to ask Cllr. Bengry to review these and recommend which might be an appropriate bench for Church road. Cllr. Bengry said the option to have a bench constructed by a local craftsman will be looked at as well.
- 2015/87 PARISH NOTICEBOARD**
The parish council agreed to accept the £145.00 quotation provided by C May for the refurbishment of the noticeboards at the Coronation Hall and the school.
- 2015/88 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Wigmore School plan to set up their own bus route in September 2015 to help those parents who are asked to pay for the cost of school transport by Herefordshire Council. Herefordshire Council aims to reduce expenditure by £34 million over the next couple of years. Libraries and museums are likely to be placed in trust so that they can access more funding. There is a police presence in the front office of the library at Leominster. Balfour Beatty is being looked at by the scrutiny committee.
- District Cllr. Bowen said he will do his best to help resolve problems with the highways, and asked that all concerns are reported to him directly. The new locality steward appointed by Balfour Beatty will be reviewing issues in Bircher Ward with Cllr. Bowen later in September 2014. The lengthsman should be allowed to do more such as repair of minor potholes.
- 2015/89 THE GLEBELAND**
The parish council agreed to express an interest in leasing the Glebeland via the agents for the Hereford Diocese, Smiths Gore, when the current tenancy ends. The parish council believes the site is best suited to be an amenity for residents and visitors given its status as a Scheduled Monument and location by the church in the centre of the village, Work to clear the path again will be put on hold for the moment.
- 2015/90 TRAVELLERS' SITES CONSULTATION**
The meeting decided not to provide a parish council response to the consultation.
- 2015/91 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL'S BUDGET CONSULTATION**
The meeting asked councillors to email their thoughts on where Herefordshire Council might make additional savings or generate income to the Clerk in time for the deadline on 10 October 2014.

2015/92 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER PARISH SURVEY
The parish council completed the survey during the meeting.

2015/93 PLANNING
P141958/F Weir on the river Lugg, Grid Ref: 344050/262484, Near Kingsland – Fish pass to be built on a weir that impedes migrating fish from accessing their spawning grounds upstream. The planning application was supported.
P141991/F & P141992/L Park House, Kingsland, HR6 9SQ – Conversion and renovation of existing outbuilding for change of use to holiday let. The parish council agreed to ratify comment that there is no objection in principle but concern that sufficient provision is made for parking so that cars do not park on the road as this will cause difficulties for large vehicles trying to pass.
P142293/FH Hazeldene, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Proposed extensions and alterations. The planning application was supported.

Planning enforcement: The planning officer handling the enforcement complaint on the Old Forge has provided a deadline for a response and has indicated that they will be forced to commence enforcement action if this is not met.

Planning decisions: The applications for trees in conservation area works at The Studio (P141918/K) and Meadow View (P142042/K) have been given permission to proceed by Herefordshire Council.

2015/94 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)
The meeting agreed to look at purchasing a projector to help review planning applications.

2015/95 INFORMATION ITEMS
The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

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