

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2013
AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE, KINGSLAND**

PRESENT

Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN)... Mr G T Bradley, Mr D Thompson, Mr H Jones and Mr D Fordham and Mr B J Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

- 2013/132** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mrs J Barbour, Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs R J Edwards, R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN) and Mr P D Vaughan.
- 2013/133** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**
No declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation were made or received during the meeting.
- 2013/134** **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27 November 2012 were agreed and signed.
- 2013/135** **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**
District Cllr. Bowen reported on the following matters: Herefordshire Council passed a motion unanimously to keep Bircher Ward as it is. The district council needs to save £10 million in 2013-14 and is consulting to identify areas to cut. The budget for adult social care continues to be overspent. Herefordshire Council is reviewing the Amey contract for highways maintenance, and is considering an increased role for parish councils in the repair of minor defects. *Herefordshire Matters* may be axed or become an online publication.
- In response to questions from members, District Cllr. Bowen said he would ask why *Herefordshire Matters* was printed outside Herefordshire, enquire into the status of the review of traffic speeds in the parish planned by Amey, and invite Welsh Water to the next meeting of the parish council.
- 2013/136** **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**
There were no members of the public present at the meeting. Cllr. Fordham said he had been asked to raise the use of The Garden Café’s external disabled toilet by members of the public. The meeting was unsure how to assist in this matter as there is no public toilet in Kingsland to point visitors towards.
- Cllr. Fordham also said he had been asked to request that the parish council look at signs for the village and the development of a parish map. The meeting felt these matters would be looked at as part of the ongoing parish plan process.

2013/137 FEEDBACK ON ACTION ITEMS & MATTERS OUTSTANDING

The Clerk reported on the following matters: The agents for Hereford Diocese have requested the parish council consult with English Heritage and Herefordshire Council before considering the renovation of Birch Walk on the Glebe Land further. The Clerk said Herefordshire Council would be approached shortly.

The supplier that provided the Parish Watch signs has offered to reprint the panel stickers which will then need to be applied to the signs. The panels will be produced by the supplier shortly and will then need to be applied to the signs by the parish council.

An application to join the P3 Footpaths Scheme has been made to Herefordshire Council. A letter has been received from the PCC thanking the parish council for the donation of £1,200 for churchyard maintenance.

2013/138 FINANCE

The Clerk reported on payments received from Herefordshire Council for the parish plan (£900.00) and lengthsman scheme, quarters 1-3 (£1,765.00). The following payments were agreed: Coronation Hall, meeting on 27 November 2012; and the Clerk, salary and expenses for December 2012 to January 2013 (£401.60).

The meeting AGREED to appoint Emma Greenall of Lucton to undertake the internal audit of the parish council accounts for financial year 2012-13.

2013/139 THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Vice Chairman said requests for drainage works had been passed to Amey. The meeting agreed that the lengthsman should help to clear the pavements of snow in Kingsland. The parish council agreed to ask Amey to place grit bins by the doctor's surgery and on the corner of the Millennium Green so grit is readily available to place on the pavements. The Millennium Green Management Committee will be approached to obtain agreement to place a grit bin.

The Clerk said the entrance to a footpath opposite Bank Farm had been reported by a member of the public as padlocked. The report was passed to the public rights of way team at Herefordshire Council for appropriate action.

2013/140 PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported the steering group is developing the parish questionnaire. The parish council considered a proposal from the chair of the parish plan steering group to look at a neighbourhood plan alongside the parish plan. The meeting was receptive to the proposal but felt that more information was required and suggested the steering group develop an overview on how the neighbourhood plan would proceed for the parish council to consider at the next meeting.

- 2013/141 MANAGEMENT OF NEW SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)**
The parish council agreed to explore the option outlined by Amey whereby the operation, servicing and repair of the SID is outsourced in return for Amey being able to rent the device to other parish councils when it is not deployed in either Kingsland or Shobdon.
- The meeting agreed to request an additional SID socket on Lugg Green Road to highlight the speed of traffic entering the village from the direction of Oaker Wood and Yarpole.
- 2013/142 GRANT TO SUPPORT REPAIR OF CAR PARK SURFACE AT CORONATION HALL**
A letter from the Chair of the Coronation Hall Committee was considered at the meeting. The parish council agreed to look at financial support for the resurfacing or repair of the car park once three quotations for the work had been obtained by the Coronation Hall Committee. Cllr. Fordham suggested a supplier to approach for a quotation.
- 2013/143 SECTION 106 MONIES: DROPPED KERBS AND/OR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**
The Clerk reported that Amey will close the request for a new footway or pavement from The Corners' Inn to Brick House in light of the parish council's opposition. There remains approximately £22,500 of section 106 monies held by Amey with agreement to look at provision of three dropped kerbs at the Corners intersection, provision of three dropped kerbs at the Post Office junction, and traffic calming on North Road and Longford.
- The parish council agreed that more information is required before making a decision on which scheme to support, namely: whether the funds can be used to resurface the car park at the Coronation Hall or kerb the edge of the Millennium Green opposite The Angel public house on Longford; more detail on the traffic calming measures proposed; and a breakdown of the approximate cost of each option.
- 2013/144 CONSULTATION ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PRECEPT**
The meeting noted the consultation by Herefordshire Council on the 2013-14 precept.
- 2013/145 COMMUNITY BASED OIL BUYING SCHEME**
The meeting supported the Community Based Oil Scheme and asked the Clerk to publicise the initiative on the village noticeboards and via the newsletter and www.kingslandlife.com.
- 2013/146 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PRECEPT OPTIONS**
The parish council considered the draft Police and Crime Plan and Precept Options and decided to support a 2 percent rise in the police precept and continued deployment of community support officers.
- 2013/147 COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID AND ASSET REGISTER**
The meeting noted the details of the scheme.

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PLANNING

The Clerk confirmed that a projector had not been purchased to date to display plans electronically. The meeting AGREED to the charge of £4.00 per planning application by Herefordshire Council in order to receive paper or printed copies of planning applications.

DMN/123509/K 2 Corner Cottage, Kingsland, HR6 9RT – Fell 1 x Yew tree. The application was supported.

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COUNCILLORS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.09 pm.

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