

**KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2013  
AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE, KINGSLAND**

**PRESENT**

R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN), Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN), Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs J Barbour, Mrs R J Edwards, Mr G T Bradley, Mr D Thompson, Mr H Jones and Mr P D Vaughan.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**2014/1**        **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr D Fordham and Mr B J Watkins.

**2014/2**        **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**  
Cllrs. Vaughan and Barbour declared an interest in the planning application for The Rosary considered under 2014/15. Cllrs. Smallwood, Jones, Thompson, Southgate and Bengry declared an interest in 2014/12 Grandstand at Luctonians. Cllr. Thompson declared an interest in Croftmead which was discussed under 2014/5. No further declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation were made or received during the meeting.

**2014/3**        **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2013 were agreed and signed.

**2014/4**        **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  
District Cllr. Bowen sent his apologies and provided a report which was read out by the Clerk: “We now have a new Chief Executive called Alistair Neil. He is very keen to implement Lean Working systems as used, initially, by Toyota. This system involves everyone... and all have equal input and value. From my experience great value and efficiencies can be gained. Adult social care is still in the red by millions. Children’s Safeguarding is being taken very seriously and I am heavily involved in it. Potholes are still a problem. Please report them and I am very happy to do my best to get some action. Minor roads will have more maintenance this summer. Herefordshire Council is very short of cash and trying to make savings everywhere. We must ensure that we do not neglect essentials. Please phone or email me if there is anything I can do to help.”

**2014/5**        **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**  
Mrs M Albright said that planning services was now asking for four affordable housing units at Croft Mead which placed the development at the edge of viability for Border Oak and would require the redrawing of the scheme. Border Oak is in ongoing discussions with planning services on the matter.

Mrs Albright also spoke against the Community Infrastructure Levy proposed by Herefordshire Council which is currently out for consultation, and had concerns regarding the Core Strategy.

**2014/6**

**FEEDBACK ON ACTION ITEMS & MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

The Vice Chairman, Cllr. Jones and the Clerk agreed which Parish Watch signs to replace with the new Parish Watch stickers. Parish Watch signs at Cobnash, Arbour Lane, Lugg Green Lane, top of North Road, opposite Luctonians and close to the corner at Shrublands will all receive new stickers.

Kingsland Millennium Green Trust has invited the parish council to attend its AGM on 18 May 2013 to talk about the proposed kerbing of the Millennium Green opposite the Angel, where to place the grit bin, and the suggested additional waste bin. The Clerk agreed to attend the meeting on 18 May 2013.

Amey has been asked to provide the dropped kerbs at the Corners intersection and Post Office junction and the works will be funded from section 106 monies.

A request has been made to Kingspan for the new SID and additional socket, which will be required on Lugg Green Road. There is no expected date on when the new SID will be available for deployment.

English Heritage has agreed to attend a site meeting on 22 April 2013 to review the proposed renovation of the Birch Walk footpath.

**2014/7**

**FINANCE**

The following payments were agreed: PIP Marketing Services, parish plan questionnaire (£567.94); and the Clerk, salary and expenses for March 2013 (£233.39).

The Clerk briefed the meeting on the introduction of Real Time Information by HMRC. It was AGREED to set up a standing order to pay the Clerk's net salary monthly. The first payment on 28 April 2013 will be £145.02 and thereafter the Clerk will receive a net salary of £145.85 on the 28th day of the month.

**2014/8**

**THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The Vice Chairman reported that the lengthsmen had been asked to repair a bench, and if the bench was beyond repair, to remove the bench. The Vice Chairman anticipated that the lengthsmen would be required to do more during the coming months.

The Vice Chairman said the lengthsmen grant was underspent for 2012-13, and it was agreed that the grant for the fourth quarter will not be claimed from Herefordshire Council.

**2014/9**

**P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME**

Cllr. Bradley reported that he had received the required training from Herefordshire Council and was now certified to fulfil the role of Footpaths Officer. There are 22.1 kilometres of footpaths in the parish to manage. Cllr. Bradley said he would arrange for a complaint from 2009 to be resolved by placing an extra piece of wood across a stile by Leominster Car Auctions, and needed to check two bridges. Two people have volunteered to help monitor the condition of the footpaths in the parish.

Also, a path at the back of the churchyard needs to be registered as a footpath – apparently it was a footpath but was appears to have been overlooked in recent years. The condition of the footpath from the church to Birch Walk has been reported, and Herefordshire Council has sent letters to the Hereford Diocese asking for it to be reinstated.

Cllr. Bradley said he would attend the meeting to review the planned renovation of Birch Walk with English Heritage on Monday 22 April 2013.

**2014/10**

**PARISH PLAN UPDATE AND PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Clerk reported on the invitation to parishes adjacent to Kingsland to co-operate on a joint neighbourhood plan. According to the Neighbourhood Planning team at Herefordshire Council, Shobdon and Yarpole parish councils have started a neighbourhood plan already and agreed the area. The Clerk said Monkland & Stretford and Aymestrey parish councils had decided not to pursue a neighbourhood plan for the time being. The Clerk at Eardisland Parish Council said there may be an opportunity to work together on a joint neighbourhood plan, pending completion of the Eardisland Parish Plan and further consideration of the matter. Also, neighbourhood plan grants will be available from 1 May 2013.

In light of this information, the meeting agreed to postpone a decision on undertaking a neighbourhood plan to the next meeting.

**2014/11**

**GRANT FOR REPAIR OF CAR PARK AT THE CORONATION HALL**

The Clerk read out a minute from a meeting of Kingsland Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14 May 1996, which confirmed that the Old Fire Station Trust was established with capital of £9,000.

The meeting agreed the interest accrued over the years in the Old Fire Station Trust could be used to support the resurfacing of the Coronation Hall Car Park as it is an amenity used by the entire community. However, the parish council was concerned that a grant for the Coronation Hall should not exclude other opportunities to use the interest generated by the Old Fire Station Trust to support the community in Kingsland.

In order to help frame the decision, it was agreed that the parish council needed to know the proportion of the resurfacing fund that will be provided by the Coronation Hall, and understand how a public works loan might be obtained.

**2014/12**

**GRANDSTAND AT LUCTONIANS**

The parish council considered an email from Jackie Markham requesting a letter from the parish council in support of the proposed new Grandstand and ‘multi-purpose rooms’ at Luctonians. The meeting asked the Clerk to write a letter expressing the parish council’s support for the initiative.

**2014/13**

**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CONSULTATION**

The parish council completed the consultation questionnaire during the meeting.

**2014/14            HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The parish council considered the questionnaire for the core strategy and agreed that local communities needed to have more scope to set their own requirements. For example, each development should be judged on its own merits, and houses should not be limited to 80 square metres.

The completion of the questionnaire was delegated to the Clerk by the meeting, based on the parish council's discussion of the Community Infrastructure Levy, the Core Strategy and selective input from the submissions made by Merry Albright

**2014/15            PLANNING**

**130392/F The Rosary, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ** – Erection of a new sustainable dwelling. The application was supported.

**2014/16            COUNCILLORS' FORUM**

The Clerk was asked to report a container placed at Dark Orchard to planning enforcement. The meeting agreed to invite Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service to the Annual Parish Meeting to talk about a public access defibrillator for Kingsland. District Cllr. Bowen said he would invite the local CSO for Kingsland, Adam Harris to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....