

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2012
AT 8.00 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE CORONATION HALL**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

- 2013/111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mrs J Barbour, Mr H Jones and Mr D Fordham.
- 2013/112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**
There were no declarations of interest made during the meeting. The meeting AGREED that all councillors residing in the parish of Kingsland are granted a dispensation to participate and vote in all matters relating to the annual parish precept for 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- 2013/113 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9 October 2012 were agreed and signed.
- 2013/114 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**
District Cllr. Bowen reported that the appointment process for the new Herefordshire Council chief executive provided only limited input for members outside of the selection panel. The timing of the increase in parking charges is poor and will not help to encourage people to visit and shop at Leominster.
- The highways site visit with Amey and responsible cabinet member, District Cllr. Hamilton, looked at the pavement on the entrance to the Corners’ Inn car park, and reviewed the road higher up the village by Shrublands. The resurfacing of Longford and North Road remains outstanding. Following the site visit Amey will provide recommendations to address the highways issues reviewed.
- District Cllr. Bowen said that a decision on the retendering of the Amey contract for highways maintenance was expected by June 2013. Outsourcing services remains a key consideration. A new health and social care scrutiny committee has been formed.
- 2013/115 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**
There were no matters raised by members of the public.
- 2013/116 FEEDBACK ON ACTION ITEMS & MATTERS OUTSTANDING**
The Clerk reported that Hereford Diocese had approved the request to renovate Birch Walk on the Glebe Land and denied consent to construct a screen around the fire station or extend the avenue of trees in the field in proximity to the fire station.

Hereford Diocese has requested that the parish council contact English Heritage and Herefordshire Council about the proposals once the heads of terms have been agreed.

The meeting felt the renovation of the path using wood chip would not be sufficiently hard wearing given the use of the Glebe Land for grazing cattle. It was agreed to request that the path is repaired where appropriate using road planings. Cllr. Bradley kindly volunteered to check whether the existing path was intact.

Planning enforcement has contacted the Clerk to provide an update on the development of Glendaph. A planning application is being prepared, and any trees removed are either not protected by the conservation area or have been removed on the advice of a tree surgeon.

The Clerk read out a letter from the recipient of the Form Tutor award thanking the parish council for sponsoring the Wigmore High School award.

The Clerk said Amey had committed to follow up with Western Power Distribution for the reinstatement of the streetlight at the entrance to the field adjoining Croftmead. According to Amey, Western Power Distribution removed the streetlight and is responsible for reinstating the service.

- 2013/117 DONATION TO ST MICHAELS' PCC**
The meeting AGREED to provide a grant of £1,200.00 to the PCC of St Michaels Church for grass cutting and maintenance of the churchyard.
- 2013/118 FINANCE**
The following payments were agreed: St Michaels' PCC, grant for churchyard maintenance (£1,200.00); Mr S Swinson, planning for real publicity (£69.35); Mr S Swinson, parish plan expenses (£71.33); Mr J Davies, parish plan expenses (£22.39); The Garden Tea Room, parish plan expenses (£165.30), Coronation Hall, planning for real event (£50.00); HITREES Ltd, lengthsman (£283.80); HOOPLE Ltd, maps for parish plan (£242.40; and the Clerk, salary and expenses for October-November 2012 (£488.39).
- 2013/119 THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**
The Vice Chairman reported that the lengthsman was due to clear out the gullies but that this had been completed by Amey. The Clerk said mud left on Lugg Green road by tractors had been reported as a defect to Amey following a request from the Vice-Chairman.
- 2013/120 PARISH PLAN**
The Clerk reported that the Planning for Real event on the weekend of 18 and 19 November 2012 at the Coronation Hall had been successful. It was attended by over 200 local people who provided their views. The next step is to review the issues raised and develop a questionnaire which will be distributed to every household.

- 2013/121 BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES**
 The parish council agreed to object to the Boundary Commission proposals for a new Ludlow and Leominster parliamentary constituency on the grounds that the Herefordshire county boundary has been ignored. In order to recognise the local voice and ensure the continuity of historic Herefordshire communities, the meeting believed there should remain two MPs with constituencies that stay within the geographic boundary of Herefordshire.
- 2013/122 BOUNDARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT WARDS**
 The meeting agreed to object to the Boundary Commission recommendation to remove Richard's Castle from Bircher Ward, the addition of Moreton, Eye and Luston, and the proposed renaming of the ward to Kingsland Ward.
- 2013/123 KINGSPAN SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)**
 Cllr. Bradley kindly volunteered to take the lead in deploying the Kingspan sponsored SID within Kingsland and agreed to attend a forthcoming meeting facilitated by District Cllr. Phillips.
- 2013/124 GRANT TO SUPPORT REPAIR OF CAR PARK SURFACE AT CORONATION HALL**
 Consideration of the matter was postponed pending a formal request for support from the Coronation Hall.
- 2013/125 FOOTWAY REQUEST FOR B4360 BY THE CORNERS INN**
 The Clerk reported that the footway request highlighted by Amey related to a proposal to extend the pavement from The Corners' Inn to Brick House, and not the poor condition of the pavement at the entrance to the car park at The Corners' Inn.
- The parish council opposed the proposed footway from The Corners' Inn to Brick House on the grounds that it will narrow the road unnecessarily. People living in Kingsland park on both sides of the street and when cars park directly opposite it causes problems for agricultural, delivery and possibly emergency vehicles to use the road. A new footway can only exacerbate this issue. Also, pedestrians are able to use the existing footway on the Southern side of the B4360.
- The Clerk confirmed that the poor condition of the pavement at the entrance to the car park at The Corners' Inn has been reported to Amey and logged with a works order number.
- 2013/126 PARISH WATCH SIGNS**
 The Clerk reported The Sign Shop had yet to respond formally to a request to repair the parish watch signs. It is understood the adhesive provided by a supplier has caused some problems in other signs and that it is possible to undertake repairs. The Clerk will follow up on this matter.

- 2013/127 STORAGE SITE FOR SANDBAGS IN KINGSLAND**
 The Clerk reported that an alternative site to Oakfields Farm for the storage of sandbags has been identified on North Road. A local resident, Mr Price, has offered the use of his covered car port which is of sufficient size to store a pallet of sandbags. The meeting thanked Mr Price and agreed to order a pallet of sandbags for the new site on North Road.
- 2013/128 PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES**
 The meeting confirmed that there are no parish council allowances.
- 2013/129 HEREFORDSHIRE ARMED FORCES COVENANT AND GRANT SCHEME**
 The meeting noted the details of the scheme.
- 2013/130 PLANNING**
N122812/F The Arbour Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9SF – Proposed agricultural storage building. The planning application was opposed. The parish council was concerned that the proposed building lies within the curtilage of the listed farm house and notes that there has been no listed building planning application. The parish council believes the land was acquired as a single unit when the Arbour was sold a few years ago. The proposed agricultural storage building is oversized and out of proportion for the field, and the design of the building does not add to the amenity of the area.
N122731/F Poplar Cottage, Longford, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Demolition of existing dilapidated cottage and replace with new timber framed dwelling. The planning application was supported.
DMN/123115/K Lilac Cottage, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Fell 1 x Silver Birch tree. The application was supported.
- 2013/131 COUNCILLORS’ FORUM**
 There were no matters raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.53 pm.

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