

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2015 AT 7.00 PM AT THE CORONATION HALL

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

2016/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** accepted from Mr D Fordham and Mr P D Vaughan.

2016/18 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes for the annual parish meeting held on 20 May 2014 were agreed and signed.

2016/19 **OBSERVATIONS OF THE WARD COUNCILLOR, BIRCHER WARD**
Ward Cllr. Bowen said he is the Chairman of Herefordshire Council's Scrutiny Committee. There will be a review of smallholdings in the county, which are a valuable resource and should be maintained as a facility. The long term future of the football club will be looked at, including the current location of the club. The school bus programme will be assessed to see if it is going to realise the anticipated savings.

Herefordshire Council needs to secure a further £10 million of savings, and the leader of the council has asked that this is reviewed by government.

Social care for children is making good progress, and Birmingham is looking at the academy model. With the advent of the Care Act it will be important that adult social care is funded properly.

2016/20 **DISCUSSION BY RESIDENTS OF KINGSLAND PARISH**
Several members of the public said they had got together to discuss the post office purchase. They asked the parish council to consider using the flat above the post office as a holiday let, should the proposed purchase of the property housing the post office and shop go ahead. The group estimated the flat could bring 8,000-22,000 depending on the number of weeks per year it is let.

It was proposed that the parish council consider supporting a Community Interest Company, which could be formed for the sole purpose of looking after the community facility. It was agreed by councillors present that this option should be explored by the group, and that the Clerk should provide the working figures from November 2014 on the proposed purchase, to help the group understand the costs involved and possibly to develop an alternative funding model for the purchase.

The meeting noted a decision from planning services on the application for change of use at the post office is expected shortly.

A member of the public asked why no action appeared to have been taken to address speeding through the village. The meeting noted that since last year, North Road has been designated for enforcement by the Safer Roads Partnership, and action had been carried out the previous week, a Speed Indicator Device (SID) is hired regularly, and an application has been made to form a Community Speed Watch. However, the Community Speed Watch cannot operate on the same stretch of road designated as an enforcement area.

The Chairman said that historically speed bumps and other infrastructure works have not been popular with local residents.

A member of the public said the road through the village needed resurfacing as a matter of priority.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

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