

## **KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr D Thompson... VICE CHAIRMAN, Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs L Juson, Mrs C Sawyers and Mr C Southgate, Mr G Bradley and Mr P D Vaughan.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk. There were 5 members of the public present.

**2017/45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** accepted from R C Smallwood ... CHAIRMAN; Mr B J Watkins and Mr D Fordham.

**2017/46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**  
Cllr. Bengry declared a non-disclosable interest in planning application 161425 Old Office Building.

**2017/47 APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL LIAISON GROUP AND LENGTHSMAN COORDINATOR**  
Cllrs. Sawyers and Southgate kindly agreed to join the School Liaison Working Group, along with the Chairman who has expressed an interest in the group. Cllr. Southgate kindly agreed to be the lengthsman coordinator.

**2017/48 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 26 May 2016 were agreed and signed.

**2017/49 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**  
Ward Cllr. Bowen said Balfour Beatty has taken the decision to close KL4 by the bridge as it is unsafe to cross, and that he will push for the bridge to be repaired and reopened as soon as possible. There is a new cabinet member. Ward Cllr. Bowen is asking Herefordshire Council to consider borrowing or using reserves to bring the roads up to an acceptable standard. The central government grant is anticipated to be zero by 2020. As small businesses do not pay rates, there will need to be an equalisation mechanism. Funding for the lengthsman and P3 footpaths schemes is to be cut, and parish councils will need to fund their own contractors. Work on the A49-A465 link road is expected to start soon. A request to fund the proposed STEM university at Hereford is expected shortly. The proposal is for a technical university with provision for graduate and undergraduate teaching. It is hoped that a thriving university will encourage innovative 'start ups' at the industrial estate.

**2017/50 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**  
There were no matters raised.

**2017/51 CLERKS REPORT**  
A notice from electoral services, Herefordshire Council advertising the vacancy on the parish council has been displayed. There has been a premises licence application from Luctonians to have an outside bar by the Grandstand. The application for a Transparency Code grant was unsuccessful. The grant requires the setting up of a separate website dedicated to the parish council only.

A request has been received from a member of the public for a dog bag dispenser. Members agreed to consider the purchase of a community dog bag dispenser at the next meeting.

**2017/52 PLANNING**

**161319 7 Boarsfield, Kingsland, HR6 9SN** – Proposed change of use of summer house to a dog grooming parlour. The parish council agreed to support the planning application.

**161425 Old Office Building, Longmore, Shirlheath, HR6 9RG** – Conversion of former office building to residential. The parish council agreed to support the planning application.

**161746 Plot 2, Land adjacent to Westmead, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ** – Proposed new dwelling and car port. The parish council agreed to support the application, and that in recognition of the large number of neighbouring properties, work on site will not be permitted on Sundays, Saturday afternoons and Bank Holidays.

**Planning Decisions/ Enforcement** – The meeting noted planning permission has been granted for 161107 Croftmead. Ward Cllr. Bowen advised that enforcement action is underway at 2 Hazeldene.

**2017/53 FINANCE**

The following payments were AGREED: HMRC, PAYE for period to 5 July 2016 (£133.20); R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£188.75); and Hitrees, lengthsman (£78.00).

**2017/54 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The parish council considered an email from a member of the public which expressed concern at the lack of lowered kerbs on pavements, which causes difficulty for people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters or prams. The meeting noted that section 106 funded dropped kerbs at the Corners and post office crossroads are expected to be built soon. In addition, the parish council asked that landowners cut back their hedges alongside pavements from September to help make the full width of the pavement available. The member of the public who wrote the email will be contacted to request specific details of difficult locations.

The meeting agreed that the lengthsman will repair around 300 minor potholes, which were identified by the locality steward on 16 June 2016. Based on the cost of pothole repairs in 2015-16, the cost of the lengthsman's work to repair 300 potholes has been estimated at approximately £3,000.

**2017/55 P3 FOOTPATHS**

The consultation on the proposal to divert EY5 and KL6 was noted. It was agreed to make no comment.

**2017/56 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The meeting noted that the neighbourhood plan will be ready for resubmission shortly. It was agreed to hold a parish council meeting on 30 June 2016 to agree the updated plan and associated documents. A number of planning applications will be considered as well. The meeting noted a grant application to provide funding of £2,294.00 to support the neighbourhood plan has been completed. Expenses and fees incurred prior to the grant being awarded will need to be paid from parish council funds.

**2017/57 PRIMARY SCHOOL** – Postponed to the next meeting to allow the liaison group to report on a meeting scheduled for 11 July 2016.

**2017/58 BROWN SIGN, CORNERS CROSSROADS**

A proposal to replace all the signs with traditional wooden signs with metal lettering was considered. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for this from a specialist sign manufacturer. It is proposed to paint the new Oaker Wood sign the appropriate brown, subject to checking this is agreeable to Oaker Wood.

The Clerk reported that Border Oak has offered to make a contribution of £250.00 towards the restoration of the signpost. The parish council thanked Border Oak for their generous offer.

**2017/59 DEFIBRILLATOR RELOCATION**

A proposal to move the defibrillator to the adopted telephone kiosk by the medical practice was considered. It was agreed the defibrillator should remain at Markhams Garage.

**2017/60 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, YARPOLE GROUP**

The Regulation 14 consultation on the draft plan was noted.

**2017/61 COMPLAINT RE: UNDUE NOISE AT VILLAGE HALL**

A verbal complaint of undue noise and disturbance coming from the Coronation Hall has been made by a local resident. Cllr. Juson said the Coronation Hall committee is aware of the complaint, and is working to address the issue. Users of the village hall have been asked to be aware, particularly in summer when the windows of the hall are likely to be open or the outside space used. It was agreed that the concern is best addressed by the Coronation Hall management committee.

**2017/62 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)**

Herefordshire Council's opinion on the current use of the land by Cobnash corner, formerly used for selling used cars.

**2017/63 INFORMATION ITEMS**

The parish council noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.09 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....