

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JULY 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE

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

IN ATTENDANCE Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk. There were 11 members of the public present.

2017/69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were accepted from Mr B J Watkins and Mr P D Vaughan.

2017/70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
Cllr. Juson declared a disclosable interest in planning application 162025 Stone House. The Vice Chairman declared a disclosable interest in planning application 161936 Croftmead.

2017/71 CO-OPT MEMBER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Two members of the public said they would like to be co-opted to the parish council. The Chairman asked each member of the public to say a few words. The parish council then voted and Mr James Vaughan was co-opted to the parish council. Mr Vaughan completed the Declaration of Acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the remaining member of the public for their interest, and asked that they consider putting themselves forward again in the event of another vacancy.

2017/72 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The Minutes of the Meetings held on 21 and 30 June 2016 were agreed and signed.

2017/73 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said six neighbourhood development plans have been approved in the county, with 10-15 at the stage of Regulation 16. Herefordshire Council's budget planning assumes that by 2020 financial support from government will be virtually nil. The expectation is to focus on business rates, however this is nil rated for smaller businesses. There needs to be some form of equalisation in order for business rates to provide a reasonable level of funding. Herefordshire Council is likely to accept the four year funding programme from government.

Herefordshire Council's website is to be reviewed, and the council logo rebranded. The move to digital services will continue, though it is accepted that there is likely to be a long-standing 10-11 percent who will need to access services in the usual way. There is a focus on putting an economic plan in place to help get Herefordshire thriving, including participation in the Local Enterprise Partnership for the West Midlands, establishing a STEM university, and being open to ideas for the local economy and regeneration.

2017/74 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

2017/75 CLERKS REPORT

The parish council has been contacted by Herefordshire Council and asked to propose a name for the new houses being built on land adjacent to Croftmead. The PCC has written to request financial support for the maintenance of the churchyard at St Michael & All Angels, and has highlighted the increased costs of this maintenance. This year, maintaining the churchyard is expected to cost £2,500. The parish council agreed to consider both matters at the next meeting in September 2016.

2017/76 PLANNING

162166 Land to the south of Martindale, Kingsland – Outline planning application for residential development and associated works. The parish council agreed to object to the planning application on the following grounds: the site lies outside the settlement boundary in the neighbourhood development plan which is at the stage of Regulation 16 consultation and as such now carries weight in planning decisions; highway safety as the proposed access is onto a dangerous stretch of the A4110 with a history of serious collisions; and over-development of the site.

The parish council asks the planning authority to note the serious collision which required emergency services and closure of the A4110 approximately one month ago, which is contrary to the Transport Report submitted (clause 2.4.1), and the history of planning applications to develop the site which have been refused.

162096 Agricultural buildings at Becknell House, Kingsland, HR6 9PX – Two dwellings. The planning application was supported.

162034 Whitley Court, Cobnash, Kingsland – Erection of two detached dwellings and garages on land at Whitley Court. The planning application was supported, and the meeting agreed to request that work on site is not permitted on Sundays, Saturday afternoons and Bank Holidays.

162033 Cobnash House, Hostel Lane, Cobnash, Kingsland – 2 proposed self build sustainable new dwellings with ancillary outbuildings and landscaping. The planning application was supported, and the meeting agreed to request that work on site is not permitted on Sundays, Saturday afternoons and Bank Holidays.

162069 The Arbour, Kingsland, HR6 9SF – Proposed extension to agricultural storage building. The meeting did not object to the planning application.

161936 Croftmead, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RZ – Application for variation of a condition 2 of planning permission 152301. The planning application was supported.

162050 Dunvegan, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RX – Thin crown on two Silver Birch trees and fell Cypress tree. The proposed tree works was supported.

162025 Stone House, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ – Fell Western Red Cedar. The proposed tree works was supported. The parish council would like to see a suitable replacement tree planted.

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – The meeting noted Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 161746 Plot 2, Land adjacent to Westmead; 161319 7 Boarsfield; 161371 Land adjacent to Westmead; and 161818 The Arbour Farm. Listed building consent has been granted for 161824 The Arbour Farm, and 160925 Land to the rear of St Mary's Farm.

Tree works have been allowed under application 161787 2 Church Green. Herefordshire Council has refused planning permission for 143252 Land adjoining Kingsleane.

An update has been requested from the enforcement officer on the current use of the land by Cobnash corner, formerly used for selling cars.

2017/77 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Kingsland Village Shop, room hire (£60.00); Eyelid Productions Ltd, redesign of kingslandlife.com (£350.00); Data Orchard, neighbourhood plan (£2,689.92); R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£112.64); and R Mills, enhanced lengthsman (£2,253.30). The meeting noted that the neighbourhood plan grant is unlikely to be able to be used to cover the Data Orchard invoice as the work was completed before confirmation of the grant at the end of June 2016.

2017/78 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The parish council noted that the lengthsman and P3 footpaths grants will be phased out by Herefordshire Council by 2019-20. The programmes will continue but will need to be funded by parish councils.

R Mills, the enhanced lengthsman has repaired potholes through Kingsland and out towards Aston fixing potholes highlighted in the recent tour with the locality steward. Cllr. Southgate said two gullies on North Road, and one outside the Coronation Hall, will need to be looked at before the winter. The lengthsman will be asked to see what they can do, and Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly said he will ask Balfour Beatty to clear the gullies. The Clerk said the gully outside the Coronation Hall has been reported to Balfour Beatty.

Balfour Beatty undertook a site meeting with the Chairman, Cllr. Southgate and Ward Cllr. Bowen on 7 July 2016 to plan the section 106 funded highways improvements funded. The map provided by a member of the public who uses a scooter, and which highlights suggested areas for dropped kerbs was noted.

2017/79 P3 FOOTPATHS

Work has been undertaken at KL1 Pinsley Brook, Birch Walk and behind the fire station.

2017/80 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The meeting noted that the neighbourhood plan has been resubmitted to Herefordshire Council for Regulation 16, as agreed at the meeting on 30 June 2016. The six week Regulation 16 consultation, which is the responsibility of Herefordshire Council, runs from 11 July to 22 August 2016.

2017/81 SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The parish council agreed to write to the chief executive of Welsh Water to highlight the ongoing problems with the drainage of sewage in Kingsland, the lack of capacity in the system and uncertainty caused through having two figures from Welsh Water concerning the number of additional houses that might be supported by the existing system. The parish council asks that Welsh Water no longer responds to planning requests until the true figure is confirmed, and existing problems with the sewerage system resolved. The letter will be copied to planning services, Herefordshire Council and Ward Cllr. Bowen.

2017/82 PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school liaison group reported that the school is making some progress. Funding is likely for the building of a new school, but will not include the cost of land. There has been a conditional offer to make some of the Glebe Land available, but the status of the scheduled monument is a potential restriction. A new school will need 4.5-5 acres ideally. It is possible for a local landowner to donate land should they wish to do so.

2017/83 ROAD SIGN, CORNERS CROSSROADS

A quotation from a specialist sign manufacturer to replace the finger posts on the Corners crossroads road sign was considered. The meeting decided to obtain an additional quotation from an alternative supplier, and to request the original quotation is updated to include cast metal rather than wooden finger posts. A quotation for a new post will be considered as well.

2017/84 CORONATION HALL

Cllr. Juson asked the meeting to consider supporting the Coronation Hall’s long term plan for the resurfacing of the car park which is likely to be required after about 15 years. One proposal is to put back the £7,000 that was taken out of the Old Fire Station Trust and used to resurface the car park in 2014. The Coronation Hall would then have an option to approach the parish council for financial support as required, and the decision would be made by a future parish council. The meeting agreed to consider the proposal to repay the funds to the Old Fire Station Trust at the next meeting.

2017/85 SPEED LIMIT AND VISIBILITY AT LUCTONIANS

The Chairman of Luctonians asked the parish council to support an application to reduce the speed limit outside the club to 30mph. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly offered to contact the speed team to come out and take a look. In response to a question about removing the hedgerow along the A4110 at the top end of the club, the Chairman said Luctonians is likely to require a planning application for this, and it will then be considered by the parish council in the usual way.

2017/86 DOG BAG DISPENSER

The meeting considered the request made to purchase a dog bag dispenser to encourage dog owners to clear up after their pets. The meeting agreed not to purchase a dog bag dispenser due to the risk that people using the bags will not dispose of them properly and add to the problem of litter.

2017/87 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

Consider proposal to request that Herefordshire Council extend the 30 mph limit to Waterloo Mill to the south of Kingsland, and proposal to pay £7,000 to the Old Fire Station Trust.

2017/88 INFORMATION ITEMS

The parish council noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.

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