

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE FIRE STATION

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

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

2017/106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs C Sawyers and Mr C Southgate.

2017/107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2017/108 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2016 were agreed and signed.

2017/109 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said there is a scrutiny review of health provision and this has resulted in widespread rumours about future provision of services. A recent legal case with respect to the Amey contract has led to an award of £9.5 million, excluding interest, to Herefordshire Council. Amey may appeal. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he is asking that Herefordshire Council allocate the funds to highways. Section 106 funds will be used to repair potholes on the A4110 by the car auctions. The local depot manager is working to deliver a high standard of service. The parish council may wish to consider providing support for library services in the 2017-18 precept.

2017/110 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

2017/111 CLERKS REPORT

Border Oak has approached the school directly to ask the children to suggest a name for the development adjacent to Croftmead. The request for the additional dropped kerb on North Road by Bell House has been made to Herefordshire Council. The date for the completion of the section 106 funded work has yet to be provided. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly agreed to request a date for the work to be completed from Herefordshire Council. An email from the lead development control officer, Welsh Water was read out and noted by the meeting.

2017/112 PLANNING

162854 The Stables, The Arbour, Kingsland – Remove Condition no.11 P111610/F (Proposed conversion of barn into 2 holiday units, conversion of stables into holiday apartments and granny annex and construction of new garage) - From Holiday occupancy to residential. The parish council had no objection to the removal of the condition but would like to see a new condition whereby The Stables is tied to the main dwelling and cannot be sold separately.

162855 The Stables, The Arbour, Kingsland – Replace external door and windows and retrospective internal alterations to convert granny annex into single unit - currently approved for holiday apartments and granny annex. The parish council had no objection to the internal alterations. Planning services was asked to note the requirement for a new condition whereby The Stables is tied to the main dwelling.

163161 3 The Wardens, Kingsland, HR6 9DP – Propose to fell Ornamental Cherry tree and replace with a suitable alternative. There was no objection to the proposed work.

162629 Land adjoining Crossways, Shirl Heath, HR6 9RF – Proposed self build dwelling and garage (plot 7). The meeting agreed to object to the planning application as the site lies well outside the Shirl Heath settlement boundary defined by the neighbourhood development plan, which is at the stage of independent examination. In addition, the proposed access on to the A4110 is unacceptable given the speed vehicles go on this particular stretch of road.

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – The meeting noted Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 162272 Holgate Farm; and 162033 Cobnash House. Tree works have been allowed under application 162476 Normandie and 162293 West End Cottage.

2017/113 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Old Fire Station Trust, repayment of funds used to resurface Coronation Hall car park (£7,000.00); Grant Thornton, external audit fee 2015-16 (£240.00); Wigmore School, sponsor awards (£50.00); HMRC, PAYE to 5 October 2016 (£136.40); and R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£178.82).

The parish council agreed to form a finance working group to prepare a draft precept for consideration at the next meeting.

2017/114 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Cllr. Bengry reported that the strip of land on the corner of Tudor Place and North Road by West End Cottage is believed to be the responsibility of Herefordshire Council, and is cut twice a year in line with the county programme for verge cutting. It was agreed to check this with Herefordshire Council.

Members of the public said the road designated ‘Hostel Lane’ by Herefordshire Council is not appropriate for use by heavy goods vehicles. There were reports of damage to property, wing mirrors being knocked and left on the road, and near misses when two HGVs pass on each side of the road.

The parish council shared the concerns. It was noted that imposing a 7.5 tonne weight limit requires a weak bridge or culvert, which does not apply to Hostel Lane. Another option is to consider a speed limit, and it was noted that this will be considered later in the meeting (2017/119). Asking Balfour Beatty to amend the road signs to encourage traffic to use Lawtons Cross may help as well. The meeting agreed to raise the matter as a traffic management problem with Balfour Beatty.

The parish council agreed to hire two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) from Balfour Beatty four times per year alternating between the sockets in the village and the A4110, ideally starting in November 2016. The cost of the hire is £150.00 per device per hire (excluding VAT), and it was noted that Balfour Beatty will review this cost for 2017-18.

2017/115 P3 FOOTPATHS

There were no footpath matters raised.

2017/116 VILLAGE GATES

The meeting agreed to hold a site meeting to identify appropriate locations for village gates at Kingsland. The Chairman and Cllrs. P Vaughan, Bengry, Thompson and Watkins kindly agreed to join the working group.

2017/117 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The neighbourhood plan has completed Regulation 16, and has been recommended to progress to examination by Herefordshire Council. The parish council considered the shortlist of independent examiners provided, and selected Ann Skippers as the preferred examiner. It was noted the independent examination is likely to begin in February 2016.

2017/118 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

The parish council agreed to comment that the proposed parliamentary constituencies should respect historic county boundaries. In order to recognise the local voice and ensure the continuity of historic Herefordshire communities, it is important that constituencies stay substantially within the geographic boundary of Herefordshire.

2017/119 SPEED LIMIT AT COBNASH AND SHIRLHEATH

The parish council agreed that the 40 mph speed limit on the A4110 through Kingsland should be extended to include Cobnash. Specifically, the parish council will urge that Herefordshire Council extends the 40 mph zone to include:

1. The whole of Hostel Lane;
2. The B4360 from the edge of the existing 30 mph zone on Shrublands Corner to the parish boundary near China Hall;
3. The 40 mph zone on the A4110 to the south of Kingsland is extended to the top of the hill by Stanley Villa and Orchard View; and
4. Consideration is given to extending the 40 mph zone on the B4360 beyond the parish boundary to include the houses up to Burnt House on the B4529 junction.

The parish council agreed that road signs should be improved as well to encourage the use of the Lawtons Cross junction to access the A4110. At the Burnt House junction, road users are pointed towards the B4360 to Wigmore, rather than local destinations Kingsland and Cobnash.

The meeting thanked Ward Cllr. Bowen for his support for the extension of the speed limit.

2017/120 CONSULTATION ON PAYPHONE KIOSKS

The consultation was noted.

2017/121 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

TPO protected oak tree at Holgate Farm.

2017/122 INFORMATION ITEMS

The parish council noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Signed:

Date: