

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE

PRESENT R C Smallwood ... CHAIRMAN; Mr D Thompson... VICE CHAIRMAN, Mr J Vaughan, Mr G Bradley, Mr C Southgate, Mr B J Watkins and Mr P D Vaughan.

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

2017/123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs C Sawyers, Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs L Juson and Mr D Fordham.

2017/124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
Cllr. Bradley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 163290 Land at the Garden House.

2017/125 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 October 2016 were agreed and signed.

2017/126 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
Ward Cllr. Bowen said bus services need proper support. They are a lifeline for an important proportion of the population. Tourism may help support bus services, such as at the caravan park near Ludlow where visitors use the 490 service. It is now possible to understand in more detail how the service is being used.

The 2017-18 budget needs to find £10 million compared with the previous year, and £28 million by 2019. Business rates are expected to take up the funding shortfall, but Herefordshire has more small businesses which fall below the threshold for business rates. The Autumn Statement is expected to clarify how business rates will work, including possible equalisation measures.

Work on the A49-A465 link road in Hereford is underway. A number of young refugees will be in the county, and will be funded by government. The Police and Crime Commissioner visited Hereford recently and highlighted the priorities of the force. Herefordshire and Worcestershire NHS is working on a sustainability plan which will be consulted on in due course. The outcome of a request for £30 million to establish a university at Hereford is awaited. Amey is appealing the award made to Herefordshire Council.

2017/127 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION
A member of the public asked when the dropped kerbs will be implemented by Balfour Beatty, and that some pavements were not wide enough. The Chairman said the dropped kerbs work has been agreed with Balfour Beatty and set out in a project plan. Where it is clear that hedges and trees have encroached on to the pavement, householders can be asked to take appropriate action to maintain the width of the pavement.

A member of the public asked whether a culvert on 'Hostel Lane', Cobnash meant a weight restriction could be applied to the road. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will request an inspection of the culvert to check whether it is at the required standard to bear the weight of HGV traffic.

2017/128 CLERKS REPORT

A request made to have Cobnash village signs has been made by a member of the public. The meeting agreed to consider the request at the next meeting. The independent examiner agreed by the parish council has been appointed by Herefordshire Council and expects to start the examination by February/March 2017. Speed Indicator Devices have been hired from Balfour Beatty and are expected to be deployed shortly. Data on the speed of traffic during the SID deployment will be made available by Balfour Beatty. The officer responsible for Section 106 funded projects has yet to confirm when the dropped kerbs will be installed, but given the time of year it is unlikely to be before spring 2017.

2017/129 PLANNING

[Cllr. Bradley left the meeting.]

Land at the Garden House, Orchard Close, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Proposed new dwelling. *The parish council agreed to object to the proposed plans on the following grounds: overdevelopment relative to the size of the plot; and bland design which neither conserves or enhances the conservation area, and is contrary to KNDP 6 in the Kingsland neighbourhood development plan which states that there should be a high quality of design for new buildings. The Kingsland neighbourhood development plan is at the stage of independent examination.*

[Cllr. Bradley rejoined the meeting.]

162166 Land to the south of Martindale, Kingsland – Outline planning application for residential development and associated works. Consider amended and additional plans or documents. *The parish council considered the amended and additional documents for planning application 162166 - Land to the south of Martindale, Kingsland and agreed that the comment provided on 29 July 2016 remains the view of the parish council, and respectfully asks that planning services notes the Kingsland neighbourhood development plan is now at the stage of independent examination.*

163636 Holgate Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Reduce limb of Oak tree (with gate in base) to approx 1m above the union. *The proposed work is supported by the parish council.*

163357 Stone House, Kingsland – Works to Tulip tree. *The proposed work is supported by the parish council.*

163355 1 Church Green, Kingsland – Works to Sycamore and Norway Maple. *The proposed work is supported by the parish council.*

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – The meeting noted Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 162854 The Stables, The Arbour and Listed Building Consent for 162855 The Stables, The Arbour. Planning applications 162242 Land adjacent to Garden Cottage, 162629 Land adjoining Crossways and 162749 Land adjoining Crossways have been refused by the planning authority. Enforcement has advised that a change of use is not required currently to sell logs and craft items at the Forge, Cobnash.

2017/130 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Clerk, expenses April-November 2016 (£378.17); HMRC, PAYE for period to 5 January 2016 (£133.40); and R Bayliss, P3 footpaths maintenance (£105.41).

The parish council agreed to make £50.00 available to support an award at Kingsland C E Primary School. The meeting agreed to increase the Clerk's hours of work to 7 per week, effective from 1 April 2017, following a review by the finance working group.

The parish council agreed the 2017-18 budget proposed by the finance working group and set the precept for 2017-18 at £15,000.00. The increase in the precept will pay for mandatory parish contributions of £1,321.50, which are required from 2017-18 in order to participate in the lengthsman and P3 footpaths schemes, and £4,000.00 has been allocated to support an extended speed limit at Cobnash.

Systems of internal control were reviewed and it was agreed they are effective in safeguarding public money and resources. The parish council considered a letter from Herefordshire Council regarding an Allowances Scheme for Councillors and was minded to introduce a scheme.

2017/131 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Expression of Interest in the lengthsman and P3 footpaths schemes 2017-18 was agreed. Balfour Beatty has agreed to meet the traffic working group on 1 December 2016 to discuss the parish council request to extend the speed limit at Cobnash. Currently, there is an existing request for a speed limit at Cobnash which is ranked no 36 out of 129. The locality steward has confirmed the strip of land alongside West End Cottage belongs to Herefordshire Council, and can be maintained by the lengthsman if required.

2017/132 P3 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Bradley reported on recent maintenance completed on footpaths.

2017/133 VILLAGE GATES

The parish council agreed with the locations proposed by the traffic working group. A request will be made to Balfour Beatty to place village gates on Longford by the entrance to Holgate Farm and on North Road by North Acre. Village gates at Cobnash can be considered once the speed limit is extended.

2017/134 NAME FOR DEVELOPMENT ON LAND ADJACENT TO CROFTMEAD

The meeting considered the shortlist of names proposed by the children at the school and agreed that 'Mortimer Meadow' should be the name of the development. Border Oak was thanked for facilitating the participation of the school in proposing names for the development.

2017/135 LOCAL FLOOD RISK STRATEGY

Postponed to the next meeting.

2017/136 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

Restoration of signpost on Corners crossroads.

2017/137 INFORMATION ITEMS

The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28 pm.

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