

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE

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

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

2018/64 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs C Sawyers, Mr D Thompson (Vice Chairman) and Mr P D Vaughan.

2018/65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2018/66 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2017 were agreed and signed.

2018/67 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said he joins the locality steward for regular tours of the roads in the parish, and is pressing Balfour Beatty to resurface the main road through the village. The £8 million award from the legal case expected, and an additional £8 million of funding from government is possible as well.

There is a new deputy leader of Herefordshire Council, and a new cabinet member responsible for the roads. There will be a review of Balfour Beatty shortly by the general scrutiny committee. The Police and Crime Commissioner is looking to include the fire service within the remit of the role. There are some reservations from Herefordshire Council, and ultimately, this may be decided by the minister.

The sale of the county smallholdings is ongoing. There is no direct insight into the process. The proceeds should be invested in an asset which will produce regular income such as student accommodation for the new university. A small number of young asylum seekers are being looked after in the county. There are a number of travellers at Eyton Common. The process to vacate is underway.

2018/68 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

2018/69 CLERKS REPORT

The two signposts and seven fingerposts for the Corners' crossroads have been ordered. The internal auditor has thanked the parish council for the honorarium. The Section 106 officer, Herefordshire Council has emailed to say the agreed highways improvement works are to be scheduled once additional monies from the St Mary's Farm development has become available. The highways improvements will not include a dropped kerb on North Road by Bell House as this has been assessed by Balfour Beatty as presenting a potential "hazard to vulnerable users". A workshop for Clerks on the new code of conduct is being held by Herefordshire Council in September. Border Oak has kindly offered to pay a third of the cost of the new Corners crossroads signs provided the remaining two thirds of the cost is sponsored as well.

2018/70 PLANNING

172118 The Arbour, Kingsland, HR6 9SF – Proposed change of use of land to provide a camping and glamping site, including areas for 5 Glamping Pods and a WC/Shower unit. The parish council agreed to comment as follows:

Kingsland Parish Council does not object to the proposed change of use in principle. It will be important to ensure the emergency access proposed onto the A4110 remains a secondary access used only for this purpose for reasons of highway safety. The planning application includes no details of the number of mobile camper van places that are planned. The parish council believes the number of camper van or caravan places should have an upper limit of 10.

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – It was noted that Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for: 171502 Fairview; 171708 Showers Farmhouse; 171286 Wayfield Cottage; and 171544 Pinsley View. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for: 171655 Waterloo Mill; and 171753, 3 Mortimer Meadow.

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the garden at 2 Hazeldene has nearly been cleared, and is much better than it was.

2018/71 FINANCE

The receipt of the lengthsman and P3 footpaths grant (£315.74) for the final quarter of 2016-17 was noted.

The meeting considered a written request from kingslandlife.com to fund the hosting fee for the site for the next two years. According to kingslandlife.com, hosting and domain names will cost £140 per year. It was agreed to donate £280.00 to cover the hosting and domain name costs for the next two years.

2018/72 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Cllr. Southgate said the lengthsman has cleared a blocked drain and is to do some cutting back and cleaning of road signs. A tour with the locality steward to identify minor potholes for repair is scheduled for early August. The tour will not include the A4110 or road through Kingsland.

2018/73 P3 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Juson said Eardisland is to name their footpaths after their fallen soldiers in World War I.

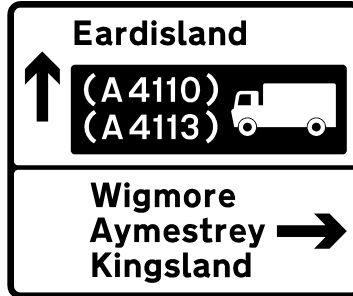
2018/74 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The meeting reviewed the Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan, updated in line with the examiner's report and Herefordshire Council's delegated decision statement. The policies maps updated by Herefordshire Council were reviewed as well. The parish council AGREED that the Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan should go to referendum.

The meeting noted the resignation of four members of the steering group: S Deakin, S Hanson, J Markham and T Potheary. Guidance on parish council communications during the referendum was noted. The text of an information notice to raise awareness of the date of the referendum, and encourage local people to use their vote was agreed.

2018/75 NEW ROAD SIGNS / TRAFFIC ISLAND FOR COBNASH

The meeting considered drawings from Balfour Beatty which propose locations for new lorry signing, and a traffic island by Burnt House on the junction with the B4529. There were two options considered for the Burnt House junction road sign. Local Cobnash residents present at the meeting were asked for their opinion on the two options, and their preference was supported by the parish council following a vote on the options. The following road sign for the Burnt House junction was agreed:



The meeting AGREED to support all the remaining lorry signing locations and traffic island as proposed by Balfour Beatty. A detailed quotation for the cost of the work was requested from Balfour Beatty to consider at the next meeting.

2018/76 BUDGET PRIORITIES CONSULTATION

Postponed to the next meeting.

2018/77 CAR PARKING CHARGES AT COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

The parish council agreed to write to Wye Valley NHS Trust to urge that the policy is reconsidered. The fairness argument presented is believed to be spurious and takes no account of the age and abilities of local people who rely on the community hospitals.

2018/78 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – None.

2018/79 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

[The meeting was closed to members of the public in order to consider local connection forms for the two new build three bed social rent units at Hamlyn Place.]

2018/80 LOCAL CONNECTIONS

The meeting reviewed four local connection forms provided by Herefordshire Housing, the housing association responsible for the units at Hamlyn Place. The parish council felt unable to verify the local connections, and asked that the three bed properties are offered to two applicants whose local connection was verified at the meeting held on 20 June 2017.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

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