

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 AT 7.00 PM AT THE POST OFFICE

PRESENT

R C Smallwood ... CHAIRMAN, Mrs G B Bengry, Mr G Bradley, Mr C Southgate, Mr D Thompson, Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

2018/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** accepted from Mrs L Juson, Mrs C Sawyers, Mr D Fordham and Mr J Vaughan.

2018/18 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes for the annual parish meeting held on 26 May 2016 were agreed and signed.

2018/19 **OBSERVATIONS OF THE WARD COUNCILLOR, BIRCHER WARD**
Ward Cllr. Bowen provided an update on the sale of the county smallholdings. While some tenants have had the chance to buy some land, it may not have always been for the whole farm. The sale is intended to raise £60 million. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he has raised concerns over the sale but the decision was made by cabinet and not a full council meeting. The 2016-17 budget showed a small underspend. Two thirds of spending is for adult social care and children's services.

With regard to the roads, Herefordshire Council has been awarded £8 million plus interest as a result of legal action with a former highway services contractor. The aim is for the funds to be used on the roads in the county. Lawton Cross has been improved but is not perfect.

Funds raised from the sale of the county smallholdings needs to be invested so that new income can be gained, such as student accommodation for the new university, for example.

The last full council meeting has reduced the value of gifts that need to be reported from £25 to £20.00. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he has been appointed to chair the general scrutiny committee. Herefordshire Councillor allowances have been increased by £23.00.

2018/20 **DISCUSSION BY RESIDENTS OF KINGSLAND PARISH**
Members of the public present raised a concern at the volume of HGV traffic at Hostel Lane.

[Cllr. P D Vaughan joined the meeting.]

It was stated that 52 companies have HGVs which have used the road, and traffic was increased when the A4110 at Shirlheath was closed for resurfacing. It was observed that the entrances at both ends of Hostel Lane were widened some years ago.

The Chairman said the parish council is doing what it can to address the matter.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25 pm.

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