

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT THE VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE

PRESENT

Mr D Thompson... VICE CHAIRMAN, Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs L Juson, Mrs C Sawyers, Mr J Vaughan, Mr C Southgate, Mr B J Watkins, Mr R Harris and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Clerk. Four (4) members of the public were present.

2019/79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr R C Smallwood (Chairman) and Mr D Fordham.

2019/80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr. Juson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/82 Coronation Hall. Cllrs. J Vaughan and P D Vaughan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/86 street lighting on development off Boarsfield. Cllr. Harris declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/92 PCC application to Heritage Lottery Fund. Cllr. Watkins declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 182774 Waterloo Mill.

2019/81 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2018 were agreed and signed.

2019/82 DRAIN/ SOAKAWAY OUTSIDE CORONATION HALL

The parish council reviewed the questions and options highlighted by Balfour Beatty following a site meeting at the Coronation Hall in September 2018, and agreed to ask that the following is reconsidered:

1. Review the option of building a new, larger soakaway at the same location as the existing soakaway which has reached the end of its life (subject to the permission of the property owner);
2. Look again at the option to take the shorter route to connect a drain to the existing drainage infrastructure on North Road; and
3. Subject to agreement with the Coronation Hall Committee, consider building an appropriate soakaway at the end of the proposed new pipeline, rather than connecting to the existing chamber which is believed to lead to the headwall/ Pinsley Brook.

Cllrs. Juson and Southgate kindly agreed to be available to attend meetings with Balfour Beatty that may be scheduled on the matter, and report back at the next parish council meeting.

2019/83 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said Longford is not in the current programme for the time being which is very frustrating. There will be a 3 year programme of speed enforcement on the A4110. The traffic survey of the north west of the county is still outstanding. A roundabout at Lawton Cross will happen – hopefully next year. The Police and Crime Commissioner will be asked again to attend a meeting of the general scrutiny committee. There is a need to address rural crime.

Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will ask when the Section 106 funded highways project agreed with the parish council will be undertaken by Balfour Beatty.

2019/84 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public was concerned at the impact of heavy traffic through Cobnash on the environment and asked about progress on implementing a speed limit. Concern was expressed at the decision by Herefordshire Council to allow the felling of an ash tree by Mortimer Meadow despite the view expressed by the parish council that the tree should be retained if possible.

2019/85 CLERK'S REPORT

The new signposts at the Corners crossroads are being installed. The noticeboard by the entrance to the Coronation Hall has been removed temporarily so that it can be repaired. The Herefordshire Council Leader has invited a council representative to a Parish Council Summit on 17 October 2018. Queenswood Country Park are looking for an archive research volunteer. The Herefordshire Centre for Community Led Housing invites councillors to an inaugural event on 29 September 2018.

The precept for 2019-20 will need to be submitted to Herefordshire Council by 31 December 2018. The meeting agreed a finance working group will review the accounts for 2018-19 to date and draft a budget for 2019-20 for consideration at the November meeting. The next Council Matters article will be drafted and submitted to the Kingsland newsletter following the meeting this evening.

2019/86 PLANNING

182813 Fairfield, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Proposed Orangery Extension. *The application was supported.*

[Cllr. Watkins left the meeting.]

182774 Waterloo Mill, Kingsland, HR6 9QX – Works to the curtilage listed timber frame building to secure truss support and addition of joists and flooring, addition of insulation and plasterboard to walls and breathable membrane under weatherboarding. Installation of flooring in the Listed Mill and adjoining storage building with the addition of insulation quilt and plaster board. Removal of lower stairs from ground floor to first floor in the Mill. Repairs to the collapsed mill workings to secure them back in place. *The application was supported.*

[Cllr. Watkins rejoined the meeting.]

183125 Land to the south of Martindale, Kingsland – Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval (162166). *The parish council considered the appearance, layout and scale of the development and objected to the appearance of the proposed dwellings.*

As raised previously, the appearance of the dwellings is not appropriate for the setting of the development at the entrance to the village and conservation area. The materials used should avoid imitation slate tiles and UPVC windows and eaves, and soft bricks should be used rather than the hard-red bricks specified in the drawings.

The parish council asks the planners to note that the drawings do not appear to include a scale, which gives rise to a concern that aspects of the houses, such as the width of the garages, may not meet modern building standards.

Overall, the appearance of the houses proposed in the reserved conditions fail to preserve or enhance the Kingsland Conservation Area (KNDP 6, KNDP 14). The design and materials proposed for the dwellings need to be revised to meet this critical benchmark.

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – It was noted that Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for: 182196 Club Hall; 180659, 1 Corner Cottage; 181957 Fairfield Cottage; and 182224, 17 Hamlyn Place. Listed building consent has been granted for 182482 Maltings and 182140 Waterloo Mill. Works to trees are allowed for: 182691, 7 Mortimer Meadow; 182402 Westmead; and 182529, 1 Kingsleane. Application is not required for 180660 1 Corner Cottage and 182590 The Lindens.

2019/87 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£112.00); and Balfour Beatty, SID hire in September 2018 (£300.00).

Subject to the agreement of the Coronation Hall Committee, the parish council AGREED to take responsibility for the project to resurface the tennis courts at the Coronation Hall. The first step will be to confirm the funding for the project, which is expected to be a combination of s106 development monies and grant funding. The parish council asked to review a specification for the tennis court project at the next meeting, which will then be the basis of a tendering process to obtain quotations for the work.

The meeting reviewed CCLA funds. The minimum initial investment for the Public Sector Deposit Fund was considered too high at present for the parish council's reserves. The data sheets on the five funds for charities will be sent to councillors for consideration at the next meeting.

2019/88 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

A tree overgrowing a kissing gate on the footpath to Pinsley Brook will be cut back. As it is on private land the lengthsman coordinator, Cllr. Southgate has kindly tried to speak to the landowner beforehand.

2019/89 RESURFACING OF LONGFORD

The resurfacing of much of North Road earlier in the summer up to the junction with the A4110 is welcome. However, although sections of Longford are in as bad a condition as North Road before the resurfacing, the road has not been resurfaced to date. It was agreed to ask the highways authority once more to resurface Longford and to indicate when the work is likely to be done.

2019/90 P3 FOOTPATHS

There was no report.

2019/91 POTHOLE REPAIRS

Consideration of a response to the invitation of the General Scrutiny Committee to comment on pothole repairs and other public realm services was postponed to the next meeting.

2019/92 PCC APPLICATION TO HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

[Cllr. Harris left the meeting.]

The parish council expressed support for the Parochial Church Council’s application to the Heritage Lottery Fund which will help the community and visitors learn about the history of the church and the village.

[Cllr. Harris rejoined the meeting.]

2019/93 STREET LIGHTING ON DEVELOPMENT OFF BOARSFIELD

[Cllrs. J Vaughan and P D Vaughan left the meeting.]

The meeting agreed that street lighting is not required on the new road at Boarsfield. This is consistent with decisions on other newly adopted roads in the village and in line with Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy #8 d) which states "...minimise the need for, and aim to avoid the provision of, any additional street lighting".

[Cllrs. J Vaughan and P D Vaughan rejoined the meeting.]

2019/94 VILLAGE GATES

It was agreed to postpone consideration of village gates until more is known about the outcome of the requested Traffic Regulation Order to introduce new speed limits at Cobnash.

2019/95 CONSULTATIONS

- a) Budget 2019-20. Councillors agreed to complete the consultation online on an individual basis.
- b) Children’s and young people's plan. Noted.
- c) Hereford Area Plan – Housing and Employment Site Options. Noted.

2019/97 SHOBDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Regulation 16 consultation was noted.

2019/98 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION ON AGEING

The consultation was noted.

2019/99 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – Neighbourhood development plan review.

2019/100 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9.58 pm.

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