

**KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2013  
AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE, KINGSLAND**

**PRESENT**

Mr R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN), Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN), Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs J Barbour, Mrs R J Edwards, Mr D Fordham, Mr B J Watkins, Mr H Jones and Mr D Thompson.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

CPSO Adam Harris; Mr Julian Grove, Kingsland Fire Station; District Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk.

- 2014/115      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mr P D Vaughan and Mr G T Bradley.
- 2014/116      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**  
Cllr. Edwards declared a disclosable interest in planning application 132735/F Oakfields Farm. Cllr. Jones declared a non disclosable interest in planning application 132735/F Oakfields Farm.
- 2014/117      MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2013 were agreed and signed.
- 2014/118      LOCAL POLICE MATTERS**  
CPSO Adam Harris reported local police matters including speed enforcement near Luctonians and on North Road, and the recent theft of a trailer.
- 2014/119      CLARIFICATION NOTICE RE: KINGSLAND PARISH PLAN**  
The meeting noted that the clarification has been issued.
- 2014/120      HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  
Herefordshire Council needs to reduce the budget by £34 million and the cuts will start to bite. Government funding has been cut by one third. The planning department has been reorganised and enforcement is now the responsibility of three part-time staff. Waste management has seen recycling increase from 7% to 40%. Breaking the contract for the Hartlebury incinerator would incur a penalty of £200 million – the contract ends in 2023 at which point alternatives might be considered.
- Balfour Beatty is doing some work and will tackle the U and C roads from April 2014. District Cllr. Bowen said he is working closely with the local Balfour Beatty Steward. If there are any problems on the highways please let Cllr. Bowen know.
- 2014/121      LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**  
A member of the public spoke against planning application 132735/F Oakfields Farm.

- 2014/122 CLERK'S REPORT**  
 HMRC has been asked to give a non-statutory ruling on the VAT treatment of funds donated from the Old Fire Station Trust to pay a proportion of the costs to resurface the Coronation Hall car park.
- An update on the Scheduled Monument Consent for the clearing of the path on the Glebe Land has been requested from English Heritage. The defibrillator and secure casing has been delivered and fitted at Markhams Garage.
- 2014/123 FINANCE**  
 The following payments were agreed: Coronation Hall, parish meeting on 21 May 2013 (£5.00); Wigmore High School, additional sponsorship of awards (£20.00); HITREES, lengthsman (£325.20); P Potheary, expenses (£129.56); and the Clerk, expenses September to October 2013 (£79.55).
- 2014/124 THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**  
 The Vice Chairman reported that the lengthsman had looked at two jobs on North Road. District Cllr. Bowen said he would ask Balfour Beatty to cut the hedge back near Cobnash corner on account of the number of vehicles using the road.
- 2014/125 P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME**  
 The Clerk said a notice has been received to say that an application has been made to Herefordshire Council to reinstate a footpath to the rear of St Michaels Church. The footpaths contractor was approached recently to ask why a footpath was being cleared on their land and it was agreed to provide the contractor with a letter to say that the contractor has been asked to undertake work by the footpaths officer on behalf of the parish council.
- 2014/126 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  
 The meeting AGREED to form a steering group to take the neighbourhood plan forward. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Thompson said they would join the steering group. Herefordshire Council has informed the parish council that a local housing needs survey will be carried out in Kingsland from November 2013 to March 2014.
- 2014/127 HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION**  
 Mr Julian Grove, Kingsland Fire Station, provided an update on the campaign to secure the future of the local fire station. The meeting AGREED to use the information provided as the basis for the parish council response to the consultation, and requested a copy of the completed fire service consultation document.
- 2014/128 CONSULTATION ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET, 2014-15**  
 Members agreed to provide individual comments on the budget consultation to the Clerk by 13 October 2013.
- 2014/129 THE MONUMENT**  
 The Clerk said a member of the Kingsland History Group had requested the Monument is checked for signs of early water ingress, requested the replanting of red roses and tidying of the posts at the site. The Vice Chairman said he would review the Monument.

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**PLANNING**

**132888/K 11 Orchard Close, Kingsland, HR6 9QS** – Fell 2 Holly trees due to decay at base and being unstable and replant with fruit tree. The tree application was supported.

**132735/F Oakfields Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9QU** – Erection of 6 no. poultry buildings. The meeting decided to support the planning application subject to a condition that the buildings will not be used to house turkeys, that the number of chicken sheds is limited to six, that lorries do not drive through the village, and proper consideration is given to highways access and restrictions to the times for deliveries to the poultry sheds in order to minimise any disturbance to local residents.

**132796/F Bridge House, Kingsland, HR6 9SF** – Change of use of agricultural land to extend domestic cartilage. Extension to form annexe accommodation ancillary to main dwelling house. Replacement garage with workshop and home office. Access improvements. Erection of 2 metre high brick screen wall between roadside and hedge. The planning application was supported.

**Planning decisions:** Planning applications for 4 Mortimers Cross Cottages (1132324/FH), The Pleasaunce (132472/FH), and The Dales (132312/F) have been approved by Herefordshire Council. Determination has been made for the tree works to go ahead at 8 Orchard Close (132719/K).

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**MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)**

There were no matters raised.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....