

**KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014  
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; Mr G T Bradley; and Mr D Thompson.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

District Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk.

- 2014/154**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were accepted from Mrs R J Edwards, Mr D Fordham, Mr H Jones, Mr B J Watkins and Mr P D Vaughan.
- 2014/155**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**  
There were no declarations of interest or written dispensations.
- 2014/156**      **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2014 were agreed and signed.
- 2014/157**      **RESURFACING OF CORONATION HALL CAR PARK**  
The meeting noted that three quotations will be obtained in the name of the parish council for the resurfacing of the Coronation Hall car park. The works are expected to be undertaken in Spring 2014, which means the £7,000 donation from the Old Fire Station Trust, agreed by the parish council, will need to be transferred to the parish council current account shortly.
- 2014/158**      **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  
Council Tax will increase by 1.9 percent in 2014-15 in order to maintain the council tax base. A university has been proposed for Hereford city specialising in high tech, maths and agriculture – it will have the potential to bring additional commerce and wealth to the county, and will require funding of £30-50 million and the support of the local enterprise partnership (LEP). Planning services has been asked to consider high quality energy performance on new applications. The proposals for school transport have been put back to September 2015, subject to cabinet approval. Funding for arts organisations that received support last year has been maintained. There is a two week bus consultation by Herefordshire Council.
- 2014/159**      **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**  
There were no matters raised by local residents.
- 2014/160**      **CLERK’S REPORT**  
HITREES will start to clear the footpath on the Glebeland on 27 March 2014. Shobdon Parish Council has emailed to say that the SID donated by Kingspan will not be maintained and serviced by Balfour Beatty, and that it will be shared with a third parish council, Titley. Training for the public access defibrillator has been scheduled for 19 and 25 March 2014, and members are welcome to attend.

The request for street signage at St Michaels Avenue has been put on the street name list by Balfour Beatty, and will be reviewed in Spring 2014. Dog bags have been purchased, and made available at the Post Office, and notices issued to remind people to clear up after their dogs. The reported grazing of two longhorn bulls at the Glebeland was reported to the PROW team at Herefordshire Council.

**2014/161 FINANCE**

The meeting noted the receipt of the second tranche of the parish plan grant (£628.59), and that the amount has been reduced in line with the under spend in the parish plan budget. The following payments were agreed: Herefordshire Council, print planning applications (£64.00); SLCC, annual subscription (£76.00); HALC, Local Councils Explained (£39.99); and Presteigne Gates, kissing gate (£307.20).

The transfer of £496.56 from the AH Williams Trust account to the treasury account was agreed.

**2014/162 THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The Vice Chairman said he is due to undertake a 'village walk' with the lengthsmen to identify work required. The lengthsmen will be asked to reinstate the red rose at the Monument.

The Clerk said the work to clear the footpath at the Glebeland will cost £1,300.00. The meeting agreed to request £1,000.00 of the 2013-14 lengthsmen account in order to pay for the work. It was noted that there are funds left over from 2012-13 which will account for the remaining £300.00.

**2014/163 P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME**

Cllr. Bradley reported that the new kissing gate has been delivered, and that sufficient funds have been raised to pay for the cost of purchase and installation of the gate.

**2014/164 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chairman reported that there have been two meetings of the steering group and an application for grant funding is underway. There is a need to move forward with the neighbourhood plan as the county core strategy is not yet in place. For example, there are believed to be proposals for 120 new houses by North Road and The Lugg. The next steering group meeting will be at 7.30pm on 17 March 2014 at the Corners Inn.

**2014/165 SPEED OF TRAFFIC ON NORTH ROAD**

The meeting considered a letter and petition from residents on North Road. It was agreed to pay for Balfour Beatty to conduct a study on North Road to measure the speed of traffic, and to look at additional measures to discourage speeding at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to prepare a short report outlining the options available to the parish council.

**2014/166 POLLING STATION CONSULTATION**

The parish council supported the proposal to keep the polling station at the Coronation Hall.

**2014/167 NALC MODEL STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**  
The meeting agreed to ask the Clerk to prepare a draft of the standing orders for consideration, and noted that NALC’s new model financial regulations are expected to be available later in 2014.

**2014/168 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2014-15**  
The parish council agreed the schedule of meetings for 2014-15.

**2014/169 PLANNING**  
**P140213/F Bridge House, Kingsland, HR6 9SF** – Change of use of agricultural land to extend domestic curtilage. Extension to form annexe accommodation ancillary to main dwelling house. Replacement garage with workshop and home office. Access improvements and erection of 2 metre high brick screen wall between roadside hedge and house. *The meeting supported the planning application, provided the hedge is the same height as the proposed wall to maintain the rural character of the parish. In addition consideration should be given to reducing the height of the wall and hedge to 1.8 metres so that it is not too overpowering.*  
**P140534/F Land adjoining Kingsleane, Kingsland, HR6 9SP** – Proposed development of 12 nos. dwellings, consisting of 4 nos. affordable and 8 nos. open market. Works to include new road and landscaping. *The parish council voted to support the planning application subject to: i) satisfactory drainage arrangements being put in place for the site; ii) the use of alternative measures for the disposal of foul water such as a willow bed system on the retained land to the west of the development site; iii) the houses conform to code 4 building standards; iv) there is no further development of the land to the west of the development site.*

**Planning decisions:** Planning applications for Dry Bridge House (P133331/FH) and The Granary (P133364/FH) have been approved by Herefordshire Council.

**2014/170 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)**  
There were no matters raised.

**2014/171 INFORMATION ITEMS**  
The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....