

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 JULY 2012
AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE**

PRESENT

R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN), Mrs J Barbour, Mrs G B Bengry, Mr G T Bradley, Mr D Fordham, Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting began with one minute's silence in respect of Councillor Hazel Davies who passed away in July 2012 following a long illness. The Chairman said she would be missed on the parish council.

- 2013/54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mrs R J Edwards, Mr H Jones and Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN).
- 2013/55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.
- 2013/56 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2012 were agreed and signed.
- 2013/57 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
Cllr. Bowen reported on the following matters:
- Herefordshire Council is carrying out 'root and branch' reviews of many areas;
 - The chief executive of Herefordshire Council, Chris Bull has left, and there is a risk of losing senior experienced people as many are planning early retirement at the time of the forthcoming abolition of the PCT;
 - There will be two lay members of the new Police and Crime Panel;
 - The Boundary Commission proposal for District Wards in Herefordshire was rejected by Herefordshire Council at its last meeting in favour of 'one member for one ward'.
 - It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep to the care budgets for both child and adult social care;
 - A map of gullies and ditches is to be provided to parish councils by Herefordshire Council;
 - Amey Herefordshire has made 50 people redundant; and
 - There will be speed enforcement at Luctonians over the summer months.
- 2013/58 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**
The Chairman read out a letter from Mr S G Davies-Hall in regard to the lack of drains on North Road "all the way from the now closed Glendaph Nursing Home to the bottom of Tudor Place."

According to the meeting, drainage used to be via ditches until the houses were built along the road, and at this time the ditches were believed to have been filled in. The meeting did not believe it was a matter for the lengthsman to reinstate the ditches. District Cllr. Bowen said he would look in to the matter further.

2013/59

FEEDBACK ON ACTION ITEMS & MATTERS OUTSTANDING

The Clerk reported that Herefordshire Council only had two Speed Indicator Displays available for placing in the village in July 2012, and the village sites were selected to try and manage traffic speeds at the outset of the school holidays.

The Clerk said that Mr Jackson had offered to hold 40 sandbags at Shirlheath for local residents in the parish, and these would be ordered from Herefordshire Council. Cllr. Vaughan requested a pallet of sandbags for the stock held at Oakfields Farm.

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FINANCE

Payment to the Clerk for salary and expenses for July 2012 (£211.50) was agreed.

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THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The vice chairman was not present at the meeting to report on the lengthsman scheme. The meeting asked that the lengthsman cut back the hedge on the road below Old House on Longford. It was agreed that the hedge on the road to St Michaels Church was the responsibility of the Millennium Green Trust.

[Cllr. Fordham joined the meeting.]

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PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that a Steering Group had been formed at the meeting held on 10 July 2012, and that the officers of the steering group included a chairman and treasurer. The Clerk said he had volunteered to be the treasurer. It was hoped to appoint a secretary at the next meeting of the steering group on 7 August 2012.

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REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The meeting expressed concern that the Register of Interests forms were intended to be published on the internet, and AGREED to consider the new Code of Conduct at the next meeting of the parish council.

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BOUNDARY REVIEW

The meeting asked the Clerk to confirm the position of Richard's Castle parish under the proposed boundary changes for district wards in Herefordshire. The meeting AGREED to object should the proposed boundary changes move Richard's Castle from Bircher to Mortimer Ward, on the grounds that this would leave Richard's Castle isolated due to poor road links with Mortimer Ward.

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HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY CONSULTATION

The meeting AGREED to consider the housing allocation policy consultation at the next meeting of the parish council.

- 2013/66 DOG FOULING**
 The parish council AGREED to purchase 500 bags to encourage dog owners to remove their dog waste. The bags will be made available from the Post Office and the facility publicised on noticeboards and on www.kingslandlife.com.
- 2013/67 RECYCLING SITES**
 The parish council noted Herefordshire Council’s plans for fixed recycling sites in the county.
- 2013/68 PLANNING**
N121683/FH and N121684/L Vartry House, Longford, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ – Single storey extension. The application was supported.
N121875/FH 3 Prospect Cottages, Kingsland, HR6 9SB – Two storey side extension. The application was supported.
- 2013/69 COUNCILLORS’ FORUM**
 Cllr. Bradley suggested that the parish council join the P3 Footpath Maintenance scheme operated by Herefordshire Council. Cllr. Bradley said that he knew that a local resident was interested in doing the work, and had previous experience maintaining footpaths for another parish. It was AGREED to consider the P3 Footpath Maintenance scheme at the next meeting of the parish council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53 pm.

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