

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2012 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE

PRESENT

VICE CHAIRMAN ... C Southgate, Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs J Barbour, Mrs R J Edwards, Mr G T Bradley, Mr H Jones, Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

- 2013/1** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mrs F H Davies, Mr D Fordham and Mr R C Smallwood.
- 2013/2** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllrs. Vaughan and Edwards declared an interest in planning application N120678/F Land adj. to St Mary’s Farm. Cllr. Barbour declared an interest in meeting room hire under 2013/7. There were no other declarations of interest on agenda items.
- 2013/3** **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 March 2012 were agreed and signed.
- 2013/4** **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**
Cllr. Bowen said that a site meeting will be held to consider the planning application to develop the Fire Station on 17 April 2012. The Scrutiny Committee will review plans for the redevelopment of the old cattle market in Hereford on 13 April 2012. The Localism Act highlights the importance of parish and neighbourhood plans. Herefordshire Council Planning Services has started to charge £250 for advice on pre-planning matters.
- The Essex Arms site in Hereford may host the new Police Headquarters. CSO funding has been ringfenced until the end of the year. The parish council asked that the police take a robust approach following recent burglaries in the village.
- 2013/5** **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**
Members of the retained fire service at Kingsland spoke in favour of the planning application to develop the Fire Station.
- 2013/6** **FEEDBACK ON ACTION ITEMS & MATTERS OUTSTANDING**
The Clerk reported that West Mercia Probation Service was due to return to the Lugg footpath on Sunday 29 April 2012 to remove the cuttings or tuck them under the hedge.
- An application to the Woodland Trust ‘Jubilee Woods’ initiative has been completed. The application has been put through to judging and the outcome will be known in September-October 2012.

The Clerk read out a letter from the Delegated Grants Officer which said successful applicants for the Community Technology Grant generally showed that they were engaging the community in use of the equipment, for example sessions that improve computer skills. The letter also noted that there was no financial support for electronic planning, and that parish councils are “tending to use existing equipment or using their own finances.”

The potholes outside Bell House have been reported to Amey Herefordshire and provided with work order 122609.

2013/7

FINANCE

Payments to the Village Shop for meeting room hire in 2012-13 (£140.00), and the Clerk’s salary and expenses for March 2012 (£214.68) were agreed.

2013/8

THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Cllr. Watkins reported an overhanging tree on the bend of the Cobnash road. The Vice Chairman said the lengthsman would be asked to look at this tree, and that a parish walk was scheduled with Amey Herefordshire in early May 2012.

2013/9

PARISH PLAN

The Clerk confirmed that the public meeting on the evening of Monday 16 April 2012 had been publicised, and that refreshments would be purchased as requested by HALC.

2013/10

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Clerk asked whether councillors wanted to attend the Neighbourhood Planning workshops facilitated by Herefordshire Council during May and June 2012. The Vice Chairman said that he intended to attend the Wigmore workshop on 16 May 2012.

2013/11

WALKING FOR HEALTH

The parish council AGREED to publicise Herefordshire Council’s Walking for Health initiative in the newsletter and on www.kingslandlife.com.

2013/12

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

The meeting RESOLVED to accept the £130.00 quotation from Alex Finch for the provision of an oak board with Kingsland Notices carved on it. The parish council asked that the school is provided with an opportunity to contribute towards the additional cost of the lettering.

2013/13

PLAY FACILITIES CONSULTATION

The parish council asked the Clerk to clarify with Herefordshire Council that the Millennium Green Trust was responsible for the playground sited on the Millennium Green. There were no further comments on the Play Facilities consultation.

2013/14

PLANNING

N120517/L The Stables, West Town Court, Kingsland, HR6 9SS – Greenhouse in rear garden. The application was supported.

N120594/F Site adj East side of Poplar Cottage, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Erection of double garage rear of New House on East side of Poplar Cottage. The amended plans for the planning application were supported.

N120609/F Poplar Cottage, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Erection of double garage at rear of Poplar Cottage. The amended plans for the planning application were supported.

DMN/113363/F Kingsland Fire Station, Arbour Lane, Kingsland, HR6 9RZ – Demolition of galvanised drill tower & concrete base, removal of metal fence, erection of new galvanised steel fence, construction of new kerbed area. Construction of training tower consisting of three framed storeys and roof. Construction of new metal clad building to house breathing apparatus facilities, accommodation for training cage and for briefing and associated storage. Provision of concrete formed training trench & brick constructed training walls. The parish council noted that the application was considered at Planning Committee on 4 April 2012.

DMN/120945/K The Shrublands, Kingsland, HR6 9QU – Fell 11 x Conifers, 1 x Acacia, 1 x Willow, 1 x Pine, 1 x Holly, 2 x Norway Spruce and 1 x Larch. *The parish council objected to the proposal to fell 1 x Acacia and 1 x Willow and believes these trees should be tidied up rather than destroyed.*

DMN/120962/K Hean Studios Adjacent The Shrublands, Kingsland, HR6 9QU – Fell 2 x Ash Trees. The application was supported.

[Cllrs. Edwards and Vaughan left the meeting.]

N120678/F Land adj. to St Mary’s Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Proposed redevelopment/ development of land to the rear of St Mary’s Farm, constituting the conversion of 6no existing farm buildings, 11no new units and removal of existing agricultural barns. The parish council said that it *“would prefer to see the proposed new houses in a traditional character rural style which would be more in keeping with the conservation area and character of the locality. The parish council is concerned that the sewage system does not have sufficient capacity to service the number of new households anticipated in the planning application and urges that an alternative ‘green’ sewage system is implemented that is able to operate independently and separately of the existing infrastructure.”*

2013/15

COUNCILLORS’ FORUM

Cllr. Barbour asked that a SID be considered for Lugg Green Road. It was agreed to consider a speed restriction of 40mph on the road from Cobnash to Shirlheath at the next meeting of the parish council. District Cllr. Bowen said he would raise this with Herefordshire Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

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