

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2012
AT 7.45 PM AT THE POST OFFICE**

PRESENT

R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN), Mrs J Barbour, Mrs R J Edwards, Mr G T Bradley, Mr H Jones and Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN).

IN ATTENDANCE

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

2013/39 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs F H Davies, Mr D Fordham, Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

2013/40 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.

2013/41 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 23 May 2012 were agreed and signed.

2013/42 **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr. Bowen said the Local Government Association Conference he attended had highlighted the issue of the rising cost of social care combined with decreasing budgets. To address this, new ways of funding will need to be found, especially for elderly care. Amalgamation of social care and health services are designed to realise cost savings.

Devolution to parish councils, which can raise their precept, represents a potential opportunity to develop local services. Parish councils should seriously consider the options, and parish and neighbourhood plans will identify these for local communities.

The Police and Crime Commissioner elections are scheduled for 15 November 2012. There will be a Police and Crime scrutiny panel with the power to veto the budget of the elected officer, and Cllr. Bowen said that he was going to be a member of the scrutiny panel.

2013/43 **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

2013/44 **FEEDBACK ON ACTION ITEMS & MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

The Clerk reported that West Mercia Probation Service returned to the Pinsley Brook footpath on 11 June 2012 to complete the tidying of the cuttings and to cut back recent growth. Cllr. Bradley confirmed the work had been completed to an appropriate standard.

The oak board engraved with ‘Kingsland Notices’ has been completed and mounted above the new noticeboard outside the primary school.

Herefordshire Council is due to place Speed Indicator Displays in the village in July 2012, and it was agreed to request SIDs for all four locations in the parish.

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FINANCE

Payments to the Alex Finch for the 'Kingsland Notices' oak board (£160.00), and the Clerk's salary and expenses for June 2012 (£238.54) were agreed.

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THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Vice Chairman reported that the lengthsman was to attend to the Monument every two weeks, and the lengthsman also had been asked to clean out road gullies following a request from Amey Herefordshire. The hedge and verge on the corner opposite Mousenatch Lane is due to be cut back shortly. Amey Herefordshire looked at the overhanging tree on the bend of the Cobnash road recently, and suggested that it is monitored. The Vice Chairman said Cllr. Watkins had agreed to keep an eye on the tree.

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PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that people attending the public meeting held on 12 June 2012 had not volunteered to participate in a steering group, and that without a steering group it would not be possible to develop the parish plan. A second public meeting to form a steering group has been scheduled for 10 July 2012, and will be held at The Corners Inn.

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REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Members attending the meeting completed the new Register of Interests for the Clerk to send to the Monitoring Officer at Herefordshire Council. The meeting AGREED to consider the new code of conduct once it had been adopted by Herefordshire Council.

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ELECTRONIC PLANNING

The meeting AGREED to contact Planning Services at Herefordshire Council and request financial support for the purchase of an electronic projector and screen to display planning applications from November 2012.

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HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME OF WORKS

The meeting noted the programme of highways works planned for Bircher Ward during 2012-13.

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STOCK OF SANDBAGS

The parish council AGREED to request a stock of sandbags for people living in Shirleath, and asked the Clerk to confirm the quantity and location for the store with local residents.

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PLANNING

N121288/FH 2 Lawtonbury Cottages, Eardisland, HR6 9AX – First floor extension. Amended plans received. The application was supported.

N121007/FH Ashfield, 1 Tudor Place, Kingsland, HR6 9RR – Proposed erection of conservatory. The application was supported.

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COUNCILLORS' FORUM

Cllr. Bradley said that dog mess was a potential health hazard at the Millennium Green and adjacent churchyard, and he intended to provide bags at the entrance to Millennium Green to encourage more people to clear up after their dogs.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

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