

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JULY 2013
AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE, KINGSLAND**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs P Potheary, Parish Plan Steering Group; Ms W Priday, Chair of Governors, Kingsland Primary School; Mr R Frost, Chairman, Coronation Hall Committee; District Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk.

- 2014/60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr H Jones and Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN).
- 2014/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and WRITTEN DISPENSATIONS**
The Chairman and Cllr. Jones declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 131718/K The Granary. Cllr. Vaughan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 121280/C Land to the rear of St Mary’s Farm. No further declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation were made or received during the meeting.
- 2014/62 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25 June 2013 were agreed and signed.
- 2014/63 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
The meeting noted that the consultation period required to set the neighbourhood plan area for Kingsland was underway, and planning notices have been posted around the village. The meeting agreed that a parish meeting should be held as soon as practicable to set up a neighbourhood plan steering group, and asked the Clerk to liaise with the Vice Chairman to organise this.
- 2014/64 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**
The parish council AGREED to request a new housing needs survey from Herefordshire Council on the understanding that the scope of the report will include all types of housing.
- 2014/65 PARISH PLAN UPDATE**
Mrs Potheary said the draft parish plan was nearing completion and will include action points for the parish council and community to undertake. The parish plan steering group proposes the parish council establishes a monitoring group to support the implementation of the parish plan. The steering group is aiming to provide the draft parish plan for councillors to consider approximately two weeks before the September 2013 meeting.

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RESURFACING OF THE CORONATION HALL CAR PARK

Ms Priday, Chair of Governors said the school was unable to commit to an annual payment for the use of the car park, but is organising a fund raising event in November 2013 in support of the car park resurfacing.

Mr R Frost, Chairman of the Coronation Hall Committee said the committee would still like to raise a fund for the resurfacing and maintenance of the car park, but this was yet to be put in place and agreed.

The parish council **RESOLVED** to make a £7,000 donation from the Old Fire Station Trust towards the project to resurface the Coronation Hall car park. The parish council will ask for a written ruling from HMRC on whether VAT can be claimed back on the proportion of the project paid for from the £7,000 donation from the Old Fire Station Trust.

The meeting **AGREED** to consider a public works loan, to be repaid by the Coronation Hall over an agreed period, to help pay for the balance of the works required to resurface the car park. However, the parish council would like to see a proportion of the project financed through fund raising. The parish council suggested the Coronation Hall Committee take advice from the Charity Commission on the proposed public works loan.

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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Cllr. Bowen reported that Balfour Beatty has been confirmed as the new contractor for highways maintenance in the county from 1 September 2013. The contract will cost Herefordshire Council £10 million per year, and there is a commitment by Balfour Beatty to invest £20 million to fix the county's 'U' and 'C' roads.

The Core Strategy has been agreed by cabinet, but will need some amendment on the sections dealing with housing and employment. The expected aerospace investment at Rotherwas has not been forthcoming.

There may be a grant from central government to support the building of the Hereford bypass, which is likely to be towards the west of the city. A review of library and museum services is underway, and will require a different approach to providing these services. The new Herefordshire Archive is being built and is a long standing commitment. The Schools Health Service has lost its funding.

Cllr. Vaughan said that ragwort, a notifiable plant, was growing on highway verges maintained by Herefordshire Council, and was embedded in a roundabout on the A49 by Leominster. District Cllr. Bowen said he would raise this matter.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised by members of the public present at the meeting.

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CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the site visit of the lead highways engineer on 15 July 2013. Other than the dropped crossings at the Corners crossroads there is no scope for changes to the junction layout within the available budget or land take. Kerbing at the Millennium Green will be subject to a decision of the parish council.

The new SID requested by the parish council for Lugg Green road will be placed on the verge between the pavement and boundary of 4 and 5 Boarsfield.

There is a working group meeting scheduled for 4pm at Markhams on 12 August 2013 to review the location of the public access defibrillator. The meeting will be attended by West Midlands Ambulance Service and Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service.

Notice has been served on Smiths Gore, agents of the Hereford Diocese, as part of the Scheduled Monument Consent application to remove the overburden from the footpath at the Glebe Land.

Planning enforcement is looking at a proposed change of use at 7 Orchard Close following a report from the Vice Chairman.

The replacement lamp post by Croftmead on North Road has been installed.

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FINANCE

The Clerk reported that the P3 Footpaths grant (£1,105.00) has been paid by Herefordshire Council. The following payments were agreed: BCDP, data processing of parish plan questionnaire and courier (£420.00); and HITREES, lengthsman and footpaths (£219.00).

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THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The meeting asked the lengthsman to cut back the hedge and verge on the corner opposite Shrublands House and Mousenatch Lane. The parish council asked the lengthsman to look at reducing the tree and hedge on the corner of the B4360 at Cobnash as they are obscuring visibility for drivers turning into the C1037.

It was noted that the overhanging bramble by Park House will be cut back by the owners after 1 August 2013.

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P3 FOOTPATH SCHEME

Cllr. Bradley reported that the cross steps have been delivered for the footpath to Pinsley Brook, and he has proposed changing the route of a footpath that runs through Cllr. Vaughan's field from the middle to the side of the field.

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SIGN AT ST MICHAELS AVENUE

The parish council RESOLVED to request a street sign for St Michaels Avenue. Cllr. Barbour said she would consult on whether residents would prefer to have the sign fixed to the side of the post office or whether it should be a free-standing sign, and will advise the Clerk on the proposed location for either option.

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FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

The meeting noted a letter from Bill Wiggin MP on the First World War Centenary in 2014.

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CLOSURE OF SHOP

The meeting noted the closure of the shop in September 2013, and that basic provisions would continue to be available to customers.

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PLANNING

131663/FH Lawton House, Eardisland, HR6 9AX – New vehicular access and drive. The meeting objected to the planning application on the grounds of highway safety and poor visibility.

Planning decisions: The Clerk reported that the application for the Shrublands (131607/K) remained undecided and planning applications for Markhams Garage (131479/F), Rose Cottage (130926/F), Buildings at Cobnash (131122/F) and Outbuildings and land at former Glendaph Nursing Home (131039/F and 131040/C) have been approved by Herefordshire Council. The planning application for The Rosary (130392/F) has been withdrawn.

[The Chairman and Cllrs. Fordham and Vaughan left the meeting. In the absence of the Vice Chairman the meeting asked Cllr. Bradley to take the Chair.]

131718/K The Granary, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Fell Conifer and Ash, Reduce Beech by 50 percent. The tree application was supported.

121280/C Land to the rear of St Mary’s Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Demolition of agricultural barns to allow for the development of site with new housing scheme. The planning application was supported.

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MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

The parish council agreed to consider the speed of traffic on North Road at the next meeting.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

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