

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2012
AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE**

PRESENT

Mr G T Bradley (ACTING CHAIRMAN), Mrs J Barbour, Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs R J Edwards, Mr H Jones Mr D Thompson and Mr D Fordham.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

2013/91 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from R C Smallwood (CHAIRMAN), Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN), Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

2013/92 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr. Bengry declared an interest in planning application N122623/F Glebeland, Kingsland. There were no other declarations of interest on agenda items.

2013/93 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10 September 2012 were agreed and signed.

2013/94 **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr. Bowen asked whether the parish council wished to accept joint responsibility with Shobdon Parish for a new speed indicator display. The new SID will be compatible with the four new sockets installed by Amey in 2011. The meeting resolved to accept the offer of a new SID for the village.

Cllr. Bowen reported that a new chief executive for Herefordshire Council will be appointed shortly. The Amey contract is being tendered in 2013, and this process may see an opportunity for more local provision of services. The ‘Root and Branch’ review of services is underway. OFSTED will shortly publish a review of child safeguarding services in Herefordshire that will highlight a number of shortcomings. Scrutiny continues to be a matter of concern as there is only a separate scrutiny committee for health and well being.

2013/95 **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**

Members of the public present commented on planning application N122623/F Glebeland for change of use to a grass surfaced car park for Kingsland Bowling Club. The Vice Chairman of the Bowling Club, Mr Robert Parker Morgan set out the reasons why the planning application had been made, and spoke in favour of the application.

Other members of the public spoke against the planning application including Mr Cook, leaseholder of the Glebe Land, Mr M Sampson, Ms L Juson and Mrs J Markham.

2013/96

FEEDBACK ON ACTION ITEMS & MATTERS OUTSTANDING

The Clerk said the outcome of the meeting held on 11 September 2012 with Herefordshire Council was an agreement to review the speed of traffic across the parish, and based on the findings, make appropriate recommendations for speed limits.

Hereford Diocese is considering the request to renovate Birch Walk and plant trees on the Kingsland Glebe adjacent to the fire station. A site meeting is scheduled to review the proposal with the agent, Smiths Gore on 12 October 2012. Four sponsors have offered to support the renovation of Birch Walk.

The renovation of the footpath by the entrance to the car park of the Corners' Inn has been requested.

2013/97

FINANCE

The Clerk said the 2011-12 audit had been completed and that the second half of the precept (£5,000.00) from Herefordshire Council has been received. The following payments were agreed: Wigmore High School, awards (£30.00); Mazars, external audit (£144.00); and the Clerk, salary and expenses for September 2012 (£284.36).

2013/98

THE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Clerk read out an email from the Vice Chairman which reported that the lengthsman has completed the work at the end of Orchard Close and adjacent to the Coronation Hall, and that no new requests to look at other works have been received.

2013/99

PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported that the Steering Group's application for grant funding has been successful, and the main focus now is preparing for the Planning for Real event on the weekend of 18 and 19 November 2012 at the Coronation Hall.

2013/100

BIN BY CROASE ORCHARD SURGERY

The Clerk reported that Herefordshire Council is able to add the bin by the surgery to its collection round. The meeting AGREED to request this, and Cllr. Edwards kindly offered to empty the bin and insert a plastic refuse bag in preparation for the first collection.

2013/101

STORAGE SITE FOR SANDBAGS IN KINGSLAND

The Clerk reported that Oakfields Farm was no longer able to store sandbags on behalf of the community due to the installation of a new security system. The meeting AGREED to see if the Coronation Hall Committee would be interested in storing sandbags for the community, and to place a notice in the newsletter and www.kingslandlife.com asking for a new site to store sandbags close to the village.

2013/102

SPONSOR AWARDS FOR WIGMORE HIGH SCHOOL

The meeting AGREED to sponsor the Tutor Group and BTEC Science awards at Wigmore High School at a cost of £30.00.

- 2013/103 DONATION TO ST MICHAELS PCC**
The meeting postponed consideration of the donation pending receipt of the PCC accounts ending 31 December 2011.
- 2013/104 CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS**
The Clerk said that HALC has advised that the new Code of Conduct will require amendments to the parish council's standing orders. NALC will be providing new Model Standing Orders in 2013. In the meantime, forthcoming Agendas will include consideration of Written Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests alongside Declarations of Interest.
- 2013/105 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING CONSULTATION**
The questionnaire was completed during the meeting for the Clerk to submit online as a parish council response to the consultation.
- 2013/106 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION**
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- 2013/107 GLENDAPH**
The Clerk reported that planning enforcement at Herefordshire Council is in contact with the new owners of the former nursing home, and a planning application for development of the site is expected to be submitted shortly. Also, planning enforcement is aware of the felling of a cherry tree which is believed to have been diseased and needed to be removed. Herefordshire Council's tree officer is due to visit Glendaph shortly on behalf of planning enforcement.
- 2013/108 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME CONSULTATION**
The questionnaire was completed during the meeting for the Clerk to submit online as a parish council response to the consultation.
- 2013/109 PLANNING**
N122427/FH Oakfields Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9QU – Remove conservatory and replace with single storey garden room. The application was supported.
N121874/FH 3 St Michaels Avenue, Kingsland, HR6 9QR – Single storey extension. The application was supported.
N122623/F Glebeland, Kingsland – Change of use to grass surfaced car park for Kingsland Bowling Club. The parish council opposed the planning application on the grounds of increased traffic in the centre of the village and the adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
i) Traffic using the proposed car park will need to use the crossroads on Longford which is already busy. Local residents, their visitors and people using the church, post office, tea rooms and Angel Inn park extensively on Longford, causing the road to become narrower and blocking visibility for vehicles joining Longford from the direction of the church and St Michaels Avenue.

Therefore, the parish council does not want to see an increase in traffic using the crossroads to access the bowling club. Further, should there be an event at the church and bowling club at the same time, the parish council is concerned that the number of vehicles using the crossroads and narrow access road to the church may cause a localised gridlock.

ii) The amenity of properties which back on to the proposed car park will be adversely affected – the wall and window of one home will be just 2-3 feet from the proposed car park.

The parish council would prefer that people who need to drive to use the facilities at the bowling club continue to use the parking facility at the Coronation Hall. Placing a kissing gate at the boundary of the Glebe Land by the Coronation Hall’s tennis courts would shorten the distance people parked at the Coronation Hall need to walk in order to access the bowling club.

2013/110 COUNCILLORS’ FORUM

Cllr. Bengry said the plastic is peeling away from the Parish Watch signs and asked that the supplier rectify the problem.

In response to a request to consider a grant or donation to support the resurfacing and repair of the car park at the Coronation Hall the Chairman asked for a formal request for the parish council to consider.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.39 pm.

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