

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT KINGSLAND POST OFFICE

PRESENT

R C Smallwood ... CHAIRMAN, Mr C Southgate (VICE CHAIRMAN), Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs L Juson, Mrs C Sawyers, Mr G Bradley, Mr D Thompson, Mr B J Watkins and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Cllr. S Bowen (Bircher); Mrs W Priday and Mrs A Daniel, Kingsland C E School; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk. Six members of the public were present.

2017/1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** accepted from Mr D Fordham.

2017/2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
Cllr. P Vaughan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 143252 Land adjoining Kingsleane.

2017/3 **MINUTES OF MEETING** – The Minutes of the Meetings held on 8 and 22 March 2016 were agreed and signed.

2017/4 **SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE**
Balfour Beatty were not present at the meeting. Consideration of the matter was postponed.

2017/5 **REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**
Ward Cllr. Bowen said the recent litter pick at Kingsland yielded 60 bags. Litter pickers benefited from the loan of kits from Herefordshire Council. An additional litter pick will take place on 24 April 2016, and Cllr. Bowen said he has already reserved litter pick kits for this.

An additional £660,000 has been provided by government for pothole repairs. Pothole repairs by Balfour Beatty need to be more effective. The county smallholdings are to be looked at by cabinet shortly, and an agent is expected to be appointed. Scrutiny recommended the majority of smallholdings are retained. A relief road to the west of Hereford is the most likely option. Fast broadband boxes are being installed.

2017/6 **LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**
There were no matters raised. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Juson and a member of the public for organising the litter picks.

2017/7 **CLERKS REPORT**
Mr H Jones has been emailed to inform him that he has not attended a parish council meeting since 23 June 2015. An absence of six months means automatic disqualification as a councillor. Electoral Services requires this to be minuted before providing the relevant notice to advertise the vacancy.

Balfour Beatty has been urged to include the A4110 at Shirlheath, B4360 through Kingsland, and U road near Aston in the 2016-17 resurfacing programme.

2017/8

PLANNING

160721 Stonehouse, Shirlheath, HR6 9RN – Proposed conversion of attached garage to residential. The meeting agreed to support the planning application.

143252 Land adjoining Kingsleane, Kingsland – Proposed development of 12 nos. dwellings, consisting of 5 nos. affordable and 7 nos. open market. Works to include new road and landscaping. To consider additional plan(s). In order to allow members more time to consider the addition to the application, the parish council agreed to hold a meeting on Tuesday 26 April 2016.

Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 160231 Plot 4 Croftmead and 160352 Annexe, Cobnash Cottage. Listed building consent has been granted for 153670 Village Green Stores. Tree works application 160063 Stone House has been allowed, and permission or consent is not required for tree works application 160085 Land adjacent to Croftmead.

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FINANCE

Herefordshire Council has paid £2,253.44 of the P3 footpaths and lengthsman scheme grant for April-December 2015. The following payments were AGREED: Kingsland Village Shop, meeting 22 March 2016 (£15.00); HMRC, PAYE for period to 5 April 2016 (£133.40); the Clerk, expenses, Sept. 2015-March 2016 (£312.90); and R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (82.78).

The 2016-17 P3 footpath and lengthsman scheme contract with Balfour Beatty was agreed by the parish council, and signed by the Chairman. Hitrees and R Mills were appointed as lengthsman contractors for 2016-17, and the Chairman signed contracts with both contractors.

2017/10

HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME/ FOOTPATHS

The Vice Chairman reported that there have been two requests for drain clearing.

2017/11

CONSULTATION ON EARDISLAND'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The consultation was noted. The meeting noted as well the public consultation on Luston Group Parish Council's draft neighbourhood development plan.

2017/12

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs W Priday, Chair of Governors and Mrs A Daniel, Head, Kingsland C E Primary School informed the meeting that the school is running out of space and would like to share thoughts and ideas on how to help address this. One option is to expand out on to the adjacent Glebe Land, but this may not be possible because it is part of the scheduled ancient monument. Another option is to relocate the school elsewhere in the village, but there is limited funding and the availability of a suitable plot of land has to be found along with the necessary funding.

In the discussion that followed one idea raised was for the school to approach the Coronation Hall to discuss the feasibility of developing a shared multi-use community facility.

The parish council resolved to support the school at this challenging time and agreed to set up a liaison working group comprising the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Sawyers.

2017/13 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CONSULTATION
The consultation was noted.

2017/14 AMENDED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016-17
The amended proposed schedule of meetings was agreed. The September and October 2016 meetings will be held on Wednesday 7 September and Tuesday 18 October 2016.

2017/15 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)
There were no matters raised.

2017/16 INFORMATION ITEMS
Noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08 pm.

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