

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE

PRESENT R C Smallwood ... CHAIRMAN; Mr D Thompson... VICE CHAIRMAN, Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs C Sawyers, Mr C Southgate, Mr G Bradley, Mr D Fordham, Mr B J Watkins and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk. There were three members of the public present.

2017/89 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were accepted from Mrs L Juson and Mr P D Vaughan.

2017/90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
Cllr. Watkins declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 162242 Land adjacent to Garden Cottage.

2017/91 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 July 2016 were agreed and signed.

2017/92 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
Ward Cllr. Bowen said the chief financial officer of the council has resigned following a period of gardening leave.

Defects on the roads have been marked up for repair as a result of a tour with the locality steward, and a new stretch of road will be laid at Aston by Baskets Gate. The section 106 monies should be used soon to improve North Road and Longford. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he is pressing the council to find more funding for the roads, including the use of reserves or through a loan from the public works loan board.

The A4110 by Shirlheath is likely to be repaired shortly, and new safety markings have been put in place at Lawton's Cross. A recent flood on the A4110 by the C1036 junction was caused by a burst water main.

Educational attainment at the county schools are in line with national averages. Local results were above average, and Kingsland and Luston schools achieved very impressive results at Key Stage 2.

The council is looking for new Travellers sites which will operate as transit locations. The most likely options are at Leominster and Ross.

2017/93 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION
There were no matters raised.

2017/94 CLERKS REPORT

External Relations, Welsh Water has been contacted to request the contact details of the chief executive. External Relations arranged for the lead development control officer, Welsh Water to provide a verbal briefing on the questions raised by the parish council, and the notes taken by the Clerk were noted. The meeting agreed to ask that the lead development officer at Welsh Water confirms the points made over the telephone in writing.

The parish council has been contacted by a member of the public to report an increased use by heavy goods vehicles of Hostel Lane, Cobnash. It was agreed to consider this matter at the next meeting. Balfour Beatty is making sandbags available, but the sand will need to be added separately. The neighbourhood development plan has completed Regulation 16 consultation.

2017/95 PLANNING

162629 Land adjoining Crossways, Shirl Heath, HR6 9RF – Proposed 6 no dwellings and 4 no garages. The parish council objected to the planning application as the site lies well outside the Shirl Heath settlement boundary defined by the neighbourhood development plan, which has just completed Regulation 16 consultation. In addition, the proposed access on to the A4110 is unacceptable given the speed vehicles go on this particular stretch of road.

162272 Holgate Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Proposed steel portal frame extension (agricultural) to cover an existing manure store. The meeting agreed to support the planning application.

[Cllr. Watkins left the meeting.]

162242 Land adjacent to Garden Cottage, Hostel Lane, Cobnash – Proposed 2 bedroom sustainable self build dwelling and ancillary garage. The parish council noted that the proposed site lies outside the Cobnash settlement boundary defined by the neighbourhood development plan, which has just completed Regulation 16 consultation. The planning application is supported as a rural exception site given the agricultural/ forestry maintenance business operated by the applicant from the existing shed at the rear of the field. The parish council would like to see a suitable tie established so that the proposed house and existing shed can only be sold as a single unit and only to people with an agricultural or forestry connection.

[Cllr. Watkins rejoined the meeting.]

162476 Normandie, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RX – Works to Oak Tree (T1). The meeting had no objection to the proposed work

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – The meeting noted Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 161936 Croftmead; 162034 Whitley Court; and 162069 The Arbor. Tree works have been allowed under application 162050 Dunvegan.

2017/96 DONATION FOR CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

The parish council agreed to donate £1,500 to Kingsland PCC to help with the upkeep of the churchyard at St Michael & All Angels. The donation will be reviewed again at the end of 2016 in light of the total costs borne by the PCC. The meeting recommended that the PCC undertake a competitive tender for 2017.

2017/97 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Kingsland PCC, donation for churchyard maintenance (£1,500.00); R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£67.50); and R Mills, enhanced lengthsman (£592.80).

The Clerk reported that the 2015-16 audit has been completed. The external auditor's certificate and report highlights the need to have a separate minute reference for the annual governance statement and accounting statements in future years.

2017/98 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The parish council noted that the enhanced lengthsman has used two tonnes of cold fill and repaired 255 of the potholes that were highlighted with the locality steward. The meeting agreed to ask the lengthsman to complete the pothole repairs, and acknowledged this will mean the budget of £3,000 for pothole repairs in 2016-17 is exceeded.

Cllr. Bengry passed on a request for the lengthsman to cut the grass on the corner of West End Cottage. The meeting agreed to consider this once the ownership of the land in question has been confirmed. Cllr. Bengry kindly agreed to consult with the occupier of West End Cottage on this matter.

The meeting agreed the Section 106 highways improvements to North Road and Longford outlined by Balfour Beatty. In addition, the parish council would like to see a dropped kerb on North Road as near to the Corners crossroads as possible and outside Bell House in order meet the request made by a local mobility scooter user.

2017/99 P3 FOOTPATHS

The footpath officer reported that the bridge across the Arrow has been replaced, necessitating reinstatement of the footpath signs so that the public right of way to access the new bridge is marked clearly. This work is underway. A complaint made about a local footpath has been referred to the locality steward as it is outside the parish in Lucton.

The footpath across the Glebeland has been tidied up. As the footpath falls within the village it was agreed that this work should be paid from the lengthsman budget.

2017/100 NAME FOR DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO CROFTMEAD

Cllr. Bradley proposed the school is approached to ask the children to come up with the best name for the new development. The meeting agreed this unanimously, and that book tokens will be awarded to the children who come up with the winning name. The developer will be one of the judges along with the chairman of the parish council.

2017/101 OLD FIRE STATION TRUST

The parish council agreed to repay the £7,000 that was taken out of the Old Fire Station Trust in 2014 and used to resurface the car park. Any decision on the future use of the funds in the Old Fire Station Trust will be a matter for the trustees, or parish council at the time, and in conformity with the requirement to use the funds for the benefit of the overall village.

2017/102 EXTENSION OF 30MPH ZONE TO WATERLOO MILL

The meeting noted the process highlighted by Balfour Beatty in August, whereby traffic regulation orders, including speed restrictions, can be funded directly. The parish council decided not to request an extension of the 30mph speed limit to Waterloo Mill for the time being.

2017/103 CONSULTATIONS

The parish council noted consultations on Preferred Options for Travellers Sites, Bus and Community Transport, and new standards procedure. It was agreed that councillors should respond individually to the consultation on Herefordshire Council’s budget for 2017-18.

2017/104 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

Consider increased use of Hostel Lane by HGVs, and proposal to request that Herefordshire Council extend the 40 mph limit to include Hostel Lane and Shirlheath.

2017/105 INFORMATION ITEMS

The parish council noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

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