

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE

PRESENT R C Smallwood ... CHAIRMAN; Mrs G B Bengry; Mrs L Juson; Mrs C Sawyers; Mr J Vaughan; Mr G Bradley; and Mr D Fordham.

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

2017/144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr C Southgate, Mr D Thompson (Vice Chairman), Mr B J Watkins and Mr P D Vaughan.

2017/145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2017/146 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 November 2016 were agreed and signed. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 December 2016 were amended to remove reference to the Chairman and Vice Chairman as members of the local connection committee (2017/142), after which the minutes were agreed and signed.

2017/147 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the precept is likely to increase by 3.9 percent, with 2 percent earmarked for social care. Local NHS and social care services have a transformation plan for better flow through the hospital. Herefordshire Council has expressed an interest in becoming a non-constituent member of the West Midlands Combined Authority, and this is the consensus of the task and finish group. The Scrutiny Committee has looked at the new school transport policy, and found that on the whole small numbers of people have been affected as people in hardship can obtain support. On the whole, children are attending the school they want, and the new policy is saving about £250,000. No schools have lost pupils, and the county is a net importer of students.

The site visit by Herefordshire Council's planning committee to see 162166 Land to the south of Martindale was an opportunity to see the speed of traffic passing on the A4110. The planning application is to be considered by the planning committee tomorrow morning.

The very poor road surface from the car auction to Shirleath should be resurfaced by Balfour Beatty from April 2017. The outcome of the appeal by the former highways contractor to the £9.5 million awarded to Herefordshire Council has yet to be decided.

2017/148 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION – There were no matters raised.

2017/149 CLERKS REPORT

Herefordshire Housing's article on the process to follow with regard to the new affordable houses by St Mary's Farm is in the parish newsletter, and a longer four page insert is due to be sent out with the next edition. The housing association is considering data protection aspects of the local connection verification process.

The primary school has been contacted with regard to the donation of £50.00 to support awards for students. Democratic Services has been informed that the parish council is minded to introduce an allowances scheme for councillors.

The bowling club has emailed to ask that the parish council considers support for the car park when reviewing projects for Section 106 funds from the development by St Mary's Farm. It was agreed to review the Section 106 wish list at the next parish council meeting.

2017/150 PLANNING

163804 Lawtonbury Farm, Eardisland HR6 9AX – Proposed roofing over the existing silage pit. *The parish council has no objection to the planning application.*

163978 Land adjacent to B4360, Cobnash – Proposed construction of 5 self-build residential dwellings with ancillary garages. *The parish council objects to the planning application as a significant proportion of the site lies outside the settlement boundary for Cobnash defined in the neighbourhood development, plan which is at the stage of independent examination. The parish council would be sympathetic to a revised application comprising 2-3 bedroom houses, which lies within the Cobnash settlement boundary.*

163637 Storage Depot, Northern Division Surveyors Department, Street Lane, Shirlheath, HR6 9RG – Proposed refurbishment of existing bungalow building to include new uPVC windows, air conditioning, provision of a new shower room, repair fascias & soffit boards. Addition of new entrance gates. Demolish stores buildings, site a modular office building and the installation of an axle weighbridge. *The meeting agreed to support the planning application.*

161803 The Brick House, Longford, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ – Replace UPVC windows and French doors with traditional windows. Listed building consent. *The meeting agreed to support the planning application.*

162166 Land to the south of Martindale, Kingsland – Outline planning application for residential development and associated works. *The parish council thanked Cllr. Sawyers for agreeing to attend Herefordshire Council's Planning Committee meeting on 18 January 2017 in order to reiterate the parish council's objection to the application and highlight that the neighbourhood plan is at the stage of independent examination.*

Planning appeal APP/W1850/W/16/3163181 re: 162629 Land adjoining Crossways, Shirl Heath, Kingsland, HR6 9RF – Proposed 6 no dwellings and 4 no garages. *The meeting noted the letter from planning services and agreed to make no further comment.*

Planning appeal APP/W1850/W/16/3161030 re: 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. *The meeting noted the letter from planning services and agreed to make no further comment.*

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – It was noted that Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 163290 Land at the Garden House; and 163722 Avonia Cottage. Applications for works to trees within a conservation area have been allowed for 163636 Holgate Farm; 163357 Stone House; and 163161 3 The Wardens. Appeal APP/W1850/W/16/3155495 has been dismissed by the planning inspector. Ward Cllr. Bowen provided an update on enforcement action in respect of 2 Hazeldine.

2017/151 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Hitrees, lengthsman (£72.00); R Mills, lengthsman (£33.60); R Mills, lengthsman (£319.20); R Bayliss, P3 footpaths (£112.00); D Paget, strimmer service (£20.00); and R Bayliss, P3 footpaths maintenance (£60.10).

2017/152 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The meeting reviewed the data from the November 2016 SID deployment, and agreed to submit the pie charts which summarise the speed of traffic on North Road and Longford to the parish newsletter. The lengthsman has been asked to clean road signs and cut back any growth which may be obscuring the road signs.

2017/153 P3 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Bradley said the removal of the stile and hedge on KL26 towards Yarpole has been raised with the locality steward who had no concerns as walkers will still be able to access the footpath.

2017/154 LITTER PICK

Cllr. Juson said a litter pick is being organised for early March 2017, and requested litter pick kits from Balfour Beatty. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly said he would book the litter picking kits with Balfour Beatty.

2017/155 SPEED LIMIT AT COBNASH, VILLAGE GATES AND COBNASH VILLAGE SIGNS

The meeting considered a report which summarised the working group meeting with Balfour Beatty on 1 December 2016. The parish council decided to amend the request for a speed limit at Cobnash as follows:

- Move the existing 30mph terminal signs further away from Kingsland on the east side of the village to a new location just south of the property named “The Elms”.
- Reduce the national speed limit on the stretch of the B4360 between Kingsland (30mph) and to a point just east of “Westfield Farm”.
- Reduce the national speed limit on the stretch of the C1037 Hostel Lane between Cobnash (junction with B4360) and to a point just west of “Stonehouse Farm”.

The parish council agreed to request that the new 40mph zone at Cobnash is extended to the 30 mph terminal signs just south of the Elms as well as towards Westfield Farm and Stonehouse Farm along the B4360 and C1037 respectively.

With regard to the option to fund the introduction of the necessary new Traffic Regulation Order(s), the parish council decided to postpone a decision on this until the new ranking of TROs for the county is completed.

In addition, the parish council agreed to ask that Cobnash village signs are installed by Balfour Beatty at the same time as the proposed 40 mph speed limit for Cobnash is implemented.

The parish council accepted advice from Balfour Beatty that the proposed locations for village gates would not have the necessary impact on drivers. Village gates are most effective when located at the edge of the settlement rather than within the village. It was agreed to review the location of village gates to the south of Kingsland and at Cobnash once the speed limit at Cobnash is ready for implementation.

2017/156 STREET LIGHTING ON NEW ROAD BY ST MARY’S FARM

In response to an enquiry from highways, Herefordshire Council, it was agreed that street lighting is not required on the adopted road at the new development by St Mary’s Farm.

2017/157 RESTORATION OF CORNERS' CROSSROADS ROAD SIGN

The Clerk provided an update on enquiries made to Lincolnshire County Council regarding their programme of restoration of traditional road signs. An aspect to be resolved is the treatment of the mirror on the existing Corners' Crossroads road sign, and the advice from Lincolnshire County Council is to contact the highways authority. A photo of the road sign mirror will be submitted to Balfour Beatty with a request for advice on the restoration.

2017/158 LOCAL FLOOD RISK STRATEGY

The consultation was noted.

2017/159 PARISH FREIGHT STRATEGY

Cllr. Fordham kindly agreed to respond to the survey on behalf of the parish council.

2017/160 LUSTON GROUP NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

The consultation was noted.

2017/161 SHOBDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

The consultation was noted.

2017/162 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

Defibrillator.

2017/163 INFORMATION ITEMS

The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28 pm.

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