

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT THE POST OFFICE

PRESENT Mr R C Smallwood... CHAIRMAN; Mrs G B Bengry; Mrs C Sawyers; Mr G Bradley; Mr D Thompson (Vice Chairman); Mr C Southgate, Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

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

2017/181 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs L Juson, Mr J Vaughan and Mr D Fordham.

2017/182 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – The Chairman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 170698 The Granary. Cllr. P Vaughan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 170861 The Old Forge.

2017/183 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 February 2017 were agreed and signed.

2017/184 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said there was a very effective Kingsland litter pick organised by Cllr. Juson earlier in March when 40 bags were collected by volunteers. The resurfacing of the A4110 from Lawton's Cross to Shirlheath will be done in April 2017.

[Cllr. P Vaughan joined the meeting and declared an interest in planning application 170861 The Old Forge.]

The road through Bircher is set to be resurfaced as well. Also, Ward Cllr. Bowen said he is pressing for the B4362 at Comberton to be resurfaced. Herefordshire Council has secured an addition £4 million for the roads, and approximately £8 million is expected from a legal ruling in favour of the county council.

Section 106 funding is to support work to sort out the flooding of the road outside the Coronation Hall. Apparently, the drain that overflows is a soakaway and not connected to a drainage system. The road sign at Basket's Gate will be raised with the locality steward. The A49 at Woofferton is set to have a 50 mph speed limit.

The Herefordshire Council precept will increase by 3.9 percent in 2017-18. Approximately 10 teenage refugees are being settled in the county. A new Director of Finance has been appointed, and the Director of Children's Services is retiring.

2017/185 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public asked whether there was an explanation why a tree at the Coronation Hall was removed by Herefordshire Council. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will try and obtain an explanation, and that the metal rod left behind has been removed.

A member of the public asked about the removal of several trees at the Croftmead building site. Cllr. Bengry said she had the map from the planning application, which highlighted the tree plan. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly agreed to take the matter up with the planners.

2017/186 CLERKS REPORT

The parish council's insurers have noted the defibrillator is kept in an unlocked cabinet. The examiner is looking at the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The annual return for the A H Williams Trust has been submitted to the Charity Commission.

The planning officer for 162166 Land to the south of Martindale has been asked to put in place a condition to have a 30 mph speed limit on the adjacent A4110. Herefordshire Council's Section 106 Officer has been asked to support projects at the Coronation Hall and Bowling Club.

Balfour Beatty has been asked to implement lorry signs to encourage drivers of heavy goods vehicles to use Lawton's Cross. A request has been made to three companies for their HGVs to use Lawton's Cross. Local residents at Cobnash have written to Herefordshire Council to ask for action on HGVs.

2017/187 FINANCE

The lengthsman and P3 footpaths grant has been received from Herefordshire Council for the period October-December 2016 (£750.23).

The following payments were AGREED: Balfour Beatty, SID hire December 2016 & January 2017 (£720.00); Kingsland PCC, maintenance of churchyard 2016 (£250.00); Herefordshire Council, parish poll, 10 Sept. 2015 (£578.47); Village Shop, meetings 2017-18 (£165.00); and R Bayliss, P3 footpaths maintenance (£117.14). Balfour Beatty will be asked about a period in the new year when the speed indicator devices were not working.

Councillors present at the meeting completed the relevant sections of the charity trustees form so that their details can be registered with the Charity Commission online in respect of the A H Williams Trust.

The parish council agreed to approach a local person to see if they might be interested in doing the internal audit of the parish council's accounts. It was noted that HALC is able to offer this service as well.

The meeting agreed to withdraw from the proposed allowances scheme for parish councillors.

2017/188 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Clerk confirmed the Annual Maintenance Plan 2017-18 has been submitted to Balfour Beatty.

2017/189 P3 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Bradley informed the meeting that he intends to step down from the role of Footpaths Officer at the Annual Meeting in May 2017. Cllr. Bradley was thanked for his commitment and time in looking after the footpaths.

The Public Path Diversion Order in respect of EY5 Eyton and KL6 Kingsland, which the parish council has previously been consulted on, was noted.

2017/190 PARKING AND THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The parish council noted the concerns raised have been resolved and that the school will continue to use the car park at the Coronation Hall.

2017/191 REMOVAL OF TREE BY THE CORONATION HALL

The update provided by Ward Cllr. Bowen earlier in the meeting (2017/184) was noted.

2017/192 RESTORATION OF CORNERS' CROSSROADS ROAD SIGN

The locality steward, Balfour Beatty has emailed that there is no objection to the removal and remounting of the mirror on the road sign, so long as it is mounted correctly. The parish council agreed to replace the existing post with a longer one that will place the mirror away from the fingerposts. The Chairman kindly agreed to contact the landowner to request permission for the works, and to ask about the maintenance of the nearby boundary wall.

2017/193 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017-18

The schedule of meetings was agreed.

2017/194 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

There were no matters raised.

2017/195 INFORMATION ITEMS

The meeting noted the information items on the agenda.

2017/196 PLANNING

170285 6 Highfield Close, Kingsland, HR6 9RS – Kitchen extension and new reception room and detached garage with garden store. *The meeting agreed to support the planning application.*

170556 The Pleasaunce, Kingsland – Erection of new dwelling. *The meeting objected to the proposed dwelling as the site lies well outside the settlement boundary in the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which is at the stage of examination. In addition, the parish council opposes the proposed shared highways access due to the risk of increased traffic joining the A4110 at this point which is considered unsafe.*

[The Chairman left the meeting. The Vice Chairman chaired the remainder of the meeting.]

170698 The Granary, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Demolition of single storey extension and new two storey extension in replacement of single storey after refusal of planning permission application number 163723. *The meeting agreed to support the planning application.*

[Cllr. Vaughan left the meeting.]

170861 The Old Forge, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Propose to fell Sycamore (T1). *Due to the location and setting, the parish council would like to see a semi-mature replacement tree planted in place of the Sycamore. The replacement tree should be an appropriate indigenous species.*

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – It was noted that Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 164011 and 164012, 1 Park Terrace.

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01 pm.

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