

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 31 JULY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE

PRESENT

Mr R C Smallwood... CHAIRMAN, Mr D Thompson... VICE CHAIRMAN, Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs L Juson, Mr D Fordham, Mr J Vaughan, Mr C Southgate, Mr B J Watkins, Mr R Harris and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs L Wilcox, Herefordshire Association of Local Councils; Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Clerk. Nine (9) members of the public were present.

2019/60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs C Sawyers.

2019/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr. Juson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 182402 Westmead. Cllr. Southgate declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 182224 17 Hamlyn Place. Cllr. Watkins declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 182140 Waterloo Mill.

2019/62 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2018 were agreed and signed.

2019/63 HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (HALC)
Mrs L Wilcox welcomed Kingsland Parish Council to the association and highlighted some benefits of membership including training and legal advice. Mrs Wilcox asked the parish council to note a legal briefing from NALC dated January 2018, which covers donations to churchyards and clocks. The present situation is that donations should not be made until the government or case law provides more clarity. Donations to closed churchyards are fine as are donations to support community services provided by the church.

Mrs Wilcox said HALC is advising councils to wait until after the election in May 2019 before updating their codes of conduct, and kindly offered to put the parish council in touch with the CCLA to discuss options for investment of the reserves and charitable funds. She said councils should have their own website rather than be part of a community website, though ultimately it is a decision for the parish council to make and not a requirement.

Mrs Wilcox provided an overview of the process required to reclaim VAT when donating to community projects. It is important for the parish council to take responsibility for the whole project from quotations through to payment of suppliers. Any grants need to come directly to the parish council. Mrs Wilcox kindly offered to facilitate a planning meeting if the parish council decided to take on a significant community project.

Finally, Mrs Wilcox suggested the parish council invites local people to comment on the draft precept for 2019-20 before it is considered in the autumn. An invitation was extended to the HALC Conference on 17 November 2018.

2019/64 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the LGA is concerned at the financial challenges faced by councils. In 2020 the grant provided to councils by government will end. The Hereford bypass route has been decided by cabinet which opted for the red route as recommended by the general scrutiny committee. This route is seen as the least intrusive. The bypass is likely to be built within 5 years. The velocity patcher has been very effective at repairing potholes in the recent dry, warm weather. Herefordshire Council may purchase a patcher.

The outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection of children's services requires improvements in most categories, though there are also areas which have been praised. Herefordshire Council is working with new development partners to realise decent buildings and build a strong infrastructure. Balfour Beatty has yet to confirm whether Longford will be resurfaced in August during the school holidays.

2019/65 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public asked about plans for the proposed lorry signs. Another member of the public asked if the parish council was funding the speed survey at Cobnash. The Chairman said the speed survey is not being funded by the parish council, and that the lorry signing initiative is on hold pending the strategic road survey being carried out by Herefordshire Council. Ward Cllr. Bowen said the strategic road survey is still ongoing but would hopefully be completed shortly. A member of the public asked whether the parish council would commit in principle to funding community work carried out by the church.

2019/66 CLERKS REPORT

Herefordshire Council can provide 'No dog fouling' signs for designated 'hot spots' in the parish. Organisations such as The Kingsland Millennium Green are welcome to use the signs to help encourage people to clear up after their dogs. There is a new Police Community Support Officer who is planning to "get to as many parish council meetings as possible". The Pensions Regulator has informed the parish council that 're-enrolment' will need to be completed by 31 March 2019, and that this is done by submitting a re-declaration of compliance. The contractor has collected the fingerposts and will put in the new signposts at the Corners in the coming weeks. The lengthsman is due to repair the parish noticeboard in August 2018.

2019/67 PLANNING

181957 Fairfield Cottage, Kingsland, HR6 9QT – Proposed two storey extension to the west elevation & erection of garage/store building. Reconsultation – to consider amended plans or documents. *The parish council considered the amended documents and did not see any significant changes to the original plans. The proposed single storey 'lean to' is still located to the road side which is the main objection to the application as set out in the submission dated 27 June 2018.*

The parish council has noted that comments from the building conservation officer do not reference the Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan and asks that the officer takes full account of Policies KNDP 1, KNDP 4 and KNDP 6 which require sustainable development that preserves or enhances the conservation area. Changing the front line by adding a lean to would adversely affect the setting of the property.

182196 Club Hall, Aston, Kingsland, HR6 9PU – Proposed part demolition of the existing dwelling together with the repair of the remainder and the construction of an extension. *The meeting agreed to support the planning application.*

182529, 1 Kingsleane, Kingsland, HR6 9SP – Proposed works to G1 Various - Reduce all broad-leaved species trees by approximately 30% and crown lift to 3m. T2 Conifer - Fell conifer to near ground level. G3 Various - Reduce all broadleaved species trees by approximately 30% and crown lift to 3m. Fell and grind decayed Cherry. *The proposed tree work was supported.*

182691, 7 Mortimer Meadow, Kingsland, HR6 9TE – Ash (T1) Fell because covered in Ivy, to close to the property and public highway and one major limb has fallen into neighbour's garden. (This tree has outgrown its position). Replanting scheme in progress which includes one extra standard Hornbeam and Oak. *The parish council would like to retain the established tree which is believed to offer significant potential amenity value. A suitably qualified arboricultural report should be commissioned to assess the condition of the tree.*

182482 Maltings, West Town Court, Kingsland, HR6 9SS – Regularisation of location of false fireplace to opposite side of living room and the proposed rebuilding of the chimney breast (internal). Listed building consent. *The meeting agreed to support the application for listed building consent.*

[Cllr. Juson left the meeting.]

182402 Westmead, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ – Proposed works to Ash (T1) Re-pollard at approx 5.5 metres from ground level (good tree management). Beech (T2) Crown raise to approx 5 metres from ground level because shading neighbours garden. *The proposed tree work was supported.*

[Cllr. Juson re-joined the meeting. Cllr. Southgate left the meeting.]

182224 17 Hamlyn Place, Kingsland, HR6 9RE – Proposed erection of conservatory on west elevation of existing building. *The meeting agreed to support the planning application.*

[Cllr. Southgate re-joined the meeting. Cllr. Watkins left the meeting.]

182140 Waterloo Mill, Kingsland, HR6 9QX – Proposed repairs to South-West Gable, North West steps and to timber on South East elevation. Listed building consent. *The meeting agreed to support the application for listed building consent.*

[Cllr. Watkins re-joined the meeting.]

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – It was noted that Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 181223 Plovers Moss. Planning enforcement has been asked to look at the removal of hedgerows at Mortimer Meadows and to be sure the Land at Boarsfield is developed in accordance with the relevant conditions in the decision document.

2019/68 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Hitrees, lengthsmen (£174.00); R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£288.00); Kingsland Life, donation (£100.00); Balfour Beatty, SID hire in July 2018 (£300.00); and Honorarium, internal audit (£50.00).

A request from the PCC for a donation to repair the clock on the church tower was not possible in light of guidance from HALC (see 2019/63 above). The meeting agreed to take up the offer from HALC for an introduction to the CCLA to look at potential investment solutions for parish council and charity funds.

2019/69 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The lengthsman has sprayed the weeds along pavements and kerbs through Kingsland village and cleaned the weeds and dirt off the roadside at the Corners crossroads, between the Coronation Hall entrances and near the phone box. The grass verge has been strimmed along the pavement opposite Boarsfield and at Tudor Place. Balfour Beatty has been asked to clean out the drains in Kingsland to remove the silt which has built up.

2019/70 P3 FOOTPATHS

There was no report.

2019/72 STREET LIGHTING ON DEVELOPMENT OFF BOARSFIELD

Postponed to next meeting.

2019/73 VILLAGE GATES

Postponed to next meeting.

2019/74 FLY TIPPING

Guidance from Herefordshire Council's website on when and how to report fly tipping was reviewed and noted.

2019/75 AYMESTREY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Regulation 16 consultation was noted.

2019/76 CODE OF CONDUCT

Herefordshire Council has amended their code of conduct and asked that the same code is adopted by the parish council. The meeting agreed to follow advice from HALC, which is for the matter to be considered after the parish council election in May 2019.

2019/77 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – Tennis courts at the Coronation Hall.

2019/78 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

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