

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018 AT THE VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE

PRESENT

Mr R C Smallwood (Chairman), Mr D Thompson Vice Chairman), Mrs L Juson, Mrs C Sawyers, Mr J Vaughan, Mr C Southgate, Mr B J Watkins, Mr R Harris and Mr D Fordham.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Clerk. Five (5) members of the public were present.

2019/101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs G B Bengry and Mr P D Vaughan.

2019/102 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr. Thompson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/108 The Limes.

2019/103 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2018 were agreed and signed.

2019/104 DRAIN/ SOAKAWAY OUTSIDE CORONATION HALL

The parish council considered the response to the request made to Balfour Beatty to reconsider aspects of the project. Balfour Beatty has said that their ‘Built to Last’ criteria won’t be met by using a soakaway and asked that “the judgements that were made at the start of the design [are respected], so that we can proceed with the proposed drain installation”. The Coronation Hall Committee has indicated they are satisfied with the modified design which runs along the hedge.

The meeting noted the points made and agreed to ask that the project is implemented as soon as practicable to resolve the flooding problem.

2019/105 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said a roundabout is being planned at Lawton Cross, and construction is expected in 2019. Speed limits are to be confirmed, but a limit is likely on the approach from Leominster. Longford may be resurfaced before the next financial year, possibly during the February 2019 half term. There is a proposal for new speed limits at Cobnash.

The general scrutiny committee will begin looking at pothole repairs on 17 October 2018. A longer term approach is needed. One option is to borrow to bring the roads up to standard and repay the loan using the savings realised through reduced maintenance budgets. A velocity patcher will be purchased in Spring 2019. The ‘B’, ‘U’ and ‘C’ roads are lifelines for local communities and should be the focus for resurfacing work in 2019.

General scrutiny has looked at the LEP’s economic plan. Herefordshire has had a good share of projects supported bringing £50 million to the county. This has been achieved by having strong, well thought through projects that are ready to go.

The OFSTED inspection of children’s services found areas that needed improvement and acknowledged that the problems were recognised. There is a skills shortage in the county making it difficult to manage without having agency staff.

A three year speed enforcement campaign is underway on the A4110 from Hereford to Leintwardine. The Police and Crime Commissioner has given notice to end the tie up with Warwickshire Police without any consultation.

2019/106 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public asked about the location of the proposed speed limits at Cobnash and requested that speed limits are introduced at Lawton Cross as well. Another member of the public welcomed any reduction of speed on the B4360 at Cobnash and asked the parish council to consider having a village name sign and village gates.

2019/107 CLERK'S REPORT

Data from the Speed Indicator Display deployed on Longford during September shows that the average speed of 85 percent of vehicles was 31 mph. Herefordshire Council has announced the speed enforcement campaign on the A4110. The installation of the new signposts and fingerposts at the Corners' crossroads is complete. The rebuilding of the wall on the corner will follow in due course. The noticeboard by the entrance to the Coronation Hall is still being repaired and is at the lengthsman's workshop. Herefordshire Council has received the section 106 monies from the St Mary's Farm development (153404). The new PCSO will attend a parish council meeting early in 2019 to talk about local police matters. A 'Parish Council Matters' article has been submitted to the newsletter.

2019/108 PLANNING

[Cllr. Thompson left the meeting.]

183335 The Limes, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Erection of machinery shed. *The parish council agreed to object to the proposed location of the machinery shed on the grounds that the size of the building is disproportionate and will be overbearing for neighbouring domestic properties. The amended location does not resolve this concern.*

Policy KNDP 18 b) states that "In the case of new [agricultural] buildings, development is sited with existing groups of buildings where practicable... [N]ew development should not be sited in isolated locations where it will have a detrimental impact upon the surrounding landscape and the visual amenity of the parish.

The parish council is of the view that locating the proposed machinery shed in line with existing outbuildings is much more appropriate (a document showing the preferred location will be submitted with the comment).

[Cllr. Thompson rejoined the meeting.]

182866 Dev 1, Land at Cobnash House, Cobnash, Kingsland, HR6 9QY – Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission. (174575) - to allow a balcony to garage front facing. *The application was supported.*

182988 Lawtonbury Farm, Eardisland, HR6 9AX – Proposed manure store. *The application was supported.*

183062 Barn at Kingsland Court, Chapel Lane, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Proposed conversion of barn into dwelling. *The application was supported.*

183299 Stokesay, Church Lane, Kingsland, HR6 9QW – Application for hedgerow removal notice. *Not considered as the planning authority has advised that an application is not required in this instance.*

183588 Milestones, Kingsland, HR6 9SE – To take down conifer tree near main road (A4110). With the storm winds over the past months, one of the large bows growing off the left upper trunk view from came down, concern is the trees close proximity to the main road. *The proposed tree work was supported.*

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 182813 Fairfield.

2019/109 FINANCE

The receipt of the second half of the 2018-19 precept (£7,500.00) from Herefordshire Council was noted. The following payments were AGREED: R Mills, installation of signposts (£385.00); Wigmore School, sponsor tutor group awards (£50.00); and R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£86.64).

The ICO has returned the payment agreed on 29 May 2018 as it relates to a registration made under the Data Protection Act and was received after 25 May 2018 when those regulations were replaced by GDPR. A new registration has been made and it was agreed to complete a direct debit mandate to pay the £40.00 annual fee.

A request by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to pay for the maintenance of the churchyard to 31 July 2018 was considered. The parish council felt that the guidance from NALC would still apply and did not feel it would be prudent to donate as it cannot be certain it would be legally valid. There was some discussion of alternative support that might be possible. For example, the parish council is able to support church led community projects such as a lunch club and agreed to suggest that the PCC consider whether there are possible community projects that the parish council may wish to support.

The meeting reviewed CCLA funds. It was agreed not to invest for the time being, and to keep the parish council and charity accounts as they are.

2019/110 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Cllr. Southgate said a pothole tour will be arranged shortly with the locality steward and enhanced lengthsman. A report on the roads will be provided at the next meeting. The lengthsman will be asked to cut back a tree where it is obstructing the kissing gate on the footpath to Pinsley Brook. It has not been possible to contact the landowner.

2019/111 CONSULTATION ON SPEED LIMIT AT COBNASH

A study commissioned by Herefordshire Council has made recommendations for new speed limits at Cobnash. Kingsland Parish Council would like to see the 40mph limit extended along the entire length of Hostel Lane to join up with the existing 40mph limit on the A4110 because of the narrow width of the road and need to take account of the industrial estate and houses which are currently outside the recommended extent of the speed limit. With this amendment, the recommendations in the briefing note were fully supported by the parish council.

2019/112 P3 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Juson has been thanked by Herefordshire Walking for the Kingsland walk that was part of the 2018 Herefordshire Walking Festival. There is just under £400.00 remaining in the footpaths budget for the period to 31 March 2018.

2019/113 TENNIS COURTS, CORONATION HALL

The Coronation Hall Committee has decided that the offer of the parish council to take responsibility for the project to resurface the tennis courts is not required. Several grant applications are underway, and work is expected to begin in Spring 2019. The meeting noted the update and agreed to take no further action.

2019/114 POTHOLE REPAIRS

In response to the invitation of the General Scrutiny Committee to comment on pothole repairs and other public realm services the meeting felt that a strategic view needs to be taken to resurface sections where the number of potholes means further repairs will just make the road surface too rough for vehicles to use safely. Also, all potholes in a given area should be repaired at the same time, which saves making multiple trips to the same location. The quality of pothole repairs can vary from the very good to the very poor. White lining needs to be replaced urgently, particularly on junctions such as the Corners crossroads, and on the sharp corner at Cobnash.

2019/115 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

Advice from the neighbourhood planning team leader, Herefordshire Council was noted. It was agreed to consider a review of the Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan following the review of the Core Strategy which Herefordshire Council expects to start after the elections in May 2019.

2019/116 STREET LIGHTING ON DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF MARTINDALE

The parish council has been consulted by Herefordshire Council. The meeting agreed that street lighting is not required on the new development south of Martindale, consistent with decisions on other newly adopted roads in the village and in line with Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy #8 d) which states "...minimise the need for, and aim to avoid the provision of, any additional street lighting".

2019/117 MEETINGS 2019-20

It was agreed to move the meeting in January to Wednesday 9 January 2019.

2019/118 CONSULTATION ON HABITAT REGULATION ASSESSMENTS

- a) Leominster Revised HRA. *Noted.*
- b) Aymestrey Revised HRA. *Noted.*

2019/119 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – None.

2019/120 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

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