

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 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 J Vaughan, Mr C Southgate, Mr R Harris and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Clerk. Two (2) members of the public were present.

2019/121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs C Sawyers, Mr B J Watkins and Mr D Fordham.

2019/122 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr. Juson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/128 Coronation Hall donation. Cllr. Bengry declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/127 North Acre. Cllr. Thompson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/127 Lorne House. Cllr. Juson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/127 Coronation Hall planning application.

2019/123 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2018 were agreed and signed.

2019/124 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said Balfour Beatty is likely to resurface Longford in February 2019. A velocity patcher is to be purchased. The need to keep gullies, drains and ditches clear has been highlighted. Input from parish councils on road maintenance was greatly appreciated by the general scrutiny committee, which reports in January 2019 and is likely to recommend investing in the road infrastructure which should save money in the long term by reducing maintenance costs.

Herefordshire Council is looking at the 2019-20 budget. The council is set to break even in 2018-19, though the spend on children's social care is expected to be higher than budgeted. Measures are being taken to improve children's social care. Overall social care accounts for about 75 percent of council spending.

A trip to the waste to power plant at Hartlebury can be organised for interested councillors. Herefordshire Council has been asked to reinstate grants for the lengthsman and footpath schemes in 2019-20.

2019/125 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public reported a recent accident at Lawton Crossroad, and said it was the third accident in a month. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will press Balfour Beatty to repair damaged visibility fencing at the junction. A roundabout is expected to be constructed by Herefordshire Council/ Balfour Beatty at Lawton Crossroad in 2019.

2019/126 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

The Clerk said the lengthsman is set to reinstate the parish noticeboard by the Coronation Hall next week. Comments on the Cobnash speed limit review have been submitted. The PCC has requested a £200 donation, which will be on the agenda of the next scheduled meeting for consideration.

2019/127 PLANNING

183252 Bridge House, Kingsland, HR6 9SF – Erection of a conservatory, garage and workshop. Not considered: Decision already made by Herefordshire Council.

183517, 7 Mortimer Meadow, Kingsland, HR6 9TE – Proposed 3 bay car port. Not considered: Withdrawn 19 November 2018.

183465 Nash Cottage, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Proposed parking area with access off B4360. *The parish council objected to the plans on the grounds of highway visibility. The concern is that the high hedge between Nash Cottage and Tudor House blocks visibility posing a hazard for pedestrians and vehicles. The application would be looked upon favourably should the location of the parking area be moved to the 'boundary with Pinsley View'.*

[Cllr. Bengry left the meeting.]

183973 Northfield, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RZ – Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension providing an open plan kitchen /dining and porch at ground floor and a master bedroom at first floor. *The application was supported.*

[Cllr. Bengry rejoined the meeting.]

183816 High Field, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RZ – Fell Prunus 'Pink Perfection' in final stage of life. Already replanted with Hornbeam nearby. Not considered: Decision already made by Herefordshire Council.

183844 North Acre, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RZ – Proposed works to T1 - Conifer to fell - Ivy Covered. Leaning towards neighbours property. Tree behind has already uprooted. Low amenity value. *The proposed tree work was supported subject to the planting of a suitable indigenous tree to replace the Conifer tree within the curtilage of the property.*

183842 Hollybank, Kingsland, HR6 9SE – Proposed works to T1 - Yew Tree - Root System lifting patio slabs next to conservatory. Low Amenity Value. *The proposed tree work was supported subject to the planting of a suitable indigenous tree to replace the Yew tree within the curtilage of the property.*

[Cllr. Juson left the meeting.]

183843 Kingsland Coronation Hall, Kingsland, HR6 9SQ – Proposed works to T1 - Fell Conifer: Root system heaving car park surface. Over-shadowing neighbours property and of low amenity value. *The proposed tree work was supported subject to the planting of two (2) suitable indigenous trees to replace the Conifer tree within the curtilage of the property.*

[Cllr. Juson rejoined the meeting.] [Cllr. Thompson left the meeting.]

184068 Lorne House, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Proposed works T1 - T7 - 7 Conifer Trees to Fell. Reasons: Adjacent to public pavement and liable to failure. Low Amenity Value. *The proposed tree work was supported subject to the planting of suitable indigenous trees to replace the Conifer trees within the curtilage of the property.*

[Cllr. Thompson rejoined the meeting.]

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 182988 Lawtonbury Farm and 183252 Bridge House. Listed building consent has been granted for 182774 Waterloo Mill. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 183816 High Field and 183588 Milestones.

2019/128 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: R Mills, lengthsman pothole review (£30.60); and Clerk, expenses April-November 2018 (£491.56). The direct debit for data registration has been taken by the ICO (£35.00).

The finances of the parish council for 2018-19 to date were reviewed. The budget for 2019-20 was agreed and the precept set at £15,000. There is no grant for footpaths in 2019-20, so the parish council has allocated £2,000 for PROW maintenance. The Clerk's salary will be in accordance with SCP30. There will be a budget of £600.00 to support Community Projects in 2019-20, and guidance on how to apply will be in place by April 2019.

Systems of internal control were reviewed, and it was agreed they are effective in safeguarding public money and resources.

A donation of £80.00 to Kingsland Life was agreed to purchase an annual SSL subscription for the website.

Cllr. Juson said a £10,000 grant has been obtained to resurface the tennis court. There is a further £15,000 from section 106 development funding, and £500 has been raised in donations. This leaves a shortfall of £5,400 as the budget for the resurfacing project is £30,900.

[Cllr. Juson left the meeting.]

Consideration of the request from the Coronation Hall Committee for a donation of £5,000 to resurface the tennis courts was postponed to the next meeting. A request will be made to view the latest accounts for the Coronation Hall.

[Cllr. Juson rejoined the meeting.]

2019/129 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Cllr. Southgate said the pothole tour with the locality steward and enhanced lengthsman took place but there were no potholes to repair on the roads surveyed. Longford was not part of the survey as it is expected to be resurfaced. Balfour Beatty's gulcher has cleared drains in Kingsland village.

A request from a member of the public to fund a new signpost and fingerposts at Basket's Gate was noted.

2019/130 P3 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Juson reported that work has been done on a stile by the car auctions.

2019/131 TRAVELLERS SITES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

The consultation by Herefordshire Council was noted.

[Cllr. Southgate left the meeting.]

2019/132 HALC TRAINING SCHEDULE

The courses were noted.

2019/133 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – Parking, St Michael's Avenue.

2019/134 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.14 pm.

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