

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE

PRESENT: Mr R C Smallwood (Chairman), Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs L Juson, Mr C Southgate, Mr R Harris, Mr B J Watkins and Mr P D Vaughan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Clerk. Six (6) members of the public were present.

2019/154 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs C Sawyers, Mr D Thompson, Mr D Fordham and Mr J Vaughan.

2019/155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2019/156 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2019 were agreed and signed.

2019/157 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said Longford is to be resurfaced during the February half term from the school to Shrublands. Balfour Beatty will be asked to sort out the large puddles which form at times of heavy rain alongside the recently resurfaced stretches of North Road. The meeting asked for the middle section between North Road and Longford to be resurfaced as well, and for the section 106 work agreed by the parish council to be done at the same time.

Herefordshire Council is to increase the precept by 4.9 percent, with 2 percent of this increase allocated for social care. The 2018-19 finances are in the black. The Police precept will rise by nearly 10 percent to support recruitment of an additional 250 officers. There will be no grant provided for the lengthsman or footpaths schemes in 2019-20, which will need to be self-funded by the parishes. A velocity patcher is to be purchased and a second patcher may be hired as well.

2019/158 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public asked Ward Cllr. Bowen why no asylum seekers had settled in Herefordshire. A member of the public asked when the next 'Parish Council Matters' article will be published in the newsletter – the next article will be submitted for the March 2019 newsletter.

2019/159 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

The Clerk said the noticeboard by the Coronation Hall appears to have been knocked again. It was agreed to remove the noticeboard for repair and consider a new location at the next meeting. The next Council Matters article will cover highlights of the January and February 2019 meetings, and will be submitted later this week. The 2018 Annual Return for the A H Williams Trust has been submitted to the Charity Commission. Following the May 2019 election, the parish council may look at registering as a 'corporate trustee', which is believed to be more straightforward to administer. The Pensions Regulator requires re-enrolment to be completed shortly including a re-declaration of compliance.

2019/160 PLANNING

190083 Maltings, West Town Court, Kingsland, HR6 9SS (listed building consent) – Replacement windows and external doors. The application for listed building consent was supported.

190150 Plot 2, Land at Kingsland Court, Kingsland – Variation of condition 2 of planning application 171789/F (Proposed construction of 2 dwellings). To allow changes to approved plans. The parish council objected to the revised design of Plot 2 which is out of keeping with the adjoining Plot 1.

190061 Westmead, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ – Proposed works to T1 and T2 Mature Ash Trees. Fell because of bracket Fungus. Liable to failure over neighbouring properties. Not considered: decision already made by Herefordshire Council.

Planning Decisions/ Enforcement – Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 184406 The Old Cider Mill; 184348 Woodbine Cottage; 184254 Plot 1 Kingsland Court; 183973 Northfield; and 183465 Nash Cottage. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 190061 Westmead.

Notification of an application for tree works (190433 Melandra) was received too late for inclusion on the agenda.

2019/161 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Kingsland Coronation Hall, donation for tennis court refurbishment (£2,000.00); and R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£112.00).

2019/162 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Longford is scheduled to be resurfaced 18-22 February 2019. An expression of interest in the lengthsman and footpaths schemes has been provided to Balfour Beatty.

2019/163 P3 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Juson, footpaths officer, said there were no updates.

2019/164 LITTER PICK

Cllr. Juson said a litter pick has been organised for the weekend of 30-31 March 2019. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly offered to collect the equipment provided by Balfour Beatty.

2019/165 PARKING AT ST MICHAEL'S AVENUE

Advice from Balfour Beatty's locality steward to improve visibility for vehicles joining Longford from St Michael's Avenue will be considered at the next meeting.

2019/166 DOG BIN REQUEST

A request to provide dog bins on the corner of Chapel Lane and in the area of Hamlyn Place was considered. The meeting decided that the cost of emptying the dog bins, which would need to *be* funded by the parish council, could not be supported and agreed to take no action on the matter.

2019/167 WAR MEMORIAL

Historic England is assessing the Kingsland War Memorial located in the grounds of St Michael's Church for listing and has invited comment from the parish council. The assessment was noted.

2019/168 CRIME PREVENTION

The county rural and business crime officer, West Mercia Police has offered to give a talk on crime reduction. The parish council agreed to extend an invitation to speak at the annual parish meeting, and to invite PCSO Harper from the Safer Neighbourhood Team to talk about Cyber Security. A date for the annual parish meeting is expected to be set at the next meeting.

2019/168 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

After considering the Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan it was agreed to ask that consideration is given to re-opening local quarries. Consultations on the Revised Enterprise Zone Local Development Orders, and Hereford Transport Package were noted.

2019/169 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The meeting adopted new Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, which were provided to members prior to the meeting. Both documents were adopted without amendment.

2019/170 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – Meetings schedule for 2019-20.

2019/171 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52 pm.

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