

## **KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**PRESENT:** Mr R C Smallwood (Chairman), Mr D Thompson (Vice Chairman), Mrs G B Bengry, Mrs L Juson, Mrs C Sawyers, Mr D Fordham Mr C Southgate, Mr R Harris and Mr P D Vaughan.

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

**2019/172 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mr B J Watkins and Mr J Vaughan.

**2019/173 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** – Cllr. C Southgate declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 2019/178 18 Hamlyn Place.

**2019/174 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2019 were agreed and signed.

#### **2019/175 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the 2018-19 budget is on track, including for adult and children's social care. There are challenges - social care accounts for 76 percent of the budget and is used to help around 4,000 people for whom the county has a duty of care. The 2019-20 fire precept will rise by 2.9 percent, and the police precept will rise by 9.94 percent. The rise in the police precept is intended to help recruit an additional 250 officers and will be reviewed in a few months' time.

Longford has now been resurfaced, and the next section may be done in the coming year. The mini-roundabout at Lawton Cross is in the budget but now may not be done in the next year. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he is working to keep it in the budget. The task and finish review of potholes and roads has concluded that a long-term asset management approach is vital. The scrutiny committee saw potholes being repaired, and the work was done well. The report is available to view on [www.Herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.Herefordshire.gov.uk).

Balfour Beatty has been requested to clear road gullies in Kingsland following the recent resurfacing work, as reported earlier today by Cllr. Harris.

#### **2019/176 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION**

A member of the public asked Ward Cllr. Bowen whether the news about the mini roundabout at Lawton Cross will affect plans for speed limits at the junction. A member of the public asked whether a speed indicator device could be used on the B4529.

#### **2019/177 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS**

A new Council Matters article has been submitted to the Kingsland newsletter for the March 2019 issue. Usage statistics have been provided by [www.kingslandlife.com](http://www.kingslandlife.com) – total numbers of visitors range from 750+ to 1200+, and the pages most often in the top three are planning applications, Teddy Bears for Syria and photo galleries. The SID located on the A4110 by Bengry Coal Merchants during December 2019 showed an average speed of 37mph for 85 percent of traffic. A SID has been deployed on North Road in March and the data will be made available in due course.

Herefordshire Council is consulting on a request for a licence variation at Luctonians for a weekend in June 2019 - the notification was received too late for inclusion on the agenda this evening. Drainage work planned at the Coronation Hall to relieve the nearby soakaway drain on the highway is being reassessed by Balfour Beatty.

#### **2019/178 PLANNING**

[Cllr. Southgate left the meeting.]

**190354, 18 Hamlyn Place, Kingsland, HR6 9RE** – Proposed single storey conservatory extension on north-west elevation. *The application was supported.*

[Cllr. Southgate rejoined the meeting.]

**190467 Stocken Farm, Lucton, HR6 9PJ** – To construct a steel portal frame building for extra storage of solid farmyard manure as endorsed by the catchment sensitive officer from Natural England. *The application was supported.*

**190601 Cobnash Farm, Hostel Lane, Cobnash, HR6 9RA** – Proposed conversion of barn to dwelling. *The meeting supported the planning application. The site is windfall development of an existing building with agricultural heritage and is located immediately adjacent to the Cobnash settlement boundary.* [Following the meeting, the Clerk checked the adopted Cobnash settlement boundary which was drawn to include the planning permissions granted by Herefordshire Council at Cobnash at that time.]

**190411 Normandie, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RX** – Proposed single storey extension to rear and open porch to front door. *The application was supported.*

**Planning Decisions/ Enforcement** – Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 190433 Melandra.

Notification of an application for tree works (190873 Sunnybank) was received too late for inclusion on the agenda.

#### **2019/179 FINANCE**

The following payments were AGREED: HALC, affiliation and subscription 2019-20 (£713.34); and R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£88.00).

The 2018-19 annual return will be completed in April/ May and will be completed on the same self-certified basis as in 2017-18. Members of the finance working group will meet to review the accounts before they are submitted to the internal auditor.

#### **2019/180 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The resurfacing on North Road is causing water to pool on the entrances to driveways. This has been raised with the locality steward and will be re-reported to Balfour Beatty.

#### **2019/181 P3 FOOTPATHS**

There was no report.

#### **2019/182 CONSULTATION ON COBNASH SPEED LIMITS**

Proposals for a new 40mph speed limit at Cobnash, and extension of the 30mph limit towards Cobnash were considered. The 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 extent of the recommended speed limit.

With this amendment the proposed new speed limits are supported fully by the parish council.

**2019/183 PARKING AT ENTRANCE TO ST MICHAEL'S AVENUE**

Advice from Balfour Beatty's locality steward to improve visibility for vehicles joining Longford from St Michael's Avenue was noted. It was agreed to take no action for the time being.

**2019/184 SID HIRE 2019-20**

The parish council agreed to hire SIDs from Balfour Beatty in 2019-20 as follows:

- June 2019 - 2 x SIDs located on sockets in Longford, and North Road
- September 2019 - 1 x SID located on socket in North Road
- December 2019 - 2 x SIDs located on sockets in Longford, and North Road
- March 2020 - 1 x SID located on socket in Longford

The cost of hire is £250.00 per SID, which for the year will be £1,500.00 (plus VAT).

**2019/185 PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD**

The parish council noticeboard has been removed from the entrance to the Coronation Hall following two incidents which have caused it to be damaged. The Kingsland Millennium Green Management Committee has kindly agreed in principle to host the noticeboard on the Green, subject to confirming the location. The proposed location near the green communications cabinet will be risk assessed and considered at the next meeting.

**2019/186 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Nomination packs were provided to members of the parish council. Additional packs are available from the election office at the Town Hall. The elections office held a briefing on 6 March 2019 for clerks. On 18 March 2019, election officials will be at Leominster Library to receive completed nomination papers. It was decided not to take up the offer of a parish council election poll card.

**2019/187 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2019-20**

The schedule of meetings was agreed. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on a separate date to the Annual Meeting in May, and the rural and business crime officer, West Mercia Police will be invited to attend as the guest speaker. Once the guest speaker is confirmed, the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be at the Coronation Hall, will be publicised in the newsletter, on [www.kingslandlife.com](http://www.kingslandlife.com) and on noticeboards.

**2019/188 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – None.**

**2019/189 INFORMATION ITEMS**

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....