

## KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 29 MAY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE**

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**2019/20**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** accepted from Mrs L Juson, Mr J Vaughan and Mr D Fordham.

**2019/21**      **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Minutes for the annual parish meeting held on 30 May 2017 were agreed and signed.

**2019/22**      **OBSERVATIONS OF THE WARD COUNCILLOR, BIRCHER WARD**  
Ward Cllr. Bowen said North Road is scheduled to be resurfaced in July 2018 and has requested that the road from the Monument to the end of the village is done. The traffic survey for the north west of the county is taking some time – the results will hopefully be available in a couple of months. A roundabout for Lawton Cross and associated speed limits are being looked at by Balfour Beatty.

Ward Cllr. Bowen has been re-elected Chair of Herefordshire Council's general scrutiny committee. The council's finances are in reasonable order. About three quarters of the budget is required for social care services. In 2020 there will be no grant from government. Thirty million pounds has been allocated for the county's roads in 2018-19. A velocity patcher has been hired for pothole repairs, and works best in warm, dry weather. The council may purchase a velocity patcher.

Funds from the sale of the county's smallholdings should be used to build student accommodation for the new university, support industrial sites and other projects that will provide income for the council.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has proposed taking responsibility for the Fire Service as well as the Police.

**2019/23**      **DISCUSSION BY RESIDENTS OF KINGSLAND PARISH**  
A member of the public said the Annual Parish Meeting should be better advertised. According to the parish plan, 80 percent of local people read the newsletter.

It was noted that the newsletter has kindly provided an A5 page for updates on parish council matters, and that two articles have been submitted to date.

A member of the public asked that a 40mph speed limit is considered for the B4529 at Lawton Bank. Ward Cllr. Bowen said that he hopes a speed limit will be implemented by the highway authority, Herefordshire Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....