

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE

PRESENT: Mrs C Sawyers (Chairman), Mr G Bradley (Vice Chairman), Mrs L Juson, Mrs S Rowsell, Ms Z Broad, Mr R Bayliss, Mr R Harris, Mr D Fordham, Mr J Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

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

2019/262 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr P D Vaughan.

2019/263 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr. B Watkins declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 191444 Waterloo Mill. Cllr. J Vaughan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 192561 St Marys Farm. Cllr. G Bradley declared a non-disclosable interest in planning applications 192127 and 192128, 1 Corner Cottage.

2019/264 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Ms Z Broad was co-opted. The acceptance of office was signed, and the co-opted member joined the meeting.

2019/265 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2019 were agreed and signed.

2019/266 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the roundabout at Lawton Cross is expected to be implemented in 2019. Planning applications will need to consider any potential contribution to phosphates and nitrates in the Lugg – this will be addressed at a forthcoming parish council summit organised by Herefordshire Council. A briefing by the Police and Crime Commissioner highlighted the challenge of tackling ‘county lines’.

Work on the Hereford bypass and southern link road has been paused by Herefordshire Council pending a report commissioned on each project. The general scrutiny committee has recommended that the work already programmed continues and asked for clarification on the implications for the funding provided for the projects. Apparently, the bypass is one of the top two priorities for government spending on new roads and a significant sum has been earmarked to do the work.

In response to questions, Ward Cllr. Bowen said compensation awarded to Herefordshire Council as a result of a recent court case has been received and allocated to the roads. The velocity patcher will be back in April 2020. The pothole review completed by the general scrutiny committee earlier in 2019 has yet to be reviewed by cabinet.

2019/267 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public thanked the parish council and Markhams Garage for providing a defibrillator in Kingsland, and said it was used recently to save the life of a close family member.

2019/268 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Soakaway testing for work to alleviate the road drain by the Coronation Hall has yet to be done by the highway authority. BT has completed a consultation for removal of telephone kiosks in the county. There are believed to be no kiosks remaining in the parish. Parish council websites will need to meet new accessibility requirements which come into force in 2020.

The precept for 2020-21 will need to be decided by the end of 2019. The finance working group will meet to review the precept before it is considered by the parish council in November 2019. Cllrs. G Bradley, Z Broad, D Fordham and B Watkins kindly agreed to join the finance working group.

Herefordshire Council is to hold a PC Summit on 20 September 2019. Cllr. R Harris may attend the summit on behalf of the parish council. A letter from Bill Wiggin MP was noted.

2019/269 PLANNING

192754 and 192755 Poverty Cottage, Shirlheath, HR6 9RN – Proposed internal and external alterations and extension to cottage. Retrospective. *There was no objection to the application subject to consultation with neighbours.*

192127 and 192128, 1 Corner Cottage, Longford, Kingsland – Proposed 2-bedroom dwelling within plot adjacent to no 1 Corner Cottage, Kingsland. It was agreed to comment as follows:

The parish council objects to the proposed dwelling, which will diminish the character and appearance of the conservation area and adversely affect the significance of neighbouring heritage assets and their setting at the historic centre of Kingsland village (KNDP 6).

The proposed dwelling will disrupt “The sense of enclosure within the village historic core framed principally around the staggered crossroads at the Corners Inn with its concentration of listed buildings” (KNDP 6.1e).

The proposed materials, including the steel roof, larch cladding and aluminium windows, do not reflect the setting and are contrary to KNDP 6.2c) which states that “choice of materials should be sensitive to the character of the village, in particular that undertaken within the historic core of the settlement”. The design and materials are not appropriate for the setting and will damage public visual amenity.

The proposed location, position and height of the dwelling means that it will be overbearing for people living in the neighbouring Corner Cottages, and by overlooking the gardens of these properties and that of Park House, cause a significant and enduring loss of privacy.

The building looks to be sited too close to the boundary of the neighbouring property to allow for its construction and maintenance. The parish council is concerned that the long-standing ecological habitat in the mature boundary hedge is sustained and protected. KNDP 4e) states that development should “Retain important natural assets of the parish including... hedgerows”.

Given the public interest in this significant site within the village historic core, the parish council requests that the planning application is considered by Herefordshire Council's planning committee.

[Cllr. J Vaughan left the meeting.]

192561 St Marys Farm, Kingsland, HR6 9QS – Replace 2 no. defective timber windows with new purpose made timber windows to match. *The planning application was supported. The parish council understands that the new windows are to replace non-original windows.*

[Cllr. J Vaughan re-joined the meeting. Cllr. Watkins left the meeting.]

191444 Waterloo Mill, Cobnash – Proposed conversion of the mill and associated buildings to 6 units for holiday accommodation. Re-consultation to consider amended and additional plans or documents. *The proposals in the amended and additional plans or documents were supported.*

[Cllr. Watkins re-joined the meeting.]

192400 Plot 2, Kingsland Court, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Propose to fell T1 Oak. Replace with a new tree in a more appropriate position on the plot. The decision by Herefordshire Council to allow the felling of the tree was noted. It was agreed to take no further action on the matter.

Planning Decisions/ enforcement – Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 191881 The Paddocks. Approval of reserved matters has been granted for 191899 Longmoor House. Planning application 173707 Land off unnamed road between Kingsland and Eyton has been refused. Works to trees within a conservation area have been granted for 192400 Plot 2 Kingsland Court, and 192556, 8 Kingsleane.

2019/270 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Kingsland Life, donation for community website (£180.00), and R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£277.34). The payment by HMRC of the VAT reclaim for the period 2017-19 (£2,013.88), and the renewal of the data registration with the ICO (£35.00) was noted.

A quotation from the lengthsman for shelving and painting the adopted telephone kiosk was considered. The meeting agreed to obtain a second quotation. An offer from Border Oak to supply the wood for the shelving was accepted with thanks.

2019/271 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The decision taken by Herefordshire Council to pause and review the Hereford bypass and southern link road was disappointing. The parish council will contact the leader of Herefordshire Council and responsible Cabinet Member to reiterate the strong support of the parish council for the planned Hereford bypass, and need to get on and complete the project which is considered vital to the future prosperity of the county.

2019/272 P3 FOOTPATHS

The footpaths officer reported work completed in line with the invoice.

2019/273 SECTION 106 FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS

The meeting reviewed s106 funded work completed by Balfour Beatty to date and considered additional highway improvements to propose. The matter was deferred.

2019/274 SPEED LIMIT ORDER for KINGSLAND AND COBNASH

The parish council looked at the Cobnash and Kingsland speed limit proposal and agreed to comment as follows:

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. Other than that, the proposed new speed limits are supported fully by the parish council.

2019/275 HALC TRAINING

Possible dates were agreed for HALC to provide in-house training of members at Kingsland. The cost will be £175.00 (net of VAT) plus mileage.

2019/276 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Herefordshire Council's neighbourhood development team is to hold a briefing in November 2019. The parish council agreed to have a neighbourhood plan coordinator to help prepare for a possible review of the Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr. R Harris kindly agreed to be the neighbourhood plan coordinator.

2019/277 HGVS AND PARISH ROADS

The parish council noted that the report from Balfour Beatty on traffic movements in north west Herefordshire is still outstanding. Concern was raised by members of the public in respect of HGVs using both sides of the road to access Hostel Lane. Herefordshire Council's road safety officer will be asked to advise on how to address the issue.

2019/278 THE MONUMENT

A proposal for the lengthsman to renew and increase the number of wooden posts around the Monument at the end of North Road was supported. The existing chain link will not be used. The oak posts to be used for this purpose will be kindly donated by Border Oak.

2019/279 LONG SERVING COUNCILLORS PAST AND PRESENT

A proposal to recognise long serving councillors past and present was considered. The matter was deferred.

2019/280 MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

It was agreed to share member email addresses for the purposes of parish council business.

2019/281 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – New parish council website.

2019/282 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.44 pm.

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