

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 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 Harris, Mr D Fordham and Mr B J Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Clerk. Three (3) members of the public were present.

2019/283 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr R Bayliss, Mr P D Vaughan and Mr J Vaughan.

2019/284 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2019/285 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2019 were agreed and signed.

2019/286 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the planned mini-maxi roundabout at Lawton Cross is expected to be implemented in 2020. Traffic regulation orders are to be put in place for 40mph speed limits on all four roads on the approach to the roundabout. Cllr. Bowen provided an overview of engagements attended as Chairman of Herefordshire Council. The new county flag is to be unfurled on 2 November 2019. The bypass at Hereford is still paused. Delay may lead to a loss of funding for the project.

Ward Cllr. Bowen was asked about a planning application at Leominster, and whether Herefordshire Council might follow Shropshire Council and make sites available for affordable housing. Cllr. Bowen said there are no plans for this at present.

2019/287 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

Members of the public expressed concern at the speed of traffic on the A4110 and B4529 and said the planned traffic regulation order on the B4529 should start by the junction with the C1037. In response to a member of the public who asked what was being done about the concern raised in September 2019 in respect of HGVs using both sides of the road to access Hostel Lane it was noted that this will be looked at later in the meeting under 2019/295.

2019/288 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Balfour Beatty has recommenced the 2019-20 SID deployment programme. The organisation consulting on the Kingsland 30mph + Cobnash 40mph speed limit order has advised that the parish council's request to implement a 40mph limit along the entire length of Hostel Lane was considered by Herefordshire Council in the initial consultation which "felt that the proposed 40mph speed limit on C1037 should not be extended in a westerly direction as the current proposed termination point is located at what is considered the start of the built-up environment of Cobnash.... [I]f the terminal signs were extended driver compliance would not likely be forthcoming due to it not being obvious why the lower speed limit is in force."

Soakaway testing for work to alleviate the road drain by the Coronation Hall is expected to take place 16-18 October 2019. HALC training for parish councillors will be at 7pm on Monday 25 November 2019.

2019/289 PLANNING

192212 Old Hill Barn, Eyton, HR6 0BZ – Extension & Alterations to existing dwelling. Re-consultation on amended plans or documents. The amended plans were not considered as the planning application has been determined by the planning authority.

193506 Lorne House, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Proposed works to T1 - 10% All Round Reduction. T3 -10% all round reduction. T4 - Yew - 15% All Round Reduction. T5 - Norway Maple - 15 -20% All Round Reduction. T6 - Yew - reduce All Round by 5%. T2 Weeping Ash - no tree surgery work. *The proposed tree work was supported.*

.193065 Old Hall, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Remove a mixed hedge of leylandii/Thuja Plicata. Hedge is 4M high. To replace with fence for lower maintenance. *The proposed tree work was supported.*

Planning Decisions/ enforcement – Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 192212 Old Hill Barn. Planning application 192561 St Marys Farm has been withdrawn.

2019/290 FINANCE

The meeting noted the receipt of 50 percent of the 2019-20 precept (£7,500.000) from Herefordshire Council. The following payment was AGREED: Wigmore School, sponsor tutor group awards (£50.00).

Consideration of quotations to install shelves and paint the adopted telephone kiosk was deferred.

The parish council agreed a budget of £500.00 to develop a dedicated parish council website with links to www.kingslandlife.com, and appointed a website developer (Eyelid Productions) to undertake the work. HALC will host the website for £50.00 per year.

The custom whereby members are trustees of the parochial charities was confirmed. Cllr. Juson will not be a trustee however, due to ongoing responsibilities for the Coronation Hall. Signatories were agreed for the parochial charity accounts.

2019/291 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

An email regarding the Hereford bypass from the cabinet member responsible for roads was noted. Cllr. Bradley said the lengthsman will install new posts at the Monument which have been donated by Border Oak.

2019/292 P3 FOOTPATHS

The footpaths officer requested some ‘no dog fouling’ signs. The locality steward will be asked to provide the signs.

2019/293 SECTION 106 FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS

Balfour Beatty has advised that there is approximately £20,000 of s106 funding available for various projects, including further traffic calming measures. The parish council agreed that the funding should be used exclusively to address the speed of traffic in two places:

1. Narrow stretch of A4110 by Spout House/ Spout Lane, Shirheath; and
2. Approach to Hostel Lane from the B4360 and on Hostel Lane itself.

Both these roads are currently the subject of TROs to reduce the speed limit from 60 to 40mph, and the order of the areas implies no priority and should be considered of equal importance.

Options from the Community Commissioning toolkit that it was felt could help address the speed of traffic included: Dragons Teeth, Carriageway Roundels, Painted lane width restrictions, and coloured surfacing. Village gates were NOT wanted. The parish council is open to advice for other options based on the expertise and experience of the highway authority.

2019/294 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Chairman and Cllr. Harris kindly agreed to attend Herefordshire Council’s neighbourhood planning review workshop on 6 November 2019.

2019/295 HGVS AND PARISH ROADS

The Clerk said that Herefordshire Council’s road safety officer, who was asked to look at the reports of HGVs using the other side of the road when entering Hostel Lane, has advised that the splay on the junction with the A4110 might be widened but that otherwise no action is recommended. The meeting reviewed drawings of the planned mini-maxi roundabout at Lawton Cross. Herefordshire Council’s road safety officer has indicated that the traffic regulation order (TRO) consultations for the 40mph speed limits at the roundabout are expected to take place over the winter. The parish council will be consulted on the TROs.

2019/296 LONG SERVING COUNCILLORS PAST AND PRESENT

It was agreed to recognise councillor’s past and present who have served on the parish council for more than 20 years. The years of service need not be consecutive.

2019/297 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – None.

2019/298 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

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