

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ONLINE AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE: R Hewitt, Clerk. One (1) member of the public was present.

2020/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr P D Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

2020/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
Cllr. J Vaughan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 200995 Barns at Kingsland.

2020/3 MINUTES OF MEETINGS
The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020 were agreed and signed.

2020/4 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
Balfour Beatty has deployed the velocity patcher. The Lawton Cross roundabout has been delayed due to the Covid 19 situation. The council has responded well to the Covid 19 emergency, and government grants have been made available quickly. First official function as Chairman of Herefordshire Council since the lockdown has been to open the Hillside Care Centre in Hereford. A solution for the phosphates problem is hopefully expected soon.

2020/5 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION
There were no matters raised.

2020/6 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS
A report of tree work during the lockdown was referred to Herefordshire Council. Ward Cllr. Bowen advised that such matters should be reported to the police.

[Cllr. D Fordham joined the meeting.]

2020/7 PLANNING
[Cllr. J Vaughan left the meeting.]

200995 Barns at Kingsland South of Longford – Proposed conversion of three agricultural buildings to form two dwellings and garaging with associated landscaping and infrastructure. A member of the public spoke against the planning application.

The parish council decided to object to planning application 200995 - Barns at Kingsland for the following reasons:

- *The condition of the barns is such that they are effectively a new build rather than a conversion as stated in the description of the planning application.*

- *As a new build, the proposal represents unjustified unsustainable new residential development in an open countryside location, outside of the defined settlement boundary within the Kingsland Village Neighbourhood Development Plan. It is contrary to Policies SS1, SS7, SD1, RA2 and RA3 of the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy, together with Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies KNDP1 and KNDP2.*
- *Development of the proposed site would adversely impact the conservation area in this area, which protects the fields and landscape towards St Michaels Church, the scheduled monument and Longford. As such, the proposal would result in material harm to the landscape and setting of the village and would urbanise country land and unacceptably extend the built form into the open countryside. In doing so, the development is contrary to Policies SS6 and LD1 of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy and Policies KNDP1 and KNDP4 of the Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan.*
- *The site is close to Pinsley Brook and the proposed package treatment plant runs the risk of polluting the watercourse with phosphates to the detriment of local wildlife and well-being. Further, the risk of flooding and surface water run-off is considered to make the proposal unsustainable.*
- *The housing need has not been demonstrated. The NDP at Kingsland has more than delivered on the guidance for development in the core strategy, and there are believed to be some 20 new build properties presently on the market.*

For these reasons, the parish council respectfully urged that the planning authority refuse the planning application.

[Cllr. J Vaughan rejoined the meeting.]

201033 The Old Cider Mill, Kingsland, HR6 9SE – T1 - leylandii hedge - remove hedge as it is in poor condition. *Not considered as application already decided by the planning authority.*

200798 Lendor, North Road, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Replace various double glazing windows, and front door. Replace the current roof covering to improve its insulation on both the main roof and mono pitch roof to the front of the property. On the front mono pitch roof to the front add 1 roof light. Replace fascia’s, soffits and gutters. *The planning application was supported.*

Planning Decisions/ enforcement – Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 200436 Plot 2 Cobnash House and 200216 Lower Cross Farm. Prior approval is not required for 200656 Brookend. Prior approval has been refused for 200655 Shirlheath Farm. Herefordshire Council has refused planning applications 200367 Land off Lugg Green Road, 192217 1 Corner Cottage and 200151 Land to the north of Boarsfield.

2020/8 FINANCE

Fifty percent of the 2020-21 precept (£8,000.00) has been received from Herefordshire Council. The annual insurance renewal with Zurich Municipal was agreed.

The following payments were AGREED: Zurich Municipal, parish council insurance (£554.05); Hitrees, lengthsman (£316.80); R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£338.31); and Clerk, new minute book and treasury paper (£117.93).

It was agreed to set up electronic banking. The Clerk reported that a Zoom subscription has been purchased to support online meetings, and that the cost will be expensed across several parish councils.

An extension to the deadline of 31 July 2020 for the agreement of the parish council accounts will be requested from the external auditors.

2020/9 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN 2020-21

The Annual Maintenance Plan for lengthsman and P3 footpath activities in 2020-21 was agreed. Guidance from Balfour Beatty on lengthsman and P3 footpaths work and Covid 19 was considered. The parish council agreed that lengthsman and footpath work should start in line with the Annual Maintenance Plan provided that the respective contractors are committed to following Covid 19 government guidance, and that the volunteer lengthsman coordinator and footpath coordinator are willing to carry on at this time.

2020/10 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

There was no report.

2020/11 P3 FOOTPATHS

There was no report.

2020/12 RESTORATION OF THE MONUMENT

The War Memorials Trust has offered a grant of up to £1,940.00 for restoration of the Monument. It was agreed to commission Cliveden Conservation to undertake the work which is expected to cost £4,650.00 (incl. VAT).

2020/13 NATIONAL HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

The parish council agreed to support the National Lottery Fund application by St Michaels & All Angels as it will provide local employment, deliver craft workshops, heritage talks and skills training, and support a good neighbours scheme.

2020/14 FASTERSHIRE 'KEEP CONNECTED' GRANT – Noted.

2020/15 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER COVID 19 GRANT – Noted.

2020/16 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY – Noted, to include in new parish council website.

2020/17 RURAL SERVICES DELIVERY GRANT SCHEME – Noted.

2020/18 CLERK'S DELEGATED POWERS

The following delegated powers were agreed provided that the Clerk consults with the Chairman or Vice Chairman, or if unavailable a councillor, and that actions implemented under delegated powers are reported and recorded in the minutes of the next parish council meeting:

a) Delegated powers to spend up to £1,000 between meetings when unforeseen circumstances occur;

b) Delegated powers to spend against specific items in the annual budget i.e. for contractors such as the lengthsman, hall hire, clerk's salary, as identified in the budget when setting the precept; and

c) Delegated powers to comment on planning applications between meetings when unforeseen circumstances occur.

2020/19 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – Maintenance of River Lugg by the Environment Agency.

2020/20 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56 pm.

Signed:

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