

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021

PRESENT: Mrs C Sawyers (Chairman), Mr G Bradley (Vice Chairman), Mrs Z Broad, Ms E Pickard, Mrs L Juson, Mrs S Rowsell, Mr R Harris, 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.

2020/132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr D Fordham and Mr R Bayliss.

2020/133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2020/134 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 November and 9 December 2020 were agreed.

2020/135 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public asked for the support of the parish council to request that the highway authority improve/ fix the signs by the sharp bend at Ledicott Lane on the A4110. A verbal report on recent accidents at the corner was noted.

2020/136 SIGNS ON A4110 BY LEDICOTT LANE

The parish council agreed to report two highway defects by the Ledicott Lane bend to Balfour Beatty/ Herefordshire Council – lamp post light not working and missing sharp bend sign – and to request that the existing sharp deviation sign with chevrons is extended. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly agreed to raise the matter with the highway authority as well.

2020/137 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen reported on the appointment process for a new chief executive. The highway authority has been asked to complete the resurfacing of the road through the village by the Corners crossroads. There have been good reports on the new Lawton Cross roundabout. Recent work done on the Lugg was at the request of the Environment Agency. Ward Cllr. Bowen said the Forestry Commission has issued a licence for the felling of trees by the Lugg. Planning at Herefordshire Council will not be taking the matter further. People using footpath KL25 along the Lugg are asked to keep to the path.

A reported missing footpath sign will be looked at by the footpath officer. A report from Cllr. Pickard that the third arch of Lugg bridge is silting up again was noted, including that the highway authority is responsible for clearing the arches under the bridge.

2020/138 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

The 2021-22 precept request has been submitted to Herefordshire Council. The parish council has been informed of several objections from residents for the TRO Scheme (40mph Speed Limit) at Lawton Cross and Shirl Heath. Members of the parish council indicated support to continue as planned pending a formal agenda resolution.

Speed Indicator Displays (SIDs) will be deployed by the highway authority on Longford and North Road during March 2021. The location of the Longford socket needs to be identified in preparation.

2020/139 PLANNING

Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 201470, 3 Lugg Green Cottages. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 204190 Braemar; 203785 High Field and 203745 Northfield.

2020/140 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Kingsland Life website, donation for SSL certificate (£80.00), and Hitrees, lengthsman (£504.00).

Internal financial controls were reviewed and considered satisfactory.

2020/141 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

The draft community resilience plan was agreed subject to adding two new risks to section 4 ('communications down' and 'aircraft accident') and exploring a proposal to include the church as a third place of safety under section 7. Volunteers included in the draft plan will be contacted to obtain their written consent before submitting the document to Emergency Planning, Herefordshire Council.

2020/142 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

It was agreed to purchase a pallet of sandbags for community use. Cllr. Vaughan kindly agreed to hold the sandbags at Oakfields Farm. Information on where to find the sandbags will be submitted to the newsletter and published on the website. Members of the public will be asked to return the sandbags after use. A proposal to consider the purchase of lightweight sandless absorbent bags will be considered at the next meeting.

2020/143 HGVS ON HOSTEL LANE

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the speed limit at Cobnash is expected to be implemented soon, and kindly agreed to find what is happening about the survey of traffic movements in the north west of Herefordshire. The parish council agreed that signage on Hostel Lane should be improved when the speed limit is implemented, and that the white lines need to be renewed in spring when the weather improves. The highway authority will be asked to advise on road safety improvements to Hostel Lane.

2020/144 TRAFFIC CALMING IN KINGSLAND VILLAGE

The parish council considered a request to support the installation of speed ramps in Kingsland village. The parish council did not support speed ramps on environmental grounds, the problems caused to emergency vehicles, and the noise generated by vehicles using them. Balfour Beatty will be asked to recommend traffic calming measures via community commissioning.

2020/145 P3 FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Juson, footpath officer, said KL25 will be walked. Growth on gates and stiles is to be cut back. A request was made to consider putting yellow caps on top of posts at stiles to aid navigation. Balfour Beatty has announced there will be a locality steward for footpaths.

2020/146 DOG BINS

A request for dog bins was considered. The parish council agreed to remind dog owners to clear up after their pets through notices on the noticeboards, parish council website and in the newsletter. It was felt that the school would be interested in having a copy of the county notice as there has been a noticeable increase in dog fouling around the school and agreed that an electronic copy of the notice will be offered to the school.

2020/147 FUTURE OF MOBILITYCONSULTATION

The consultation was noted.

2020/148 HALC TRAINING SCHEDULE

There were two training courses agreed: Leading Lights (Cllr. Pickard) and Highway Patrol (the Clerk).

2020/149 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

Follow up on information requested of Environment Agency at meeting held on 24 November 2020.

2020/150 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

2020/151 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 February 2021. The meeting will be held online.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

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