

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021

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

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

2020/152 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr J Vaughan.

2020/153 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr. B J Watkins declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in APPEAL APP/W1850/W/20/3253901 Re: 200367 Land off Lugg Green Road. Cllr. L Juson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in 2020/159 Proposed donation to Coronation Hall. Cllr. R Bayliss declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in 2020/160 annual maintenance plan.

2020/154 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2021 were agreed.

2020/155 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen reported on the decision to end the western bypass and southern link road. Options for an eastern bypass will be considered. The centre of Hereford is to be improved with bike lanes, electric buses and walkways. Council tax will increase by 4.99 percent with 3 percent earmarked for social services. The county council is looking for more foster carers. Section 106 funding is to be made available to renew the heating at the Coronation Hall to support leisure activities. Potholes and poor road surfaces are being brought to the attention of Balfour Beatty.

Ward Cllr. Bowen was asked about action to resolve the phosphates issue with the Lugg.

2020/156 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

A member of the public suggested contacting the applicant re: APPEAL APP/W1850/W/20/3253901 Re: 200367 Land off Lugg Green Road to discuss development within the settlement boundary of the neighbourhood development plan.

2020/157 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

The surgery has kindly agreed to host the public access defibrillator and will include it in their emergency equipment checks. Resolving faults and the purchase of consumables will be the responsibility of the parish council. The intention is to relocate the defibrillator from Markhams later in the year, probably spring/ summer after lockdown has ended. Cllr. Watkins kindly agreed to move and re-install the defibrillator cabinet at no charge and was thanked by the parish council.

The annual return 2020 for AH Williams Trust has been submitted to the Charity Commission. The lengthsman has been asked to complete the agreed grant funded drainage work by 31 March 2021. Herefordshire Council's 'No dog fouling' notice has been shared with the school and laminated copies will be placed on noticeboards.

The following defects have been reported to the highway authority: Worn road markings on junction of Hostel Lane and B4360; missing sharp bend sign, defective lamp post and request to extend sharp deviation sign on A4110 by Ledicott Lane; and flytipping at the lay by on the B4362 by Mortimer's Cross.

Herefordshire Council have been asked to advise on highway safety improvements that might be considered at Hostel Lane due to reported near misses, large vehicles moving across the centre of the road and damage to verges. It was suggested that a good place to start is improvements associated with the expected Traffic Regulation Order to implement a 40mph speed limit at Cobnash.

HALC training booked for 19 January 2021 on behalf of Cllr. Pickard has been rescheduled to March 2021.

2020/158 PLANNING

[Cllr. Watkins left the meeting.]

APPEAL APP/W1850/W/20/3253901 Re: 200367 Land off Lugg Green Road, Kingsland – Outline planning permission all matters reserved for 19 No. dwellings & access & estate road. Consider whether to make an additional comment to the planning inspector or to modify or withdraw previous representations.

The parish council agreed to highlight the improved 5-year land supply achieved by Herefordshire Council, which now stands at 4.22 years, and ask that it is given due consideration. The parish council considers that the trend in the 5-year land supply should reinforce the weight given to the settlement boundary for Kingsland in the neighbourhood development plan.

210089 Mortimers Cross Farm, Mortimers Cross, HR6 9PD – Proposed agricultural building cover to existing stock handling area. *The planning application was supported.*

[Cllr. Watkins re-joined the meeting.]

Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 203575 Littledean and 204094 The Tithe. A reported potential planning enforcement matter will be brought to the attention of the planning authority.

2020/159 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Radbournes, 1 pallet of sandbags (£135.00); Markhams Garage, reimburse cost of gravel for footpaths (£56.00); HALC, affiliation and subscription 2021-22 (£777.50); and R Bayliss, footpaths maintenance (£309.90).

[Cllr. Juson left the meeting.]

A request to provide a donation to support the replacement of the heating system at the Coronation Hall was not considered due to s106 funding for the full cost of the project by Herefordshire Council. The use of s106 funding for this purpose is supported by the parish council. The meeting agreed to request that Herefordshire Council provides the s106 funds directly to the Coronation Hall on the basis of the quotation provided.

[Cllr. Juson re-joined the meeting.]

2020/160 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

A report that the main road through Kingsland requires a sweep was noted and will be raised with Balfour Beatty. There is £911.00 left in the 2020-21 lengthsman budget. The technology of lightweight ‘sandless’ sandbags will be highlighted in the newsletter as it was felt that it might be of interest to members of the public.

[Cllr. Bayliss left the meeting.]

The annual maintenance plan 2021-22 for lengthsman and P3 footpaths work was agreed. The annual maintenance plan and expression of interest will be submitted to Balfour Beatty.

[Cllr. Bayliss re-joined the meeting.]

2020/161 TRO SCHEME AT LAWTON CROSS

The parish council has been made aware of several objections from residents for the TRO Scheme (40mph Speed Limit) at Lawton Cross and Shirl Heath. The parish council resolved to support the proposed TRO scheme and would like the highway authority to continue as planned.

2020/162 INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD FUNDING

The River Lugg Internal Drainage Board’s introduction of funding to contribute to works on waterways within the Board’s area was noted.

2020/163 PHOSPHATES AND THE LUGG/ BIRD FLU DISPOSAL METHODS

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency officer attending the parish council meeting on 24 November 2021 has provided contact details for the two queries raised:

- Phosphates in the River Lugg and the related impact on development in the catchment area; and
- Bird flu disposal methods.

The parish council delegated the Clerk to raise the two matters with the Environment Agency via the contacts provided, and to communicate the parish council’s concern that the phosphates problem in the River Lugg remains to be resolved to the responsible cabinet member and head of planning services, Herefordshire Council.

2020/164 CORE STRATEGY SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY REVIEW

A questionnaire from Herefordshire Council on services and facilities in the parish was reviewed and completed. The range and type of services and facilities within the parish is one of the factors used by Herefordshire Council to determine the settlement hierarchy list in the review of the Core Strategy.

2020/165 P3 FOOTPATHS

A brief report from Cllr. Juson, footpath officer, was noted.

2020/166 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

Discussion on River Lugg.

2020/167 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

2020/168 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 March 2021. The meeting will be held online.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm.

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