

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING OF KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2021

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

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

2020/169 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Ms E Pickard , Mr R Bayliss and Mr D Fordham.

2020/170 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2020/171 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2021 were agreed.

2020/172 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen said there will not be a western bypass and southern link road for Hereford. The A49-A465 connection is to be improved however, according to the cabinet member responsible for highways. Hereford will have new cycle ways, electric buses and walkways. An eastern bypass is possible. Council tax will increase by 4.99 percent with 3 percent earmarked for social services. More people are likely to be able to claim 100 percent relief from Council Tax. Pothole repairs are ongoing, resurfacing has been done at Richards Castle and an update on the traffic regulation orders for new speed limits in the parish is expected soon.

2020/173 LOCAL RESIDENTS DISCUSSION

There were no matters raised.

2020/174 CLERK'S REPORT/ MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

S106 monies have been provided to the Coronation Hall directly by Herefordshire Council for the renewal of the heating system. Two SIDs have been deployed in Kingsland village for four weeks in March 2021. CCLA have advised that a negative daily yield might apply at some point in the future. Kingsland Life have thanked the parish council for the £80.00 donation.

2020/175 PLANNING

210238 Lower Hezetree, Kingsland, HR6 9AS – Proposed extensions to a dwelling. *The planning application was supported.*

210223 Mortimers Cross Farm, Mortimers Cross, HR6 9PD – Proposed Agricultural Building - Proposed Manure Store. *The parish council would like to see a line of trees planted to protect/ shield the roadside from the impact of the large, proposed manure store.*

210342 Arrow Mill Farm, Eardisland, HR6 9AT – Proposed increase in the height of a dwarf wall to alleviate flooding problems. Listed Building Consent. *The application for listed building consent was supported.*

210606 The Granary, Kingsland, HR6 9RU – Proposed works - T1 Tree Common Hornbeam rooting through service level and weakened foundations, becoming unsafe and dangerous. *The proposed tree work was supported.*

The Clerk was asked to look at 210344 Arrow Mill Farm under delegated powers.

2020/176 FINANCE

The following payments were AGREED: Hitrees, drainage work (£960.00) and Markhams Garage, bin bags for litter pick (£28.74). The highway authority's offer to award 100 percent of the costs submitted in the drainage grant application was accepted by the parish council. A submission for the cost of the work will be made to Herefordshire Council.

2020/177 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Grant funded drainage work has been completed by the lengthsman. The locality steward has taken the view that the existing sharp deviation chevrons are sufficiently prominent on the A4110 now the nearby lamp post has been fixed and sharp bend sign restored by Ledicot Lane. The expression of interest and Annual Maintenance Plan for lengthsman and P3 footpath work in 2021-22 have been acknowledged by Balfour Beatty.

2020/178 TRAFFIC PLAN

Herefordshire Council, in response to a request to look at highway safety improvements on Hostel Lane, suggested several ideas including:

- A new roundabout on the B4360 junction;
- Removing the white lines in the central carriageway; and
- Use hatching like the nearby Burnt House junction.

In addition, Herefordshire Council offered to work with the parish council to develop a documented long term traffic plan. The parish council resolved to form a working group to look at this with Herefordshire Council's Senior Accident Investigation Engineer. A document entitled Traffic in Villages: Safety and civility for rural roads (a tool kit for communities) will be shared to help inform discussion. Cllrs. G Bradley, R Harris and B Watkins kindly agreed to join the working group. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly offered to join the group as well.

2020/179 P3 FOOTPATHS

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

2020/180 PHOSPHATES AND THE LUGG/ BIRD FLU DISPOSAL METHODS

Information provided by the Environment Agency was noted. A briefing note from Herefordshire Council on Habitat Regulation Assessments of neighbourhood development plans was noted as well. It is understood that the phosphates issue is to be addressed via a new Nutrient Management Plan which is in the final stages, phosphate strippers installed by the water authority and new alleviation ponds across the county. According to Herefordshire Council they are working with all parties at a senior level, including the Environment Agency and Natural England to resolve the phosphates issue.

2020/181 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2021-22

The schedule of meetings was agreed. It is expected to resume physical meetings in line with government Covid 19 regulations/ guidance and an appropriate risk schedule. When physical meetings resume, they will be held at the Coronation Hall.

2020/182 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

There were no matters raised.

2020/183 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

2020/184 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021. The meeting will be held online.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.49pm.

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