

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022 AT THE CORONATION HALL

PRESENT: Mrs C Sawyers (Chairman), Mr G Bradley (Vice Chairman), Mrs Z Broad, Mr R Harris, Mr B J Watkins and Mr R Bayliss.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Clerk. Five (5) members of the public including one (1) public member of the playground working group were present.

2021/133 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Ms E Pickard, Mrs S Rowsell, Mrs L Juson, Mr D Fordham and Mr J Vaughan.

2021/134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None.

2021/135 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2021 were agreed.

2021/136 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Ward Cllr. Bowen has requested speed enforcement at Cobnash and highlighted defective gullies to the locality steward. The chief legal officer to the county council has resigned. Planning application 200995 Barns at Kingsland, South of Longford is to be considered at the February meeting of the planning committee. Ward Cllr. Bowen attended a tree planting ceremony at Ledbury which will contribute to The Queen's Green Canopy. A resolution to the phosphates issue is expected soon.

2021/137 LOCAL RESIDENTS' DISCUSSION

A member of the public highlighted a forthcoming meeting at the Coronation Hall to plan for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. A litter pick is being planned by volunteers for March 2022, and the support of the parish council was requested. The parish council agreed to consider a litter pick at the next meeting and asked the volunteers to note that litter picking on the A4110 and Hostel Lane should not be included.

The Vice Chairman of the Kingsland Green Millennium Trust said the designation of the area as an 'Open Breathing Space' meant that it would not be possible for a playground for older children to be located on the green.

2021/138 CLERK'S REPORT

The forthcoming PC Summit facilitated by Herefordshire Council and briefings by Balfour Beatty were noted.

2021/139 PLANNING

214417 Kingsland Sawmills, Kingsland, HR6 9SF – Demolition of existing dilapidated welfare buildings and construction of a new highly sustainable welfare building and the extension of a workshop. *The planning application was supported.*

214466 1 Hazeldene, Kingsland, HR6 9RH – Erection of first floor extension above utility room. *The planning application was supported.*

214147 Showers Farmhouse, Kingsland, HR6 9SE – Proposed installation of new greenhouse to lower end of garden. *The planning application was supported.*

Herefordshire Council have granted planning permission for 213316 Prill Cottage and 210879 Arrow Mill Farm. Listed building consent has been granted for 213562 Monument. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 213862 Showers House and 214077 Stoneleigh. The appeal for 200367 Land off Lugg Green has been withdrawn.

2021/140 HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The responses to the pre-engagement questionnaire on the Local Plan prepared by the working group were supported and will be submitted to the planning authority.

2021/141 PLAYGROUND FOR OLDER CHILDREN

The Clerk reported on the public consultation. There were 33 responses of which 88 percent supported having a playground for older children at Kingsland. Of the 29 responses in favour of having a playground, five suggested putting the playground in the Millennium Green. The support for the initiative was noted and the working group asked to progress plans for a playground.

2021/142 FINANCE

The following payments were agreed: Hitrees, lengthsman and P3 footpaths (£888.00) and Coronation Hall, meeting in November 2021 (£20.00).

Mid year accounts for 2021-22 were reviewed and noted. The 2022-23 budget recommended by the finance working group was supported. The precept for 2022-23 was set at £16,000.

2021/143 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The parish council agreed to invite the cabinet members responsible for highways and assets to a site meeting to view the poor condition of roads in parts of the parish. A request from a member of the public to improve signage and road marking on the junction by Lugg Bridge was supported and will be requested from the highway authority.

2021/144 ST MICHAEL'S AVENUE

Cllr. Bradley reported that local residents have requested a highway mirror to improve visibility on the Longford/ St Michael's Avenue junction. The parish council agreed to make a request for a mirror at the junction under the highway authority's community commissioning scheme.

2021/145 VILLAGE GATES

Balfour Beatty is expected to respond shortly to the community commissioning request made for a pair of village gates and associated road markings on the B4360 to the south of Kingsland by the start of the 30 mph zone.

2021/146 P3 FOOTPATHS

A footpath defect reported by a member of the public will be passed to the footpath officer.

2021/147 OAK TREE for QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The PCC is to advise whether small oak tree sapling(s) are suitable to be planted in the area designated for The Queens Green Canopy.

2021/148 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)

Litter pick.

2021/149 INFORMATION ITEMS

The information items on the agenda were noted.

2021/150 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16 February 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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