

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2022 AT THE CORONATION HALL

PRESENT: Mrs C Sawyers (Chairman), Mr G Bradley (Vice Chairman), Mrs L Juson, Mrs S Rowsell, Mr D Fordham, Mr R Harris, Mr S Hicks, Mr P Saunders, Mr J Vaughan and Mr B J Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr. S Bowen; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk. Seven (7) members of the public were present.

- 2022/78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** accepted from Mr R Bayliss. It was noted that the minutes show that Mr R Bayliss last attended in April 2022, and that the Local Government Act 1972 states that when a Council Member does not attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of the last attendance, they cease to be a councillor.
- 2022/79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION –**
None.
- 2022/80 MINUTES OF MEETING**
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 September 2022 were agreed and signed.
- 2022/81 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**
Ward Cllr. S Bowen reported that the highway authority should clear a tree from Lugg Bridge shortly. Children's services are in special measures. The new contra-flow system for cyclists on St Owen Street, Hereford is to cost significantly more than the initial budget. Section 106 funding should be dispensed appropriately as soon as possible.
- 2022/82 LOCAL RESIDENTS' DISCUSSION**
The Chairman said members of the public attending to learn more about measures being taken to address speeding on North Road will be able to address the parish council under 2022/83. There were no additional matters raised.
- 2022/83 TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING, NORTH ROAD**
Cllr. S Hicks provided a verbal report on a site meeting on North Road held with the Safer Roads Partnership's traffic advisor. Advice given included development of a parish traffic plan to include measures that might be introduced over the medium to long term. Safer Roads Partnership will collect data on the speed of traffic on North Road, possibly as soon as the end of November 2022, and assess appropriate measures/ advice informed by the results.
- 2022/84 CLERKS REPORT and REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS**
The Clerk reported that £2,500.00 granted by the Herefordshire Community Foundation in support of the playground for older children has been received. A report on an s106 briefing attended by the Clerk was noted – s106 funding will be reviewed at the next meeting. Herefordshire Council is to invoice the parish council following acceptance of the quotation for village gates and road markings in September 2022.

Leominster Town Council is to consider support for the placing of a Cobnash village name sign on the B4360 by China Hall at their October 2022 meeting. The lock on the defibrillator cabinet has been disabled to facilitate access in an emergency – thanks were extended to Cllr. Hicks for disabling the lock. Herefordshire Council have provided advice on the role of neighbourhood plans in the context of emerging local plan policies.

2022/85 PLANNING

222972 Kingsfield, Kingsland, HR6 9SA – Proposed conversion of adjoining barn to provide additional living accommodation. *There was no objection to the proposed plans.*

2022/86 PLAYGROUND FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Cllr. P Saunders reported that the next steps will be informed by the outcome of the planning application. The quotation is valid to January 2023. The planning authority is expected to decide on the application in November 2022.

2022/87 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The lengthsmen coordinator said there was no update.

2022/88 FOOTPATHS

The footpath officer said a new stile has been installed and a broken gate replaced from existing footpath furniture stock.

2022/89 FIRE AUTHORITY – ANNUAL SERVICE REVIEW/ PLAN

It was agreed to write to the fire authority to communicate that the parish council believes there should be no decrease in resources, whether people and/ or equipment, in the existing fire stations in Herefordshire.

2022/90 RURAL SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY AUDIT

As requested by Herefordshire Council, the Rural Settlement Hierarchy - Revised settlement audit was reviewed for factual accuracy and the following points made:

1. Appendix 4 – The bus service is not considered to be adequate to support am/ pm commuter journeys. The morning service is timetabled to arrive in Leominster at 8.25am and the parish council believe that many employment positions in the town require an 8am start (and in some cases, 6am). Also, the service does not allow for a change to rail or alternative bus service to access Hereford in time to start a day's employment.
2. Appendix 6 – The parish council does not recognise the location of a large employment site within 1 kilometre or 5 kilometres. Leominster industrial estate is further than 5 kilometres by car, as is Morrisons from the centre of the parish. A definition of a large employment site would help, and the parish council requested that this is provided together with the details of the large employment site(s) identified within 1 and 5 kilometres of the parish.

[The Vice Chairman left the meeting.]

2022/91 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)
No matters were raised.

2022/92 INFORMATION ITEMS – Noted.

2022/93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30 November 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Signed:

Date: