

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023 AT THE CORONATION HALL

PRESENT: Mrs C Sawyers (Chairman), Mrs S Rowsell, Mr R Harris, Mr S Hicks, Mr P Saunders, and Mr B J Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr. S Bowen; Traffic plan coordinator, Mr E Wallington, and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk. Sixteen (16) members of the public were present.

2022/132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE accepted from Mrs L Juson, Mr G Bradley (Vice Chairman), Mr D Fordham and Mr J Vaughan.

2022/133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
Cllr. S Rowsell declared a non-disclosable interest in 222889 The Garth (2022/141).

2022/134 MINUTES OF MEETING
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2023 were agreed and signed.

2022/135 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
Ward Cllr. Bowen reported on the highways annual plan 2023-24, children's services, Shire Hall, Town Hall and pothole grant from government. Council Tax has been set for 2023-24 and will increase by 4.99 percent. Local government elections are in May 2023.

2022/136 LOCAL RESIDENTS' DISCUSSION
Members of the public raised concerns regarding traffic in the parish, including Lugg Green Road, parking by the surgery and electric cars. Three members of the public expressed an interest in participating in the traffic management working group.

2022/137 SPEED MEASUREMENTS, NORTH ROAD
The Clerk reported that the road safety team, West Mercia Police, is looking at options for speed enforcement on North Road, possibly a van or a bike will be deployed for this purpose.

2022/138 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN
Mr E Wallington, coordinator, traffic management plan working group, kindly provided a report and recommendations from a recent meeting:

- To challenge the road safety team to reconsider their decision regarding the provision of speed data in the parish;
- To review and agree proposed terms of reference for the working group; and
- To request speed enforcement by the road safety team, West Mercia Police.

The parish council agreed to the recommendations. The terms of reference will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr Wallington and members of the working group for their work and commitment.

- 2022/139 LITTER PICK**
It was agreed to support a litter pick by volunteers on 4 March 2023, subject to:
- Use of the litter picking kits provided by Balfour Beatty
 - Volunteers work in pairs
 - The litter pick excludes the A4110 and Hostel Lane
 - Volunteers are given an overview before they start which includes an explanation of the kits, advice not to overfill bags, or put themselves in positions which they are uncomfortable with and provide an opportunity to ask questions, and
 - Keep a record of volunteers.
- 2022/140 CLERK’S REPORT and REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS**
The Clerk reported that information from Age UK has been passed to the newsletter and placed on the website. An application has been made to the highway authority for a new road sign for St Michael’s Avenue and a grit bin by the church. The gateway license has been submitted to the highway authority. Comments made on the Agricultural Planning SPD consultation have been acknowledged. s106 drop-in sessions have been scheduled by Herefordshire Council. The annual return 2021-22 for the A H Williams Trust has been submitted. The contractor that did the restoration work on the Monument has been asked to provide recommendations for remedial work. Parish council elections will be held on 4 May 2023.
- 2022/141 PLANNING**
222889 The Garth, Kingsland, HR6 9QJ – Proposed replacement of all front windows (Retrospective). Listed building consent. *It was agreed to make no comment on the planning application.*
- Herefordshire Council have granted planning permission for 223135 The Old Butcher Shop.
- 2022/142 FINANCE**
The following payments were agreed: Hitrees, lengthsman and footpaths maintenance (£2,652.00); Coronation Hall, meeting on 11 January 2023 (£20.00); and HALC, affiliation and subscription 2023-24 (£920.28).
- ii) Review lengthsman grant agreement for funding to 2027:* It was agreed to apply for the grant in principle in 2022-23 subject to a review by the lengthsman coordinator.
- iii) New Cobnash settlement signs:* A quotation of £229.82 for confirmation of locations and design work was agreed.
- 2022/143 PLAYGROUND FOR OLDER CHILDREN**
A verbal report from the playground working group was noted. It was resolved to adopt the new site plan for the proposed play area on the side of the Coronation Hall grounds by the school, and for the Clerk to submit the amended site plan and supporting documents to planning services.
- 2022/144 BUS SERVICE** – Deferred

- 2022/145 SMARTWATER PARISH INITIATIVE– Deferred**
- 2022/146 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**
A verbal report from the Chair and Clerk on the highway authority’s annual plan 2023-24 was noted. The SID hire service is no longer available. A report of sunken drains on Hostel Lane has been raised. The lengthsman has been commissioned to undertake drainage grant funded work in the parish.
- 2022/147 FOOTPATHS**
The footpath officer has reported that a fallen tree on KL21 has been removed by the landowner.
- 2022/148 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2023-24**
The proposed schedule of meetings was agreed. The dates will be publicised on the parish council website and parish council noticeboard.
- 2022/149 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion) – None.**
- 2022/150 INFORMATION ITEMS – Noted.**
- 2022/151 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15 March 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23 pm.

Signed:

Date: