

KINGSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2023 AT THE CORONATION HALL

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr. D Hurcomb; and Mr R Hewitt, Parish Clerk. Two (2) members of the public were present.

- 2023/95 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were accepted from Mr D Fordham and Mr J Vaughan.
- 2023/96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
None.
- 2023/97 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**
Deferred.
- 2023/98 MINUTES OF MEETING**
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2023 were agreed and signed.
- 2023/99 REPORT ON HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**
Ward Cllr. D Hurcomb's written report was noted. Work is underway to help address the phosphates issue and it will be possible to buy credits. The parish council was advised to consider planning for a review of the neighbourhood development plan in preparation for the emerging updated local plan.
- 2023/100 LOCAL RESIDENTS' DISCUSSION**
There were no matters raised.
- 2023/101 CLERKS REPORT**
Herefordshire Council have paid the second half of the precept (£8,000.00). The Charity Commission have required a new online account to be set up for the A H Williams Trust. The defibrillator has been checked and status updated on the Circuit. The survey and design of the highway name signs are being done by Balfour Beatty. The 2022-23 audit has been completed by the external auditor. Comments on the report and certificate were noted and appropriate action will be taken. The review of the standing orders of the parish council is underway. A request has been made to have a 'public awareness speed indicator device' on the A4110 by Luctonians. A recent online s106 briefing highlighted that when projects get to the point of planning there will be consultation and engagement with the parish council.
- 2023/102 PLANNING**
232929 Upper Brook Bridge Farm, Street Lane, Kingsland – Proposed erection of five high-quality and energy-efficient dwellings in lieu of Class Q permission 223500/PA4 to include the demolition of all existing structures on site, which include 3 no. turkey sheds, an agricultural store and separate office building together with feed bins and gas tanks.

The parish council objected to the proposed development which lies outside the settlement boundary. The proposal to demolish the existing buildings means the houses will be new builds so the exception provisions for conversion of agricultural buildings as set out in the county local plan cannot be applied. Therefore, the proposed development does not meet the provisions of the Kingsland Neighbourhood Development Plan.

In addition, the parish council is concerned at the proximity of the site to the ancient Roman Road which runs alongside the property. Also, that appropriate and effective drainage is implemented to address the concerns of representations made by members of the public regarding planning application 221659 on the same site.

232962 Luctonians Rugby Football and Cricket Club, Kingsland, HR6 9SB – The erection of a fresh local produce vending machine with enclosing cabin. (Retrospective). *The parish council objected to the proposed vending machine and associated works due to concern at the potential adverse effect on established businesses in the village.*

232486 Longmoor Cottage, Shirlheath, Kingsland, HR6 9RG – Proposed Extension. Kingsland Parish Council objects to the proposed vending machine and associated works due to concern at the potential adverse effect on established businesses in the village. *The parish council considers that the proposed extension is disproportionate in scale to the existing structure. The proposed extension should be subservient to the existing structure. The parish council noted that no dimensions appeared to be provided for the proposed extension.*

Herefordshire Council have granted planning permission for 231654 Northfield and 232145 The African Natural History Research Trust. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 232694 3 Mortimer Meadow and 232693 4 Mortimer Meadow. Appeal re: 231839 2 Hazeldene was noted.

[Cllr. Watkins left the meeting.]

2023/103 FINANCE

The following payments were agreed: John Finch Computers, Footpath officer email address/ configuration (£70.56); L Riley, donation to support insurance of parish good neighbour scheme (£56.00).

2023/104 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Correspondence with the road safety team regarding enforcement action was noted and will be followed up. Planning is ongoing for the parish consultation. The request made for a public awareness SID by Luctonians will be looked at as part of the traffic management plan.

2023/105 FOOTPATHS (PROWS)

Cllr. S Morgan, footpath officer presented a plan for maintenance of the footpaths, which was supported by the parish council subject to the agreement of landowners. The remaining budget for the year is £3,690.00).

- 2023/106 PLAYGROUND FOR OLDER CHILDREN**
The layout of equipment on the agreed site at the Coronation Hall will require amending to maintain access to the septic tank as the project to connect to the public sewerage network is likely to take some time. This will require an amendment to the planning application. The Clerk was delegated to prepare an appropriate planning application based on an amended layout drawing which is expected to be provided shortly by the contractor.
- The Coronation Hall committee have requested a note to confirm obligations and responsibilities once the equipment is installed. It was confirmed that the playground equipment will be donated once installed, and future costs will be the responsibility of the Coronation Hall. The cost of additional insurance cover will be donated by the parish council. The Clerk will write to the Coronation Hall to confirm these arrangements and was asked to consult with the Chairman and Vice Chairman on the matter.
- Cllr. P Saunders’ proposal to obtain sponsorship to support the financial costs of the playground was supported.
- 2023/107 SMARTWATER INITIATIVE**
Deferred.
- 2023/108 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**
A request has been made for the highway authority to maintain the verge at Hamlyn Place and to deploy a sweeper at Kingsland.
- 2023/109 HALC TRAINING**
The parish council agreed to request in-house training from HALC. The Clerk was delegated to authorise the budget (up to £270.00) for the training.
- 2023/110 MATTERS RAISED FOR THE NEXT MEETING (no discussion)**
Plan for review of neighbourhood development plan, purchase of screen/ projector and proposal to provide a small donation to the millennium green.
- 2023/111 INFORMATION ITEMS** – Noted.
- 2023/112 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29 November 2023.
- The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm.

Signed:

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