

**Draft MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**Parishioner comment time:**

None

**Present:**

Mr. D.Beswick (chairman), Mr B. Paine (vice-chairman), Mr. Wally Elliott, Mr G. Osborne, Mrs S. Mackay, Mr I Dibben and Mr P. Waters, (Parish Councillors); Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor) and Mr. D. Norris (District Councillor) and Mrs. K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 8 parishioners.

**1. Apologies:** Mrs L. Moore (RFO)

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

As already declared, no changes.

**3. Minutes:**

The minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by B.Paine and seconded by S.Mackay, were approved and signed, all in favour.

**4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items**

P.Waters – the litter pick was advertised and happened. Several people helped and not as many bags collected as the last time due to less littering, thank-you to all.

B.Paine – had sent off our response regarding the A303 dualling consultation and received an acknowledgement from David Warburton who thanked us for the contribution.

W.Elliott – reported that a parishioner had contacted him and said the footpath going across the village field should be a straight line from gate to gate, brambles are pushing it out. The parishioner would like to organise a working party in summer to help clear the path and the drain, rather than a bulldozer clearing it. I.Dibben, had no objection to this. He will check on ordinance survey map the exact location of the footpath. I.Dibben will liaise with parishioner and be on the working party.

B.Paine - has been in touch with solicitor and we are now awaiting final documents from the County Council regarding the purchase of the school field. When received they will need to be signed by the Chairman and Vice- Chairman and returned to our solicitor along with a cheque for £27500.

**5. Chairman's Report**

Added his thanks to the litter pick, but was hoping for more numbers. Maybe another time when nettles are not growing so well may work better.

**6. Correspondence**

K.Hatt- St Margaret's hospice has sent a letter requesting donations. D.Beswick felt individuals could if they wished, but not sure if as a parish council we should.

B.Paine felt that the Parish Council should support this on behalf of parishioners as not all would be in a position to donate as individuals but may still require the support of this invaluable institution in the future.

B.Paine proposed that we do donate £50 to St Margaret's hospice, seconded by P. Waters, 1 against and the rest in favour, the motion was carried. **Action – Cheque to be written and posted.**

B.Paine – Councillors have received copies of a document inviting the village to host free NHS health checks. It contains a requirement that only parishioners to be between the ages of 40 and 74, would qualify. B.Paine urged every councillor to read it prior to the next meeting as it appeared

to be a worthwhile preventative health opportunity without cost to the Parish Council. **Actions - K.Hatt to put on agenda for the next meeting under matters arising. Councillors read the information.**

D.Beswick – regarding the public space protection order he had to seek clarification on a few matters. He can now report we can still have signs banning dogs if we wish, however we cannot enforce it, apart from fouling which can be enforced. However individuals who frequently ignore the ban can be subject to an individual control order.

**7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.**

<b>KPC Account</b>	Opening Balance 01.03.2017	£13,057.45
	Net Cheque Balance	£1,840.35
	Transfer In	£17,476.72
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 31.03.2017	<b>£28,693.82</b>

£3988.72 cheques are uncleared  
£2134.22 cheque items to be paid in

<b>Savings Account</b>	Opening Balance 01.01.2017	£33,304.10
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer In	
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 31.03.2017	<b>£33,304.10</b>

Clerk Services - March	£75.00
Devonshire Crafts Ltd (tree Signs)	£207.40 (this has been paid for by parishioner's sponsorship.)
Removal of poplar trees	£1300 (£600 of this has been paid by neighbours to poplars.)
Chubb Bullied Limited, cheque for field	£27,500
Recreation field notice board	£500
Donation to St Margaret's Hospice	£50

D.Beswick had a few issues he wanted to discuss but with L.Moore absent, he will bring them up at a later point.

D.Beswick proposed these payments, B.Paine seconded, all in favour

### **8. 106 money update**

K.Hatt updated – she has been in contact with Neil Waddleton who said that the builders of the Manor School development had already been in touch and explained that they were ready to pay. Neil will now invoice them to receive the money and email us when he has received it. He will also put us in touch with Linda Pinkham who will give us more detail on what we can and cannot spend the money on.

David Beswick asked councillors to think of ideas to bring to the next meeting. **Action – all councillors think!**

### **9. Defibrillator**

W.Elliott had emailed an information pack for councillors with more detail. He still believes we need a cabinet that is not locked with a heater in it, preferably with an alarm. D.Beswick asked, what is driving requirement for new cabinet? The old cabinet will not do as it is essential that it is in a box that is not locked, which is backed up by an ambulance service.

The alarm will still go off if we need to use it.

D.Beswick has contacted our insurance company, it does not have to be alarmed, and doesn't matter if it is unlocked, and we are still insured.

Why does it need to be heated?

The pad needs the heating, they will degrade. The current cabinet has heating in it.

D.Beswick said we can still use the old cabinet, leave it unlocked, and put a magnetic catch on it.

B.Paine said that this discussion is irrelevant and defeats the point; we want the best for the village, not a make do and mend mentality.

D.Beswick pointed out that we are not changing the defibrillator; we are only discussing changing the box. He fully supports moving the defibrillator and ensuring it is up to date.

G.Osborne – why do we want to move it?

It hasn't got a dependable electricity supply. It goes into private accommodation, which is being switched off. It is also more central at the shop.

S.Mackay – do we need to get a new defibrillator as well?

No the ambulance crew are happy with what we have.

Is there an audit trail as to how often it is checked? It is currently done by Antony Colton and it is sent to Chew Valley.

I.Dibben it does seem a lot of money to deactivate a lock. The defibrillator will still work.

The heating will still work. The change of location is sensible. He is struggling to spend this money on just a box.

W.Elliott proposed that we purchase a new cabinet to be installed at the shop, cost would be £473 ex vat, seconded by B.Paine, only two in favour, rest were against, motion was declined.

It was agreed that D.Beswick will investigate to check that a new handle can definitely be put on and look into - Is it best sited at the shop or the pub?

D.Beswick will bring an action next meeting. **Action – D.Beswick investigates!**

### **10. Poplar trees**

They will be felled on Weds or Thursday of next week. An email will go out to inform the parishioners the exact day; we will know which day on Saturday. Stay away from this area. There will also be logs and chippings left for other people should we want some. Let D.Beswick know if we want them, so he has a feel for numbers.

P.Water – Kingsdon cricket club are willing to cut up branches and take logs to people who want them, ask for a small donation for chopping them for them, a note will go in the chronicle and emailed around.

### **11. Insurance**

D.Beswick looked into another offer; it will save us over £100 a year for the same amount of cover. We may want to check with Justin Robinson at SALC that it is a reputable company. It may be worth telling our existing company that we have had a better offer.

**Action -K.Hatt to check with salc. D.Beswick to talk to our current insurers.**

Renewal due in June.

### **12. Village Plan**

G.Osborne and S.Mackay, we need to talk about finance. They have found a source where they can look into gaining a 100% grant. If not we will need a 50% grant.

They have approached several people in the village and now have a working group of 6 people. They will bring a questionnaire to the council.

### **13. Website**

I.Dibben has changed the administration over. The software is becoming out of date, he has updated it once. He would like to go to Somerton computing to get a quote to assist him on updating so he doesn't crash the site again. He would also like to get the twitter feed going again. If we don't put this on our website, we will fall behind. W.Elliott uses twitter for his information a lot. It is a quick and easy way to put information on the website.

The councillors were happy for I.Dibben to get a quote from Somerton Computing.

### **14. Footpaths**

I.Dibben reported that a lot of work has been done on Lime kiln field footpath, by the Osbornes house. They have put two gates on sorted a bridge. They also have a volunteer to do another gate. The footpath is now nearly complete.

Where next? He has in mind the path out to the Charlton's – see what we can do to improve this one. If anyone has any ideas please feedback to I.Dibben.

### **15. Damage to tree**

An Oak tree on the road going towards Lytes Cary on the right hand side has been knocked and damaged. We are unsure if it has been clipped on purpose or accidentally knocked by a tree. A parishioner wrote as was concerned. We are going to be planting

new trees, if there are problems with the new planting, please approach P.Waters or D.Morris. **Action –A note in the chronicle to say this.**

**16.Date of next meetings**

Monthly meeting and annual council meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Parish meeting – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017. **Action – K.Hatt to put note in chronicle about parish meeting.**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22pm**