

MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 8th 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00pm

Present: Mr T. Masters (Chairman); Mrs. A Saunders (Vice-Chairman); D. Morris, M. Clode, and P. Waters (Parish Councillors); Mr D. Ruddle (County Councillor); Mrs K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 12 parishioners.

Apologies: Mr J. Calvert (District Councillor)

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed read, approved and signed.

1. Election of Chairman

Nominations for the position of Chairman of Kingsdon Parish Council were called for. Mrs Angela Saunders was proposed by Mel Clode and seconded by Dave Morris.

There were no other nominations and Mrs Angela Saunders was duly elected, all were in favour.

2. Election of Deputy Chairman

Nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman of Kingsdon Parish Council were called for. Mr T Masters was proposed by Mel Clode and seconded by Angie Saunders .

There were no other nominations and Mr T Masters was duly elected, all were in favour.

3. Confirmation of Councillors' specific areas of responsibility

Mr M Clode agreed to continue with the position of SSDC Parish Environmental Warden.

Trees and pathways- Mr D Morris

Recreation Field – Phil Waters

Maintenance, grass verges – Phil Waters

Highways – Vacant at the moment

Website – Mel Clode liaising until appropriate person nominated

Other issues – Tony Masters

Insurance and finance - the Financial Officer, Angie Saunders

4. Presentation of accounts

The Annual Return for 2013-2014, as required by the External Auditor, has been completed and signed off by the Parish Council's internal auditor Ian Dibben.

Ian was thanked on the Council's behalf, for giving his time so generously throughout the past year, to make sure that all is in order.

The Annual return is now ready for signing by the Chairman at this meeting, in readiness for despatch, as per the instructions from External Auditor. With the relevant information of the audit being displayed on the parish notice board at the correct time, as instructed by the External Auditor.

Balances as at 31March 2014 - Current account- £193.16, Business saver £9431.92 including a grand sum of £5.40 interest and the Children's account £12,102.44 which includes grants already received for the new play equipment.

All as shown on the end of year Bank reconciliation that is required for the annual audit Accounts are with Barclays bank.

The budget, in readiness for precept application, is carefully considered by Councillors.

There are items that the District and County Council are no longer able to provide, that now will have to be funded by the Parish Council, for instance, repairs to and trimming of the verges.

Kingsdon is lucky in that we have benevolent parishioners who carry out some of the tasks quietly and without publicity and we thank them most sincerely for this.

Legal advice has been sought on the way that the Council's accounting procedures are dealt with and presented and they have been deemed totally satisfactory.

T. Masters asked for any questions, none were asked.

5. Future meeting dates

Tony questioned if moving to Fridays was alright for parishioners. It was stated that it was largely the council's decision and will be worth it if Antony Colton will definitely rejoin if it's moved.

Dean Ruddle was asked if available and he said it probably wouldn't make any difference.

It was concluded to try it and see but keep a check if the hall becomes available on another night.

The following dates, and start time of 7.30pm was proposed by Angie Saunders, seconded by Mel Clode. All were in favour.

Agreed as follows:

Friday July 11th 2014

Friday September 12th 2014

Friday November 14th 2014

Friday January 9th 2015

Friday March 13th 2015

Friday May 8th 2015

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.

The Parish Bi-monthly meeting was held immediately afterwards.