

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**Parishioner comment time:**

None

**Present:**

Mr. D.Beswick (chairman), Mr. Wally Elliott, Mr G. Osborne, Mrs S. Mackay, Mr I Dibben, (Parish Councillors); Mrs L. Moore (RFO) and Mrs. K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 12 parishioners.

**1. Apologies:**

Mr Dean Ruddle and Mr Brian Paine.

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

As already declared, no changes.

**3. Minutes:**

The minutes of the monthly parish council meeting, and the annual parish council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, also the parish meeting minutes held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by I.Dibben and seconded by W.Elliott, were approved and signed, all in favour.

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

D.Beswick has renewed our insurance with our current insurance providers, Zurich.

K.Hatt has booked the NHS health checks for the 26<sup>th</sup> August. Quotations for CPR and defibrillator training have been obtained and a company called JaLee are the cheapest at £150 +vat for 2-3 hours on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Apex may cover the costs for us.

Phillip proposed that we book JaLee, Guy O seconded, all in favour.

**Action – K.Hatt to book training and contact Apex.**

A note went in the chronicle about tablet training and no-one has expressed any interest.

We have received more detail on 106 money and we are going to be able to use it for the new sport field. Further discussion needs to be had with Rob Parr.

**Action- D.Beswick to contact Rob Parr.**

P.Waters will put the note about the damaged tree in next chronicle

L.Moore has organized the clerk standing order for the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**5. Chairman's Report**

Nothing to add.

**6. Correspondence**

British Merchant Navy – fly the red ensign; have written encouraging us to do something around the village. It is after our August weekend so unable to organise a big event, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Wally will fly the flag.

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

L.Moore reported that the annual return has been submitted, we will hear back in about 6 weeks. The next field loan payment is due next month.

We have received a generous grant, of £3000; it is gratefully received with thanks, towards the school field.

We have also received £250 grant from SSDC towards the notice board.

Did we precept any money for the village hall this year? Yes a donation of £575 and also the rent of around £300.

<b>KPC Account</b>	Opening Balance 01.05.2017	£34,637.40
	Net Cheque Balance	£30,272.77
	Transfer In	£264.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 30.05.2017	<b>£4,628.63</b>

<b>Savings Account</b>	Opening Balance 01.04.2017	£33,304.18
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£5,000.00
	Closing Balance 30.06.2017	<b>£28,304.18</b>

Accounting Angels	£168.00
K Hatt - diary purchase	£25.87
Clerk Services - May 2017 - March 2018 £90.00 paid out on 18th of each Month	

### 8. Kingsdon Estate

There has been an article in the paper advertising the farm land for sell. This is currently all we know.

The land to be sold in the village is still very much in discussion and we are constantly in conversation with Greenslade Taylor Hunt.

A parishioner asked about the 1065 acres being sold in 6 lots. These are not development sites that will affect us.

### 9. Village Hall

We are still waiting for the survey.

We are not sure the state of the building. We are waiting for the two quotations for carrying out the survey. The pros and cons of keeping the current hall or building a new one will be fully discussed.

If the village hall were wished to be removed, the Covenant says we have to have full consultation. This will include Catsgore and Lytes Cary.

### 10. Allotments

G.Osborne explained that some people have complained that some allotments have been looking untidy.

There is an allotment plan.

Guy felt the allotments themselves were not too bad. But the central area for the fire area seems to be getting out of control.

A plot next to a parishioner has not been tended to, it is a vacant plot and it is affecting his plot. It will take a lot of work to make it workable again as it has several stone paths. It would need putting weed killer on for 12 months but who would want to do this? Other plot holders to attempt to help. It is not dealt with fairly; some are not able to do it. The parish council need to deal with it.

This may mean increasing the price.

Article to go in the chronicle to encourage more plot holders. A present plot holder would find a raise acceptable. It is currently only £8 a year which is very cheap.

Could the stone path one, which is divided up, be a community plot, for children to do? Volunteers could clear it first.

The hedge between the allotments and playing field will be cut but when the birds have finished nesting.

**Action – Wally to put the note in the chronicle, including if there is interest from children and a community plot.**

#### **10. Date of next meetings**

Monthly meeting – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm**