

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

None

Present:

Mr D Beswick (Chairman), Mr W Elliott, Mr I Dibben, Mr P Waters, Mr B Paine, Mr G. Osborne, (Parish Councillors); Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor); Mr D Norris (District Councillor); Mrs L Moore (RFO) and Mrs K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 12 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mrs S. Mackay

2. Declarations of Interest:

As already declared; no changes.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on the 13th July 2017, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by B.Paine, seconded by W.Elliott, unanimously approved and signed.

D.Beswick asked councillors to consider our future minutes, do we want to continue having them as long as this, or change to just recording the decisions which is the only legal requirement?

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

P.Waters – still has to look at the plan. D. Beswick reported that a parishioner could possibly have 15 oak trees available. P.Waters will liaise with the parishioner on this.

I.Dibben – metal protection is ready to go. We will need to buy the metal but we have the loan of a workshop, I.Dibben can work on this with a volunteer. J.Yates offered to help.

W.Elliott- the goalposts have been removed for the time being until the method to secure them properly is sorted. We will also possibly need to replace the nets due to strangulation issues.

D.Beswick said we could use 106 money towards this.

I.Dibben - the notice board is in progress, we need to decide where we want to put it, then need a couple of volunteers to help install it. I.Dibben and G.Osborne will decide on location of notice board.

W.Elliott – he has looked through the playground file, the cradle swing is no different now since when it was installed. It was not a previous problem, so why has it been highlighted now? It is up to us whether we take the recommendation. On the equipment, the stepping wood chain walk, one of these need to be replaced. W.Elliott is looking into a supplier. D.Beswick mentioned 106 money could be used to get a rubber mat under the cradle. There is also a limit to how often we replace the rubber caps, we do not need to keep replace them.

D.Beswick- has discussed with SSDC about providing a water fountain using 106 money. Rob Parr has explained that we will need to discuss this with Wessex Water, they may be reluctant to do this. There could be more specialized equipment to help with any issues Wessex Water may have.

5. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Correspondence

Clerk – declarations of interest need to be checked, please could all councillors do this.

Tim Russell, PCSO, has sent a police report if anyone wishes to see it.

D.Beswick – letter from oil club UK, there are members in the village who are a part of it. This

could help keep costs down as they buy in bulk. We could advertise this in the chronicle. A parishioner was able to get the oil cheaper elsewhere so we will take this no further.

B.Paine – the boundary commission were looking at the wards in the parish as the areas are uneven. D.Norris said this ward is one of the largest and are looking to downsize it, this is determined by population. So they may be looking to move some parts to other wards. Northstone ward (which is ours) will therefore be looking to change the boundaries. D.Norris will keep us informed. Kingsdon is fairly safe to stay together as a single entity but it may move to Wessex ward. D.Beswick cannot see how this may affect us much.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

L.Moore reported that it has been a quiet couple of months. We have had no feedback from Grant Thornton (the external auditors) so she will chase it up. We now won't need them in the future as all is displayed in on the website.

Sadly L.Moore is standing down as she is moving. She has done a brilliant job so we will be very sad to see her go. We are looking for a new RFO, so if anyone is interested please speak to L.Moore.

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| KPC Account | Opening Balance 01.07.2017 | £7,813.63 |
| | Net Cheque Balance | £2,818.59 |
| | Transfer In | £3,882.00 |
| | Transfer Out | £180.00 |
| | Closing Balance 31.08.2017 | £8,697.04 |

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| Savings Account | Opening Balance 01.07.2017 | £28,304.18 |
| | Net Cheque Balance | £0.00 |
| | Interest | £0.00 |
| | Transfer In | £0.00 |
| | Transfer Out | £0.00 |
| | Closing Balance 30.09.2017 | £28,304.18 |

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| Clerk Services - May 2017 - March 2018 £90.00 paid out on 18th of each Month | £90.00 |
| 01.08.2017 - Village Survey | £970.50 |
| GTH - field and allotment rent | £240 |
| Village Hall KPC Meeting Rent | £99.74 |
| Chubb Bullied - solicitors fees for field purchase | £1,636.00 |
| Kingsdon Community Shop - donation | £575.00 |
| Kingsdon Church - donation | £575.00 |
| Kingsdon Village Hall - donation | £575.00 |
| Kingsdon Chronicle - donation | £110.00 |

**TOTAL CHEQUE/PAYMENT AMOUNT - SEPTEMBER
2017**

£3,660.74

B.Paine proposed that we accept these payments, seconded by I.Dibben, all in favour.

7.3 The grant to the community shop is based on a development plan, all councillors have seen this and approved. Money will eventually come back into the community. They have done exceptionally well.

8. Village Plan

G.Osbourne explained that the questionnaires are out there, it then goes off to Taunton to analyse the results.

D.Beswick encouraged people to complete it so people have the feedback so we can develop a sensible village plan.

G.Osbourne said there are spaces to put in anything else you like.

It is all anonymous; we do not open them ourselves.

9. Website

I.Dibben reported that at the last meeting we were floundering with the website. We have been put in touch with Tim Taylor who has been working on it brilliantly. The event page is now dynamic. The festival page has many photos on it; we can use this to promote it. We want to publish the people who have sponsored us.

We are looking for feedback from the parishioners about what they want from the website. Please start using the website.

T.Taylor is now looking at the clubs section. We owe him a great deal of thanks, there has been a transformation in usability.

I.Dibben is looking to revamp the website by having a more up to date dynamic format; he is looking for £100. It will also be a lot easier for the writers to input information.

I.Dibben proposed that we have £100 for website work, seconded by B.Paine, all in favour.

10. Hedge Cutting

D.Beswick has received 3 quotations for cutting the hedges.

D.Beswick is proposing we accept the lower offer of £336 for the hedges, seconded by P.Waters, all in favour.

The Mowbarton verge is very overgrown.

The council used to do the part by the field when they owned it. But the part further up has never been cut. D.Beswick wants to go back to another person who quoted for the hedges to ask about the verges as they are a mess. He will inform councillors of the quotation.

L.Moore said we have £700 for verge maintenance.

We have an offer of a topper to take the tops of the grass down.

11. Buses

A problem has been highlighted with the 77 service from Kingsdon to Somerton, if you have to pay; Kingsdon is not a stage point, so the drivers charge different amounts.

A parishioner has written on two occasions asking if Kingsdon could be made a stage so that a fair fee is charged.

It also means that they won't be taking any account of Kingsdon; this could mean they assume that people are not using the service.

D.Beswick is asking that he writes to them highlighting the problem. Councillors were happy to support this.

12. Date of next meetings

Monthly meeting – Thursday 12th October 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21pm