

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

Parishioner comment time:

A parishioner made a plea that we don't put the trees in the wrong place as the view from the village field is wonderful; and also expressed appreciation for the prompt cutting of brambles on Lodge Road.

Present:

Mr D Beswick (Chairman), Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chair), Mr W Elliott, Mr G. Osborne, Mr P.Waters , Mr I Dibben, Mrs S Mackay (Parish Councillors); Mr D Norris (District Councillor); Mrs L Moore (RFO) and Mrs K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 7 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr D. Ruddle (County Councillor)

2. Declarations of Interest:

As already declared; no changes.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on the 9th November 2017, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by G.Osborne, seconded by B.Paine, unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

D.Beswick had spoken to the developers about the overhanging brambles in Lodge Road and they have been cut very promptly.

Rob Parr has been contacted but D.Beswick but he was unhappy with the response and is going to pursue it further. David Norris told us about community infrastructure levy, where we will get a definite 15% in the future from developers. He advised us to create a CIL list for what we would spend this money on.

D.Beswick had spoken to a potential allotment manager but he was not able to help. There are several people who would like to be involved on an allotment committee but we are still looking for an overall manager. Our allotments are smaller than those on other allotment sites. A parishioner has offered to measure and map sizing of our plots.

A parishioner asked if the allotments are registered, because it would then be a lot more difficult to take them away from us, as it would have to meet several criteria.

Another parishioner suggested a 'job' description for the role of the manager so people would see it wasn't a demanding job and thus might volunteer.

W.Elliott explained that he and G.Osborne looked at all the items on the playground inspection report and considered which needed to have something done. The securing of the goalposts had been done, but the other issues would need professional work. They are going to get a quote from a company and then Councillors can make a decision based on this.

P.Waters had repaired the bug hotel but not moved it as some field mice are living there. He is considering putting an engaging sign on it to encourage children to not break it; we can then review the relocating if the sign does not stop the damage.

K.Hatt had contacted SALC to ask if notice was required to increase allotment charges; there is no statutory requirement.

5. Chairman's Report

D.Beswick is away for the months of January, February & March so B.Paine will be in the chair for these meetings.

6. Correspondence

None

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

L.Moore has now officially handed over to J.Land.

The precept information has been received.

VAT is still in the process of being done.

There is currently about £1500 left to spend in the budget, but this has been allocated.

D.Beswick requested a quotation for extending our 3 year verge contract to include the verges on Mowbarton Road and Lower Road.

KPC Account	Opening Balance 01.11.2017	£2,855.46
	Net Cheque Balance	£840.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 30.11.2017	£2,015.46

Savings Account	Opening Balance 01.10.2017	£28,304.18
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 31.12.2017	£28,304.18

Clerk Services - May 2017 - March 2018 £90.00 paid out on 18th of each Month	£90.00
CHUBB BULLEID	£160.00
Town and County Garden Services	£400.00

B.Paine proposed that we accept these payments, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

7.3 2018/2019 Budget

A draft budget had been discussed at the last meeting following which councillors were asked to give the matter further consideration.

G.Osborne suggested that we need to consider putting money aside for the replacement of assets, including a future new village hall and this proposition was discussed, including the ability of being able to bid for funds requiring matched funding which is increasingly important. A re-cast budget was circulated by B.Paine which included an asset replacement reserve and provision for actions arising from the community plan.

After further discussion B.Paine proposed the re-cast budget as circulated be approved, seconded by W.Elliott, 1 against, motion was carried.

Action – B.Paine to finalise the precept submission to SSDC before the end of January.

8. Village Plan

S.Mackay reported that the results from the survey are back and has been shared with Councillors. We need to decide on the next steps with this information. This was discussed.

It was concluded that the summary would be put into the next edition of the Kingsdon Chronicle and thus be shared with the village, and that the full report will be put onto the website, this will happen around the 21st December. There will also be a few hard copies of the full report at the village shop. A meeting will be called soon in the New Year to present and discuss it.

Action – W.Elliott to organise chronicle and Tim Taylor the website information. S.Mackay and G.Osborne to organise a meeting.

9. Village Hall

W.Elliott explained that the points he was going to raise about allocating money for a future village hall was covered during the discussion of the budget.

It was also concluded that separately there will need to be a meeting about the future of the village hall.

Action - G.Osborne to organise the meeting.

10. Marquee hire for 2018 Festival

W.Elliott asked if the parish council would take on the marquee hire again, the jubilee fund will fully pay for it excluding VAT.

B.Paine proposed we pay for the marquee to enable VAT refund, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

11. Parish Councillor and/or co-opted person for play equipment inspections

W.Elliott explained that management of play equipment inspections has become very time consuming and is asking for some assistance.

It was concluded to put something in the chronicle to ask for support.

Action – W.Elliott to do this. (Include request for allotment manager.)

12. Tree planted in memory of Mick Conway

W.Elliott explained that the family approached him with this idea, the family wish to pay and have suggested an Oak, they are happy for anywhere for the location.

I.Dibben suggested it might be wise to ask the village about a lane/footpath where remembrance trees could be planted.

It was concluded that the parish council are content with planting a tree in memory of Mick and will fund the plaque.

13. Tree planting

P.Waters shared some tree planting ideas which currently focuses on planting around the village field. We don't want to decrease the functional use of the field, or spoil the view. The focus is on filling in the gaps.

The concept was discussed.

A parishioner was concerned that several trees would ruin the footpath side of the field, as it would encroach and lose the openness of the field, particularly looking to the future as the trees grew.

P.Waters agreed that we don't want to lose the view.

Clearing back the brambles will create space. Trees with high canopies would be better.

It was concluded that Councillors need to take the concept away and take more time to consider.

Action – Councillors to consider, on the agenda for the next meeting.

14. Date of next meetings

Monthly meeting – Thursday 11th January 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm