

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

A parishioner said thank-you for hedge cutting around the school field.

A concern was raised about lots of overgrown brambles on the left of Lodge Road, at a level dangerous for horse riders, cyclists. Could the developers get this cut back? Parish Council will write to them formally about this. **Action – D.Beswick to write letter (K.Hatt to give address).**

Present:

Mr D Beswick (Chairman), Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chair), Mr W Elliott, Mr B Paine, Mr G. Osborne, Mr P.Waters , Mr I Dibben (Parish Councillors); Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor); Mr D Norris (District Councillor); Mrs L Moore and Mrs J.Land (RFO) and Mrs K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 6 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 12th October 2017, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by W.Elliott, seconded by G.Osborne, unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

Tree planting plan – P.Waters has picked up all the donated trees. The first phase of planting will be where existing planting is as we have this permission already. This will be in the next couple of weeks. He will be putting a note in a chronicle asking for donations towards more substantial trees. D.Beswick asked where are we putting them all? P.Water is considering bridle ways etc. I.Dibben reported that he is holding back on metal protection at the moment as he wants to make them more of an ornate feature, so more careful consideration is needed where to put them which is dependent on the second stage of planting.

I.Dibben has started to dig a test hole for the new notice board, next to the gate, which is looking fine. He needs a couple of volunteers to help this weekend.

K.Hatt reported that the amendment has been made to the financial regulations and sent to councillors. The change of payment for the website is currently processing. Rob Parr was contacted about claiming maintenance money which appears more complicated than we thought.

Action – D.Beswick to gather more information from Rob Parr.

5. Chairman's Report

None further to add.

6. Correspondence

K.Hatt – Tim Russell sent a report which has been forwarded to councillors. No crimes have been reported.

Christmas tree recycling has been booked in for January 2018.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

L.Moore welcomed Jacqui Land who is becoming our new RFO. D. Beswick welcomed and thanked her.

L.Moore reported that it has been a quiet month, just a couple of cheques.

KPC Account	Opening Balance 01.10.2017	£8,697.04
	Net Cheque Balance	£840.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 31.10.2017	£7,857.04

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
Cary Traders - cutting of school field	£450.00
Grant Thornton - external audit	£300.00

B.Paine proposed that we accept these payments, seconded by W.Elliott, all in favour.

7.3 2018/2019 Budget

B.Paine has circulated a draft budget. All councillors looked at the details of this draft and discussed a few issues. D.Beswick is keen to have no precept increase. B.Paine and G.Osborne had a difference of opinion and may need to put extra in for a future new village hall.

We need a plan for the school field. We can use survey results to aid with this.

Action – councillors to consider the draft proposal by the next meeting.

7.4 External Audit

All councillors have received a copy of the report.

It was concluded that we put L.Moore's responses to the items on the website. L. Moore is happy to answer any questions from parishioners.

8. Village Plan

Results will be chased to see if we can still get them by December.

9. Play Equipment

Kissing gate fault – Andy has repaired this for us and we want to express our grateful thanks.

W.Elliott has received the play inspection report. This was discussed by councillors.

Action - It was concluded that I.Dibben, G.Osborne and W.Elliott will look at each point raised and decide which items need any attention, also a risk assessment on the new gate, by December meeting.

P.Water will repair the bug hotel and relocate it.

10. Village hall survey

I.Dibben explained we have had the village hall structural survey which says the existing hall is good for 10 years but there are a few areas to watch. G.Osborne said that we may need to still take up the offer of land now. Other points were discussed further.

It was concluded that we would need to hold a village meeting after the results from the survey are in.

11. Allotment Charges

Documents regarding allotments are now on-line.

Tony Masters is regrettable standing down from allotment manager in March.

B.Paine handed out a discussion paper on a case for increasing allotment fees. This was explained and discussed further. The rent needs to cover the costs of the land rental and cutting of surrounding hedges.

D.Norris said that we need to check with salc about the notice period required for increasing the allotment fees. **Action – K.Hatt to find out this information.**

It was concluded it needs careful consideration and discussion with a new allotment manager. **Action – D.Beswick to discuss with a possible new manager.**

12. Date of next meetings

Monthly meeting – Thursday 14th December 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm