

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 8th MARCH 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

B.Paine opened proceedings and congratulated the village on the combined great effort during the snow; there was a sense of community spirit, knocking on neighbour's doors and giving lifts to each other.

D.Beswick's mother has passed away so when he returns from Australia he won't be returning for another month to parish council work. The Parish Council would like to note our condolences.

Parishioner comment time:

None

Present:

Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr W Elliott, Mr G. Osborne, Mrs S Mackay, Mr P. Waters, Mr I.Dibben (Parish Councillors); Mr D Norris (District Councillor); Mrs J Land (RFO) and Mrs K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 9 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr D Beswick and 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 8th February 2018, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by W.Elliott, seconded by P.Waters, unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

K.Hatt: the reply from David Warburton about policing has been circulated to councillors. A letter has been written in support of Somerton Library and sent to the consultation address. All of the agendas and minutes have been sent to Tim Taylor and updated on the website. The information the Parish Council received about nesting owls has been given to the relevant authorities.

S.Mackay still needs to forward the full report to Tim Taylor for the website, however she needs to discuss the matter with Tim Taylor first.

The bench due to be repaired is ready to go ahead; W.Elliott will now order the timber.

B.Paine organised the village field meeting. Councillors have been handed an overview of the village field. He looked with G.Osborne at the walls and they discovered it is in a state, they are suggesting a working party to tackle the brambles and other vegetation issues in the wall and around the base of the wall.

The footpath on the Weston boundary has been cleared back; there may be more work to be done in due course. If further bramble clearing is needed this will be down to the Parish Council.

G.Osborne wishes this plan to be looked at soon. The drain is now uncovered. I.Dibben is going to get some new footpath signs and correctly realign the path.

5. Chairman's Report

B.Paine provided councillors with a short report on the former school playing field.

The ideas from the village plan have been looked at and the idea of a project plan has been raised. How to take this further forward was discussed.

It was suggested to discuss ideas with the previous working party who began the project to keep the field.

P.Waters is going to look at some of the previous information from the working party.

The general consensus was to form a working party which B.Paine will take a lead on.

Action – B.Paine to organise a working party for the former school field project.

P.Waters to look at the previous information from the former working party.

6. Correspondence

PCSO Tim Russell has emailed us a crime report for our area. This has been circulated to councillors. There was one drug offence in the Kingsdon area.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

KPC Account	Opening Balance 01.02.2018	£2,354.16
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£1,496.31
	Transfer In	£1,000.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 28.02.2018	£1,857.85

Savings Account	Opening Balance 01.01.2018	£23,309.14
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	2016-2017 VAT Return Refund	£1,388.60
	Transfer Out	£8,000.00
	Closing Balance 31.03.2018	£16,697.74

Asset Savings Account	Opening Balance 01.02.2018	£7,000.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 31.03.2018	£7,000.00

J.Land is requesting another £1000 to be transferred from savings to cover this month's expenditure.

G.Osborne proposed we transfer £1000 from savings to the current account, S.Mackay seconded, all in favour.

We have had the VAT refund.

The transfer of £1000 from savings to the current account and £7000 to form the replacement asset reserve account, which was previously agreed at the last meeting, has happened.

Clerk Services - May 2017 - March 2018 £90.00 paid out on 18th of each Month	£90.00
Kingsdon Village Hall 5 x hire sessions £60 + Electricity £5.15	£65.15
Parish Online	£36.00
Edge IT Systems Limited Finance Software + Watermark Set up/maintenance (annual fee) £216.00 AdvantEDGE setup and configuration + training £422.40	£681.60
Mr Tim Taylor Reimbursement for payment of 2 x 123-Reg invoices: 123-025688587 and 123-026997543	£76.65
Greenslade Taylor Hunt Forward rent for Village Field and Allotments	£240.00
Mr Tim Taylor Reimbursement of payment to Gabenely Corp - slider	£11.86

TOTAL CHEQUE/PAYMENT AMOUNT - February 2018 £1,201.26

G.Osborne proposed that we accept these payments, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

8. Village Plan

S.Mackay and G.Osborne reported they have started putting together the executive summary from the village survey.

They are aiming for a village meeting in April.

A draft will be circulated to councillors first.

9. Web Page Advertising

I.Dibben asked councillors where do we stand on advertising on the website?

This issue was discussed and D.Norris suggested separating out community assets and businesses.

It was concluded to produce a policy guidance note which can then be looked at in a future meeting.

Action- I.Dibben will produce a draft document on advertising.

10. Allotments

B.Paine received an email from D.Beswick highlighting that the cost of the allotments isn't covered by the fees at the moment.

This matter was discussed.

B.Paine proposed that we increase the fee from £8 a year to £10 a year, for the next financial year, seconded by W.Elliott, all in favour.

11. Snow Plough

W.Elliott questioned why was the top road snow ploughed and not the bottom road? Snow was pushed from the road but then blocked exits from other properties. An ambulance came and got

stuck in the snow that had been ploughed to the side of the road. This needs further consideration as it is a catch 22 situation. Grit bins also need to be replenished.

Action - I.Dibben and G.Osborne to replenish the grit bins.

12. Litter Pickers

W.Elliott checks the field for litter and a litter picker has been requested.

Could we buy some decent litter pickers for the field and rest of the village? It will cost approximately £100.

W.Elliott proposed that we buy litter pickers for the village, B.Paine seconded, all in favour.

Action – W.Elliott to purchase the litter pickers.

13. Date of next meeting

Monthly meeting – Thursday 12th April 2018

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm