

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 10th MAY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

None

Present:

Mr D.Beswick (Chairman), Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr W Elliott, Mr G. Osborne, Mrs S Mackay, Mr P.Waters (Parish Councillors); Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor); Mrs J Land (RFO)and Mrs K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 3 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr I.Dibben and Mr D Norris (District Councillor)

2. Declarations of Interest:

As already declared; no changes.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on the 12th April 2018, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by B.Paine, seconded by S.Mackay, unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

None this time

5. Chairman's Report

D.Beswick is glad to be back, he feels slightly out of touch but will soon be up to speed.

The agenda item on policies will be at the end in case any parishioners wish to leave.

We thanked John Yates for a brilliant job on fitting new timber to the old bench.

6. Correspondence

We have received information regarding the suggested new boundaries.

We have received information about a proposal to increase the speed limit to 50 mph on A372; this has the support of the police. D.Ruddle clarified that they are shortening the 40 so that it has more impact. We can comment on this regarding the number of accidents at Red Post Cross.

Action – D.Beswick to write a letter on our behalf.

D.Ruddle explained that Somerset County Council are proposing that Somerset goes to a unitary authority. It is currently in discussion.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

J.Land reported that the internal audit has been done, there needs a few small clarifications, but overall they are happy with the handling of accounts.

We overspent the precept but not on the income we received.

The new software will be able to do comparisons to look at budget overspends more easily.

The precept is in so J.Land would like to move some money between accounts.

D.Beswick proposed that £3500 is transferred to the asset account and £14000 into the savings accounts, seconded by B.Paine, all in favour.

KPC Account	Opening Balance 01.03.2018	£1,721.74
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£264.76
	Transfer In	£19,070.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 30.04.2018	£20,526.98

Savings Account	Opening Balance 01.03.2018	£15,709.44
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 30.04.2018	£15,709.44

Asset Savings Account	Opening Balance 01.03.2018	£7,001.07
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 30.04.2018	£7,001.07

Clerk Services New Standing Order May 2018 - March 2019 N.B. Monthly payments of £90 x 11 payments	£990.00	12 April 2018
K Hatt Clerk Services for April 2018 (standing order)	£90.00	Pre approved as part of standing order
Wallace Elliott - Reimbursement for purchase of wood for seat on village field (purchased from Yandles)	£128.40	10-May-18
Zurich Municipal - Insurance Premium Renewal	£382.01	10-May-18
Accounting Angels - Internal Audit	£168.00	10-May-18

TOTAL APPROVAL AMOUNT - May 2018

£768.41

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

7.3 Asset Review

We need to update our list of assets but J.Land hasn't received any feedback from councillors yet. It was discussed and decided that items on the asset list do not have to depreciate in value.

The Sport field needs to be added.

Does the village hall need to be on it? This matter was discussed and concluded that the land it is sitting on does need to be on the list.

Action - G.Osborne will organise getting a valuation for the land.

J.Land will circulate the new asset register.

8. Village Plan

S.Mackay reported that progress is being made. S.Mackay is working with B.Paine to make the amendments to the previous village plan as there are minimal changes. This will be circulated before the June meeting.

9. GDPR

K.Hatt attended training on the new general data protection regulation and handed out information which was discussed at length.

Actions: All councillors to arrange to have a separate email address for council business by the June meeting

K.Hatt to pass planning items from the back of church to P.Waters to be burnt.

K.Hatt to approach I.Dibben and T.Taylor about attending training.

K.Hatt to organise a small working party to look in greater depth at the necessary items

K.Hatt to continue to work on the information audit and look into purchasing a filing cabinet

All councillors, clerk and RFO to do a data cleanse

K.Hatt to organise an 'opt-in' reply for village contact list

K.Hatt to organise the privacy policies

10. Policies

The policies were looked at in detail and changes were made.

Action – K.Hatt to update the policies ready to be approved at the June meeting.

11. Village Field

The village wall has been identified as needing re-pointing on the inside. We need to employ somebody to do this soon as it is deteriorating quickly.

Action – B.Paine to coordinate quotations and circulate for approval.

Action - D.Beswick to kill the vegetation by the June meeting.

The trees will need to be planted in autumn. The dying Oak was left to see what it will look like in the spring and then be removed if necessary.

12. Allotments

There are a growing number of unused allotments which is a concern in the current planning climate. There are about 5 unused allotments at the moment.

This was discussed further.

D.Beswick will raise the issue at the parish meeting.

13. Village Hall

To progress any further on the issue of a new village hall we need to have a parish vote on the matter.

This was discussed and decided that Kingsdon Parish Council will commence proceedings for a vote by Kingsdon parish residents and close surrounding residents of Catsgore and Lytes

Cary on the village hall matter. This was proposed by D.Beswick and seconded by W.Elliott, all in favour.

Action – W.Elliott to put a note in May chronicle to hold the meeting on a Saturday 14th July, 10am.

B.Paine felt that we need to present a vision at this meeting as well.
The village hall committee does have information which can promote the benefits to the village.

14. Dog fouling

B.Paine has been in touch with SSDC about installing two new dog waste bins. It would cost £5 to empty one, £11 to empty two. They also said that they have done this for a number of parishes but haven't seen it working. They have asked the enforcement officer to visit Kingsdon and the culprits will be fined.

It was concluded that we will not purchase more dog bins. The above information will be highlighted in the chronicle.

Action – B.Paine to draft and forward to W.Elliott for the May chronicle.

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th June

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm