

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

Finance question re repairs to play equipment on the field – will be dealt with in finance.

Has there been any progress with the tree plan? – P.Waters will discuss this with the parishioner after the meeting.

A possible question on the allotments depending on what is covered.

Present:

Mr D.Beswick (Chairman), Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr P.Waters, Mr I.Dibben, Mr G. Osborne, Mr W Elliott (Parish Councillors); and Mrs K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 32 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor); Mr D Norris (District Councillor), S.Mackay, and the RFO – Jacqui Land.

2. Declarations of Interest:

As already declared; no changes.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 12th July and 13th September 2018, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by I.Dibben, seconded by W.Elliott unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

None

5. Chairman's Report

Nothing further to add.

6. Correspondence

There has been many email correspondence related to the possible development, which D.Beswick has been responding too. A couple haven't been responded to yet but will be shortly.

A petition has been received with 165 signatures. The councillors will spend time looking at it. Much may be answered at the meeting on Saturday.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

Finance information has been circulated to councillors.

Parishioners, please do look at the website if you want further information.

B.Paine proposed to transfer £1000 from savings to the current account, seconded by W.Elliott, all in favour.

G.Osborne would like to go on the health and well being event, it costs £10. G.Osborne to bring the invoice in and we will approve it then.

KPC Account	Opening balance as at 31.08.2018	£875.78
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£330.00
	Payments/Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.9.2018	£545.78
	Uncleared Items	£60.68
	True Balance as at 30.09.2018	£485.10

Savings Account	Opening balance as at 31.08.2018	£29,218.12
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£14.64
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.9.2018	£29,232.76

Asset Savings Account	Opening balance as at 31.08.2018	£10,504.75
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Interest	£5.24
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.9.2018	£10,509.99

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 Sept 2018 (standing order)	£90.00	11-Oct-18
South Somerset District Council Reminder Invoice GDPR Training	£25.00	
PKF Littlejohn LLP Limited Assurance Review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 18	£360.00	11-Oct-18
Kate Hatt - repayment for purchase of digital recorder (Amazon)	£59.34	11-Oct-18
Somerton Printery Ltd - Disputed Invoice of £125 part payment only of £75 to be approved	£75.00	11-Oct-18
South Somerset District Council Playground Inspection & Risk Assessment	£94.20	11-Oct-18
Iain Dibben - Reimbursement for Fence posts & mixes	£60.02	11-Oct-18
TOTAL EXPENDITURE - October 2018	<u>£763.56</u>	
Amount approval (less pre approved clerk)	£673.56	

B.Paine proposed that we accepted these payments, seconded by P.Waters, all in favour.

A parishioner queried the £9000 to pay for repairs on the play equipment which was mentioned in previous minutes

D.Beswick clarified that at the moment there are no plans to spend this amount. We were hoping to use 106 money but are not allowed to. Essential repairs have been carried out but not the extras. So the insurance is not invalidated.

8. Tree next to play equipment

W.Elliott had concerns about the tree next to the play equipment, it is dead and branches were coming down. P.Waters has now removed it. It is going to be replaced as part of the tree plan.

9.Telephone Box

The telephone box has recently been repainted by M.Singleton and J.Yates. The signs would look better if we replaced them. To replace all the signs would cost in the region of £65.

B.Paine felt that they should be replaced after all the effort has been put into painting it.

B.Paine proposed that we replace the signs, W.Elliott seconded, all in favour.

J.Yates is looking into this for us.

The Parish Council thanked him for all of his work on this.

10. Allotments

Thanks to J.Yates and D.Beswick on sorting a bonfire.

People are putting on things that the bonfire cannot burn and people are putting things on from their garden. He is looking into getting a skip to get rid of what is left, but they are not cheap and we may not be able to get it into the field.

G.Osborne asked what is left to be removed.

There is soil, unburnable items, ash.

P.Waters asked if it could be spread. But it was felt that it wasn't good enough quality.

D.Beswick is asking for ideas.

I.Dibben suggested we could borrow a trailer with a couple of volunteers. D.Beswick will look for an estimate of volume and will look for a quote for disposing of it with a trailer.

A parishioner asked if the organic matter could be dealt with a hired shredder in future?

A lot of what was burnt was too soft to go through a shredder, like decaying matter.

I.Dibben thought a composting area could be more cost effective than future costs of trailers.

A parishioner also asked how many plots are currently vacant.

D.Beswick responded that 4 plots are available but two will possibly stay as they are and taken to grass, to attach to the newly acquired field. The other two are not taken but being maintained. However two more maybe available at the end of the year.

The parishioner kindly said they would buy two more, children could use them, or vegetables could be grown for the shop.

A rotavator could be hired to prepare them properly for this parishioner.

Action – P.Waters to talk to his contacts to organise this.

A parishioner stated that once a bonfire is lit it should not be left alone.

11.Vacancy for responsible finance officer

D.Beswick explained that J.Land is being promoted and has a lot more work and away from the village. She would like to step down by the end of the year, so we are looking for another RFO. A new software system has been set up and is relatively easy to manage. We will be advertising in the chronicle, so if anyone is looking please contact D.Beswick or J.Land.

12.Litter picking

Litter picking was differed because the verges weren't cut. They have now been cut, so now would be a good time to litter pick. We have litter pickers and are looking at possible dates before winter.

I.Dibben explained that a postponed walk is happening out towards Lytes Cary, they could litter pick as they return?

The rest can be done by a few volunteers.

8. Date of next meeting

Saturday 13th October 2018 and Thursday 8th November 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.56pm