

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

A couple of parishioners had questions for later agenda items.

Present:

Mr David Beswick (Chairman); Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr G. Osborne, Mr W Elliott, Mrs S Mackay, Mr I Dibben (Parish Councillors); Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor); Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 15 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr P.Waters , Mrs Jacqui Land (RFO); and D.Norris (District Councillor).

2. Declarations of Interest:

None other than already declared.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 13th December 2018, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by B.Paine and seconded by S.Mackay, and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

None

5. Chairman's Report

None

6. Correspondence

G.Osborne reported that he has received a letter about the flooding on middle street – County have come up with a plan and will be budgeting it in April.

I.Dibben has been in liason with the footpath correspondent in the Charlton's, to work together on the shared footpaths.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

D.Beswick welcomed Keith Tridgell, who has kindly volunteered to take on the role of Responsible Finance Officer but unfortunately he's laid up with a chest infection and can't make it tonight. He gave a big vote of thanks to Jacqui for her major contribution to the position and for all her hard work and for setting up the software system that is now in place.

KPC Account	Opening balance as at 30.11.2018	£2,965.90
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£578.02
	Payments/Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.11.2018	£2,387.88
	Uncleared Items (Smart Communities Ltd £552.20 and Somerton Printery £75)	£627.50
	True Balance as at 30.11.2018	£1,760.38

Savings Account	Opening balance as at 30.11.18	£24,732.76
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£13.90
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.12.2018	£24,746.66

Asset Savings Account	Opening balance as at 30.11.18	£10,509.99
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Interest	£5.24
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.12.2018	£10,515.23

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 Nov 2018 (standing order)	£90.00	Pre approved as part of standing order	
2nd Loan payment	£1,680.09	Pre approved as part of loan arrangements	
Chubb Bullied legal advice regarding village hall disposal	£360.00	10-Jan-19	
Adams Marquees Ltd (kingsdon festival deposit)	£970.34	10-Jan-19	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - January 2019 £3,100.43
Amount approval (less pre approved clerk) **£1,330.34**

Finances have been circulated to all councillors. The chairman gave a run through and asked for questions.

It was proposed to transfer £2000 to savings, proposed by G.Osborne, seconded by W.Elliott, all in favour.

Approval for cheques was proposed by B.Paine, seconded W.Elliott, all in favour.

7.3 Budget

B.Paine reported that he had circulated the draft budget and no councillors had any problems. Approval of the budget is required tonight.

The Parish Council contribution to the Council Tax increase for 2019/2020 will be approximately 90p per annum for a Band D property.

I.Dibben proposed that we accept the draft budget, seconded by W.Elliott, all in favour.

8. Village hall and church, discussion paper

A discussion paper was sent to the Parish Council by Tony Steele Perkins. D.Beswick reported that Tony is suggesting modifying the church seating, removing pews and replacing them with chairs, installing a kitchen and toilets and using the building as a focus for village activities.

It was considered to put this idea into the chronicle so the parishioners can think about it.

B.Paine felt that it was an interesting paper worth serious consideration. It is important to acknowledge that there is a declining population going to church. It would be worthwhile looking at other churches that have already gone through this route. Car parking may be an issue, but there is a strip of land adjacent to the church which is currently owned by the Kingsdon Estate.

A parishioner commented that the village hall working group is not putting this idea out. Currently it has not been discussed with the village hall working group or the PCC. Tony confirmed that it was all his personal opinion.

It was agreed that it should be discussed with the PCC group and with the dioceses first before the idea was placed in the chronicle for feedback.

Tony addressed the meeting – the PCC is a very important voice. We could be in danger of the church being locked up with less people attending. There needs to be a broader vision to support the church.

9. The referendum

The voting papers for the referendum will be out week beginning 14th January. Voting cards should be returned in the reply paid envelope provided by the closing date of 28th January. The card will be accompanied by a letter explaining what the vote is about and how to complete the cards.

Only votes received on the official cards and in the reply paid envelopes will be accepted.

A parishioner asked - what will happen if the referendum result is a no vote. Will the Parish Council support an active campaign?

D.Beswick stated that the Parish Council will oppose the application if a no vote is the result.

A result is hoped for 3 days after the closing date.

If there are any questions, there will be a contact for parishioners in the letter.

11. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th February 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

