

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

None from parishioners.

David Norris gave us an update: He is standing down as District councillor and Charlie Hull will be standing in his place.

The Northstone ward boundary is changing; it is now a huge area. There will be 3 councillors for our area so please use your 3 votes.

Public plan – changes are going out to public consultation and it is important that people do take part. The planning approvals they are getting in the smaller places are being approved, but not as much in the bigger places.

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); Mr D Norris (district councillor) Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk) and Mr K. Tridgell (RFO) plus 15 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr P.Waters

2. Declarations of Interest:

W.Elliott declared an interest in item 10, mower and cutting grass of the recreational field, he will therefore have no vote on the matter.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 10th January 2019, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by B.Paine and seconded by I.Dibben, and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

None

5. Chairman's Report

None

6. Correspondence

Yeovil shop mobility have sent a letter requesting donations. Is there anyone in the village that takes advantage of it?

One parishioner definitely does. We need to ask how many people in our area use it. **Action – K.Hatt will contact to find out.**

K.Hatt is attending a course towards the end of February on the next Parish Council elections.

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.

He has had training and access to the portal. He is in the process of sorting things out with Barclays.

K.Tridgell shared a summary of the accounts.

KPC Account	Opening balance as at 31.12.2018	£2,387.88
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£3,727.93
	Payments/Transfer In	£4,695.40
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.01.2019	£3,355.35
	Uncleared Items - None	£0.00
	True Balance as at 31.01.2019	£3,355.35

Savings Account	Opening balance as at 31.12.18	£24,746.66
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£2,000.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.01.2019	£22,746.66

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 31.01.2019	£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 Jan 2019 (standing order)	£90.00	
Edge IT systems ltd	£242.40	14-Feb-19
Kingsdon Village Hall - Hire & electricity	£129.21	14-Feb-19
Smart Communities - Referendum	£552.50	14-Feb-19
Kingsdon Church - Donation	£600.00	14-Feb-19

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - January 2019

£1,614.11

Amount approval (less pre approved clerk)

£1,524.11

It was clarified that the donation to the church, supports the churchyard, anyone in the village is entitled to be buried in the grounds. This is what the Parish Council donates towards.

B.Paine proposed that we accept these payments, seconded by G.Osborne, all in favour

8. Somerton Library

Somerton Library is being taken over by Somerton as the county council were otherwise going to close it. They have written to us asking for a donation to support the running costs.

B.Paine queried to what extent people use the library.

D.Ruddle explained that it will cost £22 -£24000 to run the library a year. County are giving £8000, Somerton £12000, local villages have contributed £200 each. There is a full time employed librarian; volunteers are going to do the rest.

B.Paine felt that we should also contribute. There was a general feeling from the floor that we should support this with a donation.

The library will move to the trustees on around the 31st March.

County will still be supplying the books and the IT.

B.Paine proposed that we contribute £200 this year, seconded by S.Mackay, all favour.

9. Memorial Woods

“The Somerset Wood, which is to be a lasting memorial to those from Somerset who fought and fell in the First World War, It will lie within the parishes of Cheddon Fitzpaine & West Monkton. For this County-wide initiative, the 11,281 trees have been sponsored; and we are asking individuals, groups, and Parishes to sponsor future maintenance of a tree(s) in memory of relatives and friends. However, this is only the first part of the story; there will be ongoing maintenance to establish this wood.”

They are asking if we could make a £25 contribution to support this memorial woods.

W.Elliott proposed that we donate £25, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

10. Recreational Field

Brambles are growing over the wall at Holly House. They want something done to prevent this happening again.

A parishioner volunteered to cut it back.

W.Elliott has been using his own mower to cut the field for the last 10 years at his own expense. It is in need of maintenance/service which he is unable to do. He is offering the parish council that he will give them the mower; they can take over the maintenance, and then store it.

J.Yates would be prepared to maintain it.

Where can we store it? Parishioners offered their shed. We may need to get a clamp for it.

I.Dibben are we happy that we take it on for nothing?

Are we covered on the insurance regarding volunteer workers? **Action - D.Beswick will check this.**

It was decided that we will take on the mower, maintain and store it.

11. Footpaths

I.Dibben updated us - he has formed a link with the Charlton's, to discuss the shared footpaths.

They are going to walk them and look at what can be improved.

This Saturday a group of volunteers are doing some further work. He is going to spend some money on post crete.

The footpath that is currently closed will not be fixed until May at the earliest, district will be financing the bridge, no volunteers, full structural repairs are needed.

12. Dog bin

The dog bin opposite the pub has detached itself from the wall.

It was concluded that G.Osborne would sort it out. **Action – G.Osborne to fix.**

13. Referendum

D.Beswick said that there was an 83% turn out. The council said previously that they would support the majority decision so they will be supporting the application. Individuals can object individually to the planning department, once the application is submitted by the Kingsdon Estate. We have not been given a time scale from the estate; they were waiting on the referendum result.

14. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th March 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm