



MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

Parishioner comment time:

A parishioner requested to speak about the tree planting under agenda item 8.

The Vice-Chairman commented that parishioners should feel free to approach Councillors if they have any issues or concerns between Council meetings and wherever practicably possible support advice and guidance will be offered; contact details are always published in the Kingsdon Chronicle.

In response to a question from a parishioner G.Osborne explained we are getting some signs to try and stop lorries, for free, they are on their way, but we don't know when they are due to arrive exactly.

Present:

Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr G. Osborne, Mr P.Waters , Mr I Dibben, Mrs S Mackay (Parish Councillors); Mr T. Capozzoli (District councillor); Charlie Hull (County Councillor); Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk) and plus 10 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor), Mr David Beswick (Chairman) and Mr K. Tridgell (RFO)

2. Declarations of Interest:

None other than those already declared.

3. Minutes:

The minutes the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 11th July 2019, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by S.Mackay and seconded by G.Osborne, and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

I.Dibben – signs have been ordered to put a little sign on the bollards which say no parking. He agreed he still needs to get the accounts onto the website, otherwise we are not compliant with the transparency legislation.

P.Waters – there has been confusion about what verges he is contracted to cut, things have been added over the years, so he has produced a list and a new quotation. He handed out a map showing a suggestion of what to be cut and how it could be kept e.g. wildlife, grass cut short. This was explained and discussed, with a new quotation of £550. There was discussion about whether the brambles were needed to be kept at all. The Mowbarton verge needs further discussion at the next meeting. **Action – K.Hatt to add this to the agenda.**

I.Dibben proposed to accept the proposal, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

D.Beswick has sent a report to say that he has agreed a price with S.Atwell to cut the hedges and verges around the field and allotments; he will start as soon as he can after the 1st September. He

also looked at the cost of fencing for the field, but at £130 for 25 metres, it is looking expensive. He has also talked to the parishioner who expressed an interest in grazing animals on the field, but it would require the gate to be locked, which would defeat the idea of it being for public usage.

5. Vice- Chairman's Report

Nothing extra to report

6. Correspondence

We have received an email expressing concern that is some items missing from the website according to the transparency legislation. This is being actioned to check and resolve.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

The bank reconciliations for August and September were noted and approved.

The saving account can seem quite large at times but this is due to us receiving the full precept in April, and it then gradually goes down through the year as it is spent.

KPC Account	Opening balance as at 01.08.2019	£5,042.86
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£105.26
	Payments/Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.08.2019	£4,937.60
	Uncleared Items	£0.00
	True Balance as at 30.08.2019	£4,937.60

Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.08.2019	£26,269.01
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest - Nil	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out -	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.08.2019	£26,269.01

Asset Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.08.2019	£17,526.48
	Transfer In -	£0.00
	Interest Nil	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.08.2019	£17,526.48

Clerk Services Standing Order of £100pm June 2019 until further notice		KPCM 11/4/19
Kate Hatt - Clerk services	£100.00	Standing order
KVH - Village Hall Hire Jan - June 2019	£79.73	Chq. 100583
Parish Online GEOXPHERE LTD	£36.00	Chq. 100585

The Play Insp. Co Ltd - Playfield Inspection 2019/20	£66.00	Chq. 100584
GTH - Half year rent for Allotment and Village Field Oct 19-Mar 20	£240.00	Chq 100586

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - Sept 2019

£521.73

Amount approval (less pre approved clerk)

£421.73

These payments were proposed by P.Waters, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

7.3 Standing Order

When we were trying to recruit a new RFO, it was proving difficult, and on advice from SALC we budgeted to pay the new RFO £600 a year. This is new as previous finance officers were volunteers. Our new RFO has not been paid thus far this financial year despite considerable hours of input learning new financial software designed for Parish Councils.

I.Dibben proposed that we set up a Standing Order for £100 a month for the next six months ; this was seconded by G.Osborne, all in favour.

8. Climate change and tree planting

B.Paine introduced the topic of climate change which is clearly a big international issue at the moment. The one contribution which we can make as a parish is plant some trees. We have £1000 available and budgeted for tree planting, please start to consider what species and where.

A parishioner has asked us to delay this decision: 5 locations have been short listed as village hall locations, it would not be wise to plant on locations within our village at the moment because we may need to look to build on them, or need to use them as valuable assets to build on to make money for the new build. We need to not limit funding opportunities. He is asking for a delay until the Kingsdon Estate has put its planning application in. He does agree however with planting trees around the village.

B.Paine pointed out that we bought the old school field for £27500 plus legal costs with the express reason to stop building happening there as we saw it as a valuable asset in the community. There is a lot of people in the village that are also keen for the field not to be left in its current state for the remaining 7 years on the covenant, they want to see it being put to use.

P.Waters thought we should sort out keeping the field tidy and making it more accessible.

I.Dibben loves rambling around this village; there are a lot of areas around here where we could plant trees, which would not interfere with any potential building sites. We could discuss this with the local land owners. We can get children involved as part of the children in need ramble. Could we have a group from the parish to start looking at the wider parish and tree planting options?

C.Hull did explain that planting trees is very high propriety at SSDC at the moment, so please keep it high on the agenda.

Action – To be included on the agenda next month

9. New Lime Tree Avenue

A Lime tree avenue has been started in the past. P.Waters is suggesting that we continue this and create a type of gateway into the village. At the moment he is trying to find out who the landowners are, because we need to see if they are happy to have trees planted in their hedge line.

Action – To be included on the agenda next month

10. Casual Vacancy

We advertised a vacancy on the parish council for the required time, but no-one came forward, so an election will not be called. We can therefore now proceed to co-opt a new councillor. Alec Anderson has agreed to be co-opted so we need to formalise this.

This was proposed by G.Osborne, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

11. Play Equipment

Now that W.Elliott is no longer a councillor we need a new councillor to take on responsibility for the playground. We also need someone to undertake the weekly checks.

Action – To be included on the agenda next month

12. Date of next meeting

10th October 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm