



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

Parishioner comment time:

Parishioner – item number 10.

Parishioner – item number 9.

T.Capozzoli is going for parliament, so cannot be approached at the moment regarding council matters.

Present:

Mr David Beswick (Chairman), Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr G. Osborne, Mr P.Waters , Mr I Dibben, Mr A. Anderson and Mrs S Mackay (Parish Councillors); Charlie Hull (County Councillor), Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor); Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk), Mr K. Tridgell (RFO) and plus 25 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr T. Capozzoli (District councillor)

2. Declarations of Interest:

None other than those already declared.

3. Minutes:

The minutes the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 10th October 2019, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by B.Paine and seconded by S.Mackay, and unanimously approved and signed. One amendment, there is not permission from the landowners yet regarding Lime tree avenue, we have the contractors permission.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

K.Hatt reported that the playground inspection has been booked in for repeating annually at the held cost of £66. They will contact us if the price is due to change when we can reconsider.

5. Chairman's Report

The Kingsdon estate application has been submitted, we will be addressing this at the planning meeting.

6. Correspondence

K.Hatt has received an email asking if we would like the Christmas tree recycling again this year, she has acknowledged that we would.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

K.Tridgell talked through the accounts below.

Having reviewed the VAT, a claim was submitted, accepted and paid into the bank. Last years is still to be claimed for, the figures will be checked.

Half year review – actual against budget, councillors to please contact K.Tridgell if there are any comments or questions.

Please also check the asset register, and respond asap. Are we happy with the village hall valuation? **Action – any comments from councillors on the asset register or half yearly review to be sent to K.Tridgel before the next meeting on the 19th December.**

The salc training, was useful and will help K.Tridgell with budget setting in the future.

Barclays have halved the savings rate from 0.2% to 0.1%

KPC Account	Opening balance as at 01.10.2019	£4,495.60
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£1,386.17
	Payments/Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.10.2019	£3,109.43
	Uncleared Items-KVH Chq 100583	£79.73
	True Balance as at 31.10.2019	£3,029.70

Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.10.2019	£26,281.79
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest - Nil	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out -	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.10.2019	£26,281.79

Asset Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.10.2019	£17,534.38
	Transfer In -	£0.00
	Interest Nil	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.10.2019	£17,534.38

Clerk Services Standing Order of £100pm June 2019 until further notice and RFO Services Standing Order Oct 2019 to Mar 2020		KPCM 11/4/19(Clerk) and 12/09/19(RFO)
Kate Hatt - Clerk services	£100.00	Standing order
K Tridgell - RFO Services	£100.00	Standing Order
Training - salc	£75	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - November 2019

£200.00

Amount approval (less pre approved clerk & RFO)

£0.00

These payments were proposed by B.Paine, seconded by G.Osborne, all in favour.

8. Woodland Trust membership

P.Waters has been considering charity work and our support of them. He was wondering if we were interested in donating to a couple of charities a year, this could be decided by the village. The Woodland trust is one that he was thinking about. Does donating open up doors for grants? D.Beswick does not agree with the council contributing to charities, as he feels it is a very personal decision.

P.Waters could put something in the chronicle to see if there was interest. **Action – note in the chronicle to see if there is any interest.**

D.Ruddle felt it was usually one offs.

The new landowner of some surrounding areas is on holiday; initial contact with him has shown that he is keen.

P.Waters will liaise with Julia Morris regarding the donations of trees from the woodland trust. It was generally felt that nut trees in the old school field would not be ideal because of the attraction of squirrels.

9. School Field

B.Paine circulated councillors with a proposal to develop the school field into an orchard. This was not a spur of the moment idea; it had lots of support from the questionnaires. Numerous people have since contacted him to ask what is happening with the field, we spent a lot of money on it. It is consistent with discussion with county council that happened at the time. The idea is to provide a peaceful and tranquil spot for villagers, paths, benches, apple trees and flowers.

Soil isn't appropriate for a flower meadow at the moment, so one of the first jobs would be to sort the soil.

B.Paine would like to go ahead and get contractors in place and begin the work.

Parishioner – how much will this cost? We have a budget put aside for it of around £5500. We also have a grant towards it which we would have to match fund.

A parishioner asked if we would use wild flower seed.

It could be our own mix. The top soil needs to be skimmed off as the soil is too good currently.

The hedges need to be trimmed annually on the inside.

I.Dibben – does it need to be put on hold for now, until the Kingsdon Estate application has gone through?

B.Paine – it is not viable for a village hall site, we cannot build on it for 8 years. It would sit there doing nothing for 8 years.

Mr. Moore (who is leading the group looking into village hall options) – stated that he does support the idea. There is no perfect solution for the village hall; the working group has to consider areas of compromise. The Kingsdon estate land that they are offering is a very generous offer.

A new hall is likely to cost in the region of half a million. We cannot raise the money without selling some assets.

The Kingsdon estate plot can be used as grant funding opportunities which could close the funding gap.

We have two significant assets in the village one being the old school field. We can apply to remove the covenant.

If we refurbish the current village hall, the Kingsdon estate land goes back to the estate, and wouldn't give us the money for the land. Grant applications are less likely.

The value of old school field is pivotal to the plan.

Pitts lane is a good site to look at for the future for an orchard.

He requests the KCP to wait until we know what we are doing.

D. Besick – pointed out that if we approached the council with this idea, they would want some money back off us.

B. Paine – has links and with finances the state that they are in, they would want the money.

D. Ruddle – similar case and the county council took 50% of the money. They may relax some of it, if it is for community use.

B. Paine – the people who have contacted him pointed out we have spent £27000 on a field and £5000 on legal expenses and it is sat there doing nothing.

D. Beswick – do we have to wait for the Kingsdon estate planning application to push forward ideas about the hall?

This is due in January/February.

B. Paine – yes life is a compromise and they are complex. It does delay our plans. We can wait until January; we could plant the flowers in April and trees in the autumn.

It was agreed to wait until January when we would not want to wait any longer regarding starting on the plan for the school field.

10. Flooding on Middle Street

Highways have looked at flooding on Middle Street; they are taking a long time to do the work.

D. Ruddle is going to talk to a contact about what is happening.

Parishioner – a simple solution could be to reinstate the ditch.

11. Village Plan

We are having a review by SALC and SSDC. All councillors have reviewed a draft. The draft is now going to be put on the website by the end of the month for parishioners to comment on, comments to the clerk in writing by the end of the year – kingsdonclerk@gmail.com

If you do not have access to the internet/website there will be a draft copy of the plan in the village shop, clearly stating it is a **draft copy only and not to be removed from the shop** along with instructions on how to comment, should anyone wish to do so.

12. Date of next meeting

19th December 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm