



Draft MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th December 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

Parishioner comment time:

Two parishioners had queries about the village plan.

Present:

Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr G. Osborne, Mr I Dibben, Mr A. Anderson and Mrs S Mackay (Parish Councillors); Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk); Mr K. Tridgell (RFO) and plus 14 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr David Beswick (Chairman), Mr P. Waters, Mr T. Capozzoli (District councillor), Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor) and Charlie Hull (District Councillor).

2. Declarations of Interest:

None other than those already declared.

3. Minutes:

The minutes the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 14th November 2019, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by I. Dibben and seconded by S. Mackay, and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

P. Waters – will put note in the chronicle about interest in charity after Christmas.

5. Chairman's Report

It is no longer permissible for a parish council clerk or RFO to use their own laptop for council work. We have this in place for the clerk but need it for the RFO. We have a quotation for a new laptop, including data transfer, software and security for £400.

G. Osborne proposed that we purchase the laptop, seconded by I. Dibben, all in favour.

6. Correspondence

K. Hatt has received an email asking about a donation to the shop floral display. B. Paine & I Dibben expressed what a positive contribution it made to the shop and the village. B. Paine commented that there are funds in the budget this financial year to enable a donation if it was the wish of the Councillors.

It was proposed by A. Anderson to donate £150 towards this, seconded by S. Mackay, all in favour.

B. Paine stated that the Council had received four e-mails from parishioners expressing concerns

about the length time given for the village plan consultation especially over the busy Christmas/New Year. Councillors have considered this and were proposing an extension until 31st January 2020.

A parishioner asked why it was not an agenda item tonight. In reply it was advised that as it had been on the agenda in October and November, and at this juncture it was not thought necessary to be on the agenda for a further month.

Another parishioner stated that people don't know that it is on the website.

B.Paine reiterated that it has been in the minutes on several occasions, it is on the website, and there is a hard copy in the shop.

A further parishioner was also concerned about the lack of village awareness – could we have a letter box drop to say it is in the shop. In reply it was reiterated that the minutes of the meeting are in the Kingsdon chronicle which is distributed to every household and it said in these that there was a hard copy in the shop.

Another parishioner felt that it had been dramatically changed and that their emails had not been acknowledged. B.Paine explained that it was entirely appropriate to discuss the e-mails under correspondence and having given consideration to the request for an extension of the consultation period there would be formal replies.

A couple of parishioners asked why the village plan was not being subject to a village meeting and broader discussion opportunity. In reply it was explained that:

- a) The 2011 village plan was a good document, which embraced much of the earlier 2007 Village Design Statement.
- b) This latest draft version follows the same structure and format because it was sensible to follow existing good practice.
- c) The new draft is not a radical re-working of the former plan but an updating and in some cases a simplification.
- d) It should be borne in mind that this is not a Neighbourhood Plan, and whilst Village/community plans are useful documents when finalised they carry only very limited weight with the planning authority.
- e) All written submissions from parishioners will be carefully considered and wherever they enhance and/or clarify aspects of the draft they will be incorporated.

Further comment from a parishioner included the importance of climate change and the environment and its impact upon the village. This echoed a comment by District Councillor Charlie Hull at the last meeting where he expressed the view these should be evident in the document.

A parishioner suggested that the end of February would be a preferable closing date for the consultation period. This was put to the Councillors who unanimously agreed.

In response to a question from a parishioner it was advised that all councillors had seen and read the draft document and were satisfied with its content.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

KPC Account	Opening balance as at 01.11.2019	£3,109.43
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£200.00
	Payments/Transfer In (VAT Refund2017/18)	£1,307.05
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.11.2019	£4,216.48
	Uncleared Items-KVH Chq 100583 £79.73/SALC Chq 100591 £75.00	£154.73
	True Balance as at 30.11.2019	£4,061.75

Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.11.2019	£26,281.79
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest - Nil	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out -	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.11.2019	£26,281.79

Asset Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.11.2019	£17,534.38
	Transfer In -	£0.00
	Interest Nil	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.11.2019	£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
Guy Osborne - Security Post for Old School Field	£33.99	Chq 100593
Wallace Elliott	£198.21	Chq 100592
123-Reg (Ian Dibben)	£115.06	TBC DD or Chq

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - November 2019

£547.26

Amount approval (less pre approved clerk & RFO)

£347.26

These payments were proposed by G.Osborne, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

8. Lime Tree

P.Water is looking to get the first trees of the new Avenue planted this Jan/Feb. He will be asking the villagers if they would like to purchase a tree in the avenue in the next chronicle.

9. Dog waste bins

It was brought to our attention that people were hanging dog bags from hedgerows and trees. Should we purchase two new dog waste bins? We need to check costs of emptying them.

Action – K.Hatt - contact SSDC – installation cost, and emptying cost of two more bins, plus a replacement lid?

A couple of parishioners felt that lazy dog owners should take them home, rather than more urbanisation.

We have had the dog warden over, a note in the chronicle, we have tried these other means but these have not worked.

10. Website

I.Dibben reported that there was an issue in early November with the security. The website was there but secure transactions were not possible. It came up and came down; it was the https that was causing the problem. Some people were not able to access it at all which could have been due to their security features. After nearly a month of 123 trying to fix the issue for us, it is eventually up and running again.

Bridgewater College do a course on 123 to fully equip us with knowledge – I.Dibben is hoping to attend this.

12. Date of next meeting

9th January 2020. Minutes will not be in the December chronicle; we will put them on the website and in the shop as soon as they are ready, but please do bear with us over the Christmas break.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm