



Draft MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th January 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

Parishioner comment time:

Parishioner would like to comment on item 10

Present:

Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr G. Osborne, Mr I Dibben, Mr A. Anderson and Mrs S Mackay (Parish Councillors); Mr T. Capozzoli (District councillor), Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor) and Charlie Hull (District Councillor); Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk); Mr K. Tridgel (RFO) and plus 10 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr David Beswick (Chairman), Mr P.Waters.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None other than those already declared.

3. Minutes:

The minutes the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 19th December 2019, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by I.Dibben and seconded by G.Osborne, and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

K.Hatt – SSDC have been contacted re dog bins, yet to receive a reply.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

Nothing extra to report from the last few weeks.

6. Correspondence

Somerton Library group have thanked us for our donation last year and could we consider another donation in the future.

D.Ruddle pointed out that it is completely a volunteer organisation now, the Somerton town council own the building, there is a full time librarian, backed up by volunteers, and it is supported a lot by the town council, so great if parish councils could continue to support.

B.Paine said that we will certainly look to support it again in the next financial year, we have budget for charitable donations.

Due to ill health, Wally can no longer cut the village field. We may have a volunteer to take on the task. We wish Wally all the best and a speedy recovery.

An email about free trees has been forwarded to P.Waters. Charlie Hull offered his assistance to collect any trees.

We must make sure all councillors have a separate email for parish council work. Village Hall group would like an email as well.

Action – councillors to check they have a separate email address

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

K.Tridgel talked through the below figures. What money is currently left is all earmarked before the end of the year; councillors responsible for specific budget lines and projects need, wherever practicably possible complete them by the end of the financial year.

KPC Account	Opening balance as at 01.12.2019	£4,216.48
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Balance	£952.94
	Payments/Transfer In (VAT Refund2017/18)	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.12.2019	£3,263.54
	Uncleared Items- chq 100593 G. Osborn £33.99	£33.99
	True Balance as at 31.12.2019	£3,229.55

Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.12.2019	£26,281.79
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest - 02/12/19 £13.10	£13.10
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out -	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.12.2019	£26,294.89

Asset Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.12.2019	£17,534.38
	Transfer In -	£0.00
	Interest 02/12/19 £8.74	£8.74
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.12.2019	£17,543.12

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
Somerton Computing - RFO Laptop	£299.00	chq 100595

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - November 2019

£499.00

Amount approval (less pre approved clerk & RFO)

£299.00

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

7.3 Budget

B.Paine reported that a draft budget has been circulated to councillors.

There were no queries.

Maintenance for the website, footpaths and 'green issues' has been increased.

A recent meeting with the chief executive of SALC confirmed that we must enrol with HMRC as an employer as we now have two paid members of staff. We will report more on this in due course.

The precept will only increase by half of 1% this year, so a band D property will increase by approximately an extra 69p per annum.

G.Osborne proposed that we approve the budget and precept, S.Mackay seconded, all in favour.

8. Village Plan Consultation

The draft of the plan is still under consultation. Please send comments to the clerk, the extension is still in place until the end of February (29th). All comments will then be looked at, reviewed and then be assessed if they are pertinent to the village plan, we will then respond. The comments will be written up with notes on what the response has been.

9. Proposed additional area of responsibility

I.Dibben explained that in response to a letter he has read recently he was prompted to think about what we as a parish council can do more to support the environment and support the huge range of different species we have in the village, we can look to see how we can help our environment.

For example – glow worms, when is the right time to trim the bushes! And so on. How can we grow peoples knowledge of the range of species we have in the village, how can we enhance our environment?

The district council is encouraging every parish council in South Somerset to have an environment challenger.

It would be good to get young people involved.

Surrounding people, e.g. farmers would also need to be encouraged to be involved. Which some farmers already do.

P.Waters also has a vision of an avenue of Lime Trees, and is having dialogue with new owners of surrounding land.

It was agreed that I.Dibben would take on this new role.

10. Flower Display at the shop

Is the donation we allocated of £150 enough?

We have already approved a donation of £150. In the next financial year we may have more available.

A parishioner mentioned the 'Britain In bloom' competition may have money available.

11. Date of next meeting

13th February 2020.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.04pm