



**Draft MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th March 2021 VIA Zoom AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

A parishioner was asking for the village plan to be on the agenda. David responded that we have been waiting for the decision of the Kingsdon Estate Planning Application which was due early 2020. There is still no firm date but April/May 2021 has been mentioned.

T.Capozzoli – no major applications are being looked at currently.

Therefore, David confirmed that the village plan is still on hold until the decision has been made on the Kingsdon Estate Planning Application.

T.Capozzoli reported that the Ilchester straight will be closed 15th March – 1st April, 7am – 7pm. He has also requested a slot for the district etc councillors in future meetings.

Present:

Mr David Beswick (Chairman), Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr G. Osborne, Mr I Dibben, Mr A. Anderson and Mr P. Waters (Parish Councillors); Mr T. Capozzoli (District councillor), Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor) and Charlie Hull (District Councillor), Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk); Mr K. Tridgell (RFO) plus 2 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mrs S Mackay

2. Declarations of Interest:

Two councillors have an interest in item 9 so will not be involved in discussion or vote at this point.

3. Minutes:

The minutes the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 10th December 2020, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by B.Paine and seconded by P.Waters , and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

P.Waters – spoke to tree surgeon and by the end of March this work will be done on Lombardy Poplar tree. I.Dibben has approached a parishioner to talk about accessibility but has yet to receive a response. He has also looked into changing the gate to include disabled access but so far, he has been told no funding is available to do this because it is not on the actual footpath. It would take all of his budget. I.Dibben will continue to look into this issue of accessibility. He is also looking into the height of the benches as well.

David pointed out that making access easier could prove problems for toddlers. I.Dibben clarified that he is was referring to the path going past the village hall, not the village field.

A parishioner reminded the meeting that it is not just about wheelchair users, but other issues such as crutches and other issues that make accessibility difficult.

5. Chairman's Report

There is information circulating about the unitary authority in Somerset. There is still a way to go. But do keep a look out at the information and consider the options.

Charlie Hull is keen for parishioners to also have their say and will send these details to the clerk to be shared. Councillors should also reply as individuals.

6. Correspondence

The latest police report has been circulated to councillors.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

KPC Current Account	Opening balance as at 01.02.2021	£2,234.12
40	Net Cheque /Standing Order Cleared Balance	£876.19
	Payments/Transfer In - nil	£0.00
	Transfer Out -	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 28.02.2021	£1,357.93
	SALC Chq No. 100625	£95.11
	True Balance as at 28.02.2021	£1,262.82

KPC General Reserve A/C	Opening balance as at 01.02.2021	£7,600.61
51	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest -	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out - nil	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 28.02.2021	£7,600.61

KPC Earmarked Reserve A/C	Opening balance as at 01.02.2021	£45,355.69
43	Transfer In	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 28.02.2021	£45,355.69

Clerk Services Payroll of £100pm June 2019 until further notice and RFO Services Payroll as from 04.2020 until further notice		KPCM 11/4/19(Clerk)
Kate Hatt - Clerk services	£100.00	Standing order
K Tridgell - RFO Services	£120.00	Standing order
HMRC PAYE Month 11 (6th Feb to 5th March 2021)	£25.00	Chq 100643
Defib Warehouse - Defib replacement batteries and pads (Refund DB)	£314.40	Chq 100642

123-Reg - Linux Business annual renewal (Refund ID)	£115.06	Chq 100644
D24 Media - Wen hosting Kingsdon.Org (Refund ID)	£288.00	Chq 100645
Geosphere Ltd - Parish Online annual subs	£60.00	Chq 100646
GTH - half year rent of Allotment & Field	£240.00	Chq 100647

TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENDITURE - Up to 08.03.2021

£1,262.46

Amount approval (less S.O. pre approved clerk & RFO)

£1,042.46

Cheques have been already signed under the current covid agreement.

8. Trees

P.Waters and B.Paine have come up with a plan for tree planting, which was then shared with the meeting, including the varieties.

I.Dibben wanted us to be cautious about the glow worm area until we have the results in.

Charlie has said that there has been a lot of work going on with environment champions and is hoping he can link us up with these people and share expertise.

None of the suggested varieties will attract squirrels or other pests.

Parishioner may have a tree that could need relocating. He also has some information on an ancient oak that could aid discussion with a farmer – he will liaise with P.Waters on both issues.

P.Waters proposed to spend his budget allocation on this tree planting plan, B.Paine seconded, all in favour.

9. Marquee

G.Osborne is seeking permission for a marquee to be erected on the village field in April 2022 for a wedding.

David explained that we have done this previously.

David Beswick proposed that we give permission subject to correct insurance, I.Dibben seconded, all in favour.

10. Future Meetings

We should be able to hold meetings in person from May onwards, although there may be some change with this.

We would like to hold the annual meeting the second week in May. K.Hatt to look into what is currently being advised regarding the parish meeting. It is all subject to change according to covid.

K.Tridgell will seek some advice on the meeting regarding the end of year accounts.

11. Village Signs

I.Dibben would like us to look at putting up the official environment road sign on the three entrances to the village – it is a red triangle with a hedgehog. He would like to speak to highways about this in the hope that it would at least help save some wildlife. He has also had a quote for some others which will be put in other places in the village – they are £20 each, so that more people will see them.

David wanted us to be cautious about not having too many signs.

P.Waters said we could remove the un-needed school sign and replace it with a hedgehog sign.
Dean Ruddle said that we could just go ahead and do this.
I.Dibben requested permission to purchase the 3 £20 hedgehog signs, B.Paine seconded, all in favour.

12. Date of next meeting

8th April 2021. This may be cancelled and carried over to May.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm