



**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 10th December 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

Parishioner would like to comment on recreational field access.

Present:

Mr David Beswick (Chairman), Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr A. Anderson, Mr G. Osborne, Mr I Dibben and Mr P. Waters (Parish Councillors); Mr K. Tridgell (RFO); Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk); plus 5 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr D. Ruddle (County Councillor); Charlie Hull (District Councillor), T. Capozzoli (District councillor), Mrs S. Mackay.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None other than those already declared.

3. Minutes:

The minutes the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 8th October 2020, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by I. Dibben and seconded by P. Waters, and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

None

5. Chairman's Report

Kingsdon Planning application – SSDC have now agreed a determination date of 21st Jan.

6. Correspondence

PCSO – sent a report, 1 crime in the area.

SSDC are giving free trees – P. Waters put a bid in on our behalf and we have been successful. We don't know what the species will be yet. He will report more in January.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

KPC Account	Opening balance as at 01.11.2020	£15,185.98
	Net Cheque /Standing Order Cleared Balance	£383.90
	Payments/Transfer In Refund Shop Flowers Donation not used	£150.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.11.2020	£14,952.08
	Uncleared Items- 10/09/20 SALC Fee Chq 100625 £95.11	£95.11
	True Balance as at 30.11.2020	£14,856.97

Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.11.2020	£24,313.97
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest -	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out -	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.11.2020	£24,313.97

Asset Savings Account	Opening balance as at 01.11.2020	£17,556.41
	Transfer In -	£0.00
	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 30.11.2020	£17,556.41

Clerk Services Standing Order (will be adjusted for PAYE at year end) of £100pm June 2019 until further notice and RFO Services Payroll as from 04.2020		KPCM 11/4/19(Clerk)
Kate Hatt - Clerk services	£100.00	Standing order
K Tridgell - RFO Services	£120.00	Standing order
KVH Sept - Oct 2020 Hire of Hall & Electricity	£30.80	Chq 100635
HMRC Mth 8 PAYE	£25.00	Chq 100636

TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE - Up to 06.12.2020

£275.80

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

£55.80

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

7.3 Earmarked reserves

B.Paine thanked the RFO for all the extra work during lockdown.

The RFO has recommended that we change the name of our accounts to be in-line with what is recommended.

He would like to transfer funds from Savings to our asset reserve account

B.Paine proposed that we accept the proposals to change the account names and make the suggested transfers, seconded by A.Anderson, all in favour.

Action – K.Tridgell to make these changes.

7.4 Budget for 20/21 Financial Year

A draft budget has been circulated to councillors. There is no requirement to raise the precept this year.

B.Paine proposed that we accept the circulated budget, seconded by P.Waters, all in favour.

8. Tree work on Lombardy Popular tree in the village playing field

P.Waters explained that concerns were raised with P. Paulton, this particular species rots from the inside. It was checked and deemed to be safe. But it does need careful care especially as it is close to the play equipment. P.Waters is suggesting we remove some of the heavier branches. They don't give much warning that they are unsafe.

Quotation of a maximum of £150 to reduce the crown with the support of P.Waters, he will knock 10/12 foot off of the top. A request will need to be submitted to council.

P.Waters is proposing that we spend up to £150 to reduce the crown, seconded by I.Dibben, all in favour.

Action - P.Waters will organise this and ensure that the appropriate notifications and risk assessments are in place.

9. Damage to badger set

Kingsdon estate had damaged a badger sett by harrowing over it, not ploughed up, RSPCA did visit and review it and because it was only harrowed, the farmer has been given a warning, but no fine could be issued. If any parishioners do see something of this ilk, please report it to the proper authorities. The Parish Council will assist and help by telling who the correct authorities are. The damaged badger set is now back up and running.

A discussion followed between parishioners and councillors about how as a parish we can support the wider protection of our local environment and trees.

10. Mill Lane Footpath

I.Dibben reported that there are no further updates on this issue, he has not been receiving any replies but he is continuing to push it.

11. Footpath across the playing field

I.Dibben explained that a parishioner asked if we could investigate the access onto the field for wheelchair users. At the moment there is a kissing gate, because there used to be sheep kept in the field. The lower kissing gate is easily sorted. However, he would be reluctant to remove the wrought iron kissing gate at the top. He would like to be able to organise it to be possible so that wheelchair users can use the footpath. They could use the main gate; however this is not where the footpath goes. Do we want dogs on a lead in the field near the play equipment? Do we want more signage?

Related to signage – there has also been a request about hedgehog signage.

A parishioner was thankful that we were starting to look at this, but explained that it is a wider issue than just the field. Could we look more at accessibility issues across the village such as footpaths, growth across footpaths, benches that are not the correct height. Could the people with accessibility issues be consulted with as to what the issues are and how the parish council can help.

D.Beswick pointed out that the field is not in our complete control, we will have to get permission. But this does not mean that we will not look further into this issue.

I.Dibben is happy to look into this issue further and look at over all access and so on for people with accessibility issues.

The parishioner will let I.Dibben know the names of the people to discuss with.

Action – I.Dibben to consult with the appropriate people and start to look into accessibility issues around the village.

12. Website and email addresses

I.Dibben reported that we had website issues again, it went down again and now is back up. We have moved to a different web platform as we have been having so many issues with the previous web platform. T.Taylor has been extremely helpful with his knowledge. It is currently going through a fully migrated service. He is recommending that four emails are properly fully set up and supported by this web platform, but he needs to obtain further information, more detail will follow.

13. Date of next meeting

14th January 2020.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.18pm