



**Draft MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th September 2021, Kingsdon Village hall, 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

Is the Yeovilton commander still coming to a meeting?

Yes, but he has broken his foot. Chairman, David Beswick will follow this up, probably for the November meeting.

District and County councillor time:

T.Capozzoli – planning still mainly all on hold due to the phosphates issue. Next May there will be an election for the new council and shadow council for One Somerset. There is going to be a boundary review, there is a meeting next week with further updates. There is likely to be 80-90 councillors for the whole of one Somerset.

Jubilee plans are underway in many parishes – are we doing anything?

I.Dibben said we have plans underway. We could consider getting a permanent feature to mark it.

D.Ruddle – COVID cases in Somerset have risen mainly around the Sedgemoor area. The government will decide if there will be parish council elections next year – it is looking likely this will be brought forward a year, and the newly elected councillors will then serve 5 years.

Government are saying 85 unitary authority councillors instead of the 110 that was wanted. There will be no consultation, we will just be told who will be standing in the area.

Present:

Mr B. Paine (Vice-Chairman), Mr G. Osborne, Mr I Dibben, Mrs S Mackay, (Parish Councillors); Mr T. Capozzoli (district councillor), Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor), Mrs Kate Hatt (Parish Clerk); Mr K. Tridgell (RFO) plus 4 parishioners.

1. Apologies:

Mr David Beswick (Chairman), and Mr C. Hull (District councillor), Mr A. Anderson and Mr P. Waters (Parish councillors)

2. Declarations of Interest:

None other than those already declared

3. Minutes:

The minutes the monthly Parish Council meeting, held on the 8th July 2021, which had been previously circulated, were proposed by G.Osborne and seconded by I.Dibben, and unanimously approved and signed.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

Cradle swings and chains in field have been replaced.

D.Beswick and B.Paine met SSDC officers about 106 money, still waiting to hear back.

2023 – moving to a unitary ‘one somerset’.

5. Vice - Chairman’s Report

The zipwire is broken in the field, B.Paine is looking into replacing/fixing this, a safety notice has been displayed.

One of the main swings has a broken bar, B.Paine has been in touch with the company who installed them, it will cost £231.49

I.Dibben proposed that we fix the swing at a cost of £231.49, seconded by S.Mackay, all in favour.

The shop is now letting their toilet out for community events. It had been agreed to reimburse the shop for changing the locks and alarms. The chairman of the shop committee can refuse future requests if the lobby and toilet are not cleaned properly.

6. Correspondence

Symonds and Sampsons are the agents for the fields around the village that Greenslade, Taylor and Hunt sold, they have written to say that they are happy to come to the next meeting. This is a good opportunity to work together and develop a mutually advantageous relationship. Some Lime trees were damaged, as have others recently, I.Dibben has tried many times to get them to communicate with us, we have eventually had a response – I.Dibben is keen for us to work more closely with them, it is our community that they are damaging trees in, using massive machinery which has flattened and damaged verges. I.Dibben is looking for any positive and negative comments to put on the agenda for an open discussion about how the estate is being managed. They do also do good things around the village for us.

It is always a delicate balance for new managers between running their business and looking after the land.

Several allotment holders have found lots of dog poo. If you are using the path from Lotment Hill across to Mowbarton Road, please pick up after your dog.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

KPC Current Account	Opening balance as at 01.08.2021	£17,022.69
40	Net Cheque /Standing Order Cleared Balance	£2,098.24
	Payments/Transfer In -	£0.00
	Transfer Out -	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.08.2021	£14,924.45
	Unpresented Cheques-	£0.00
	True Balance as at 31.08.2021	£14,924.45
KPC General Reserve A/C	Opening balance as at 01.08.2021	£5,000.14
51	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest -	£0.00
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out - nil	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.08.2021	£5,000.14
KPC Earmarked Reserve A/C	Opening balance as at 01.08.2021	£45,357.84
43	Transfer In	£0.00

	Interest	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance as at 31.08.2021	£45,357.84

Clerk Services Payroll as from April 2021 until further notice and RFO	
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Kate Hatt - Clerk services	£104.00
K Tridgell - RFO Services	£130.00
The Play Inspection Co. Ltd	£66.00
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENDITURE - Up to 09/09/2021	£300.00
Amount approval (less S.O. pre approved clerk & RFO)	£66.00

K.Tridgell talked through the accounts.

G.Osborne proposed that the above payments were approved, second by S.Mackay, all in favour.

K.Tridgell asked that original invoices be forwarded, so we can claim VAT back.

A reminder that we will be starting to look at next years budget in October, please can councillors have a think about what amount of money they may be requesting for their areas of responsibility.

8. Wedding Request

A lady has contacted us, we don't know her, and she is looking at whether she can have a wedding venue on the field. What do people feel? How would we go about deciding a cost?

B.Paine – highlighted that the council had previously issued guidance notes on the use of the field covering both resident and non- residents persons or organisations.

There was concern expressed that too many people would then start to do this.

It is unlikely that permission would be granted to a non-resident.

We would need much more detail before considering something like this for a non-resident.

Action – K.Hatt to email the lady, to contact I.Dibben and S.Mackay, to discuss more detail.

9. Dog waste

There is a need some new small signs at the start of footpaths, and possibly a replacement or extra waste bin. D.Beswick was given permission to go ahead and action this once quotations have been received, in consultation with the clerk/RFO.

10. School field/allotments

D.Beswick is also seeking to obtain the best quotation/delivery for the cutting of the school field, allotments and verges on Mowbarton Road. Permission to go ahead was authorised in consultation with the clerk/RFO.

11. Date of next meeting

Monthly meeting – 14th October 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm