

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 16th February 2023 at 1930hrs in the Reading Room Kingston

DRAFT M I N U T E S

Present	Cllr Eve White	Cllr Merv Freeman
	Cllr Heather Summer-Nutting	Cllr Phil Anderson
	Cllr Don Kelly	SHDC Bernard Taylor
	Cllr Ali Lewis	
Apologies	DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert	Cllr Suzannah Grant
In Attendance	Parish Clerk Lorraine Squire	

133.23	Apologies: - Cllr S Grant (Work Commitments) DCC Cllr R Gilbert (Work Commitments)	
134.23	Declarations of Interest: - <i>In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members were Invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be Notified to the Parish Clerk within 28 days of the change. Nothing declared.</i>	
135.23	Open Forum: No Parishioners present.	
136.23	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes of Meeting Thursday, 19 th January 2023 approved and signed as a true record.	
137.23	Devon County Council: - Cllr Gilbert was not present but any email communication from him had been circulated to Cllrs. In his absence, the question of the termination of the Friday village bus was discussed briefly and clerk to obtain contact details via Cllr Gilbert of who we need to address our concerns to at County level on behalf of Kingston Community. All Noted.	
138.23	South Hams District Council: - Cllr Taylor reported following on from the above there had been discussed at a local Parish Council meeting the possible financing of a minibus to cover the Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston area maybe as a shuttle service to Modbury. Obviously, there would need to be an in depth look at how this may operate, maybe on the lines of the Coleridge Bus but Cllr Taylor would discuss this matter with MP Anthony Mangnall as he is very interested in supporting transport issues in rural areas. Cllr Taylor also reported that SHDC finances were in a healthy position and the Cllrs had turned down a 6% pay rise as they felt this was not fair in the current social climate. There will be a new Council Relief Scheme for small businesses with a 75% reduction in business rate council tax to help, in particular, the hospitality sector. This was a government incentive and could help 1,200 businesses in the South Hams area. All Noted.	
139.23	Correspondence: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully Funded EV Charging Points – nothing further to report. 2. Community Safety Partnership – Annual Forum 3. Van Permits for Recycling Centres – concern at the rise in fly tipping was raised with SHDC due to these measures. 4. Coronation – Street Party – applications discussed 5. Election Paperwork - received All noted	

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140.23	Finance: Opening Balances Current Account Total £6,750.71 Business Account £1,839.55 Payments made via FPO or DD and included in above Total Ace of Spades – Playing Fields (Jan) £375.00 Payments to be made via FPO or DD and deducted from Above total. PCS Newsletter Printer Services (Feb) £18.82 Ace of Spades – Playing Fields (Feb) £375.00 Clerk, L Squire Month 11 Wages £254.00 Clerk, L Squire Month 11 Claims £15.00 Payment Received and included in above total Newsletter Advert – Stanborough Chorus £8.00 Allotment payments 4,5,9&13 £105.00 Newsletter Advert AM £40.00 Allotment payments 1,6,2&12 £105.00 Allotment payment 8 £30.00 Allotment payments 7&14 £45.00 Newsletter Advert HW £28.00 Allotment payments 10&11 £50.00 All Noted	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Set Aside Current A/c at 03/02/2023</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Allotment</td> <td>1671.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marquee</td> <td>00.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KPC Playground Maintenance Donations</td> <td>2307.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KPC Betterment Fund</td> <td>151.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Set Aside towards Laptop 2020</td> <td>300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>4429.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Set Aside Current A/c at 03/02/2023	£	Allotment	1671.00	Marquee	00.00	KPC Playground Maintenance Donations	2307.00	KPC Betterment Fund	151.00	Annual Set Aside towards Laptop 2020	300.00	Total	4429.00
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141.23	CAP (Community Action Plan): - Cllr Kelly reported concern at the proposed loss of the Friday bus service and agreed with SHDC Cllr Bernard Taylor we should request the help of MP Anthony Mangnall. All noted.															
142.23	Clerks Report: - Clerk raised the forthcoming Coronation and proposed plans for the village to celebrate. Cllr Freeman confirmed that The Dolphin Inn is keen to hold a major village event for the Coronation and the Parish Council fully support this idea. Clerk suggested Wildflower Seeds for the children of the village instead of mugs in keeping with King Charles's environmental/ecological stance. SHDC Cllr Bernard Taylor informed the Parish Council that Luscombe Maye in Modbury were keen to help local Parishes with printing, etc for the Coronation. All Noted. Clerk reported changes on the VAT Claim and requested Parish Council's support to attend a DALC workshop in dealing with VAT for unregistered Councils. All agreed. Elections will be taking place in May and Clerk asked the question of Cllrs as to whether any would be standing down. After discussion, there will be vacancies on the Parish Council going forward which will need to be filled. Advert to go in Parish Newsletter. All agreed and noted.															
143.23	Highways – Cllr Anderson – Nothing further to report.															
144.23	Newsletter: - Cllr Grant absent but it was agreed to advertise the vacancies on the Parish Council this coming May and Cllr Grant would provide an email of articles to be circulated and agreed by Cllrs before submitting to the Parish Newsletter. KH had approached the Clerk that she would be willing to take over as Editor of the Parish Newsletter. The Parish Council were delighted with this news and fully supported KH. All Noted.															
145.23	Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning: - Cllr Freeman reported 3780/22/VAR – Gabberwell - ongoing. All Noted. Recreation Ground Sub Committee: Cllr Lewis reported All maintenance (exception skatepark) was up to date in the Playing Fields as reported by SHDC. The new sign was erected. The reported accident to a child at the Playing Fields was fully discussed and reviewed by the Parish Council. It was an unfortunate accident but the gates to the play equipment are purposely built to automatically close to stop children running away from parental control and are, indeed, a requirement. These gates are checked monthly by SHDC, and nothing had been reported about a fault. All Noted. Allotments: Clerk reported the Cluck Commune was now a half plot allotment and had been taken up already by new Parishioners. Two quotes had been received regarding the cutting back of the hedges between the allotments and West View and the Playing Fields at the back. After discussion, it was agreed to ask Ace of Spades to complete the hedgerow works before 31st March 2023. All agreed and noted. Reading Room: Cllr Heather Summer-Nutting reported on an initial estimate received for the extension works, concerns were raised by councillors, and it was agreed to write to the RR chair expressing a desire for more information. Street Furniture: Cllr Anderson reported he had straightened up a few signs but nothing adverse. All noted. Footpaths: Cllrs expressed their sincere condolences at the death of John Wurr who had been an amazing support to the Parish Council with his voluntary footpath reporting. He will be greatly missed by the village. All noted. 															

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	<p>7. Tree Report: Cllr Anderson confirmed that he had been in correspondence with TR, Tree Warden regarding the pollarding of the Ancient Ash. Following concerns, the Ash had been reported to Devon County Council querying Ash Die Back and the proximity to the road used by lorries, cars and walkers as a matter of safety. Once reported it was then DCC's responsibility to advise and deal with the Ash Tree. TR, Tree Warden confirmed that she would monitor annually in June the Ash Die Back situation in the Parish and report to Council in July's meeting. Thanks were expressed to everyone who had cut back their roadside hedges. All agreed and noted.</p> <p>8. Kingston Church: - Cllr Kelly reported as part of the Coronation celebrations the Church would be holding a 'Coronation Songs of Praise' followed by drinks and nibbles on the Sunday. All noted.</p>	
146.23	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 16 th March 2023 7.30pm. to be held in the Kingston Reading Room	
	Closure of Meeting: - 8.30pm	

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