

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

DRAFT MINUTES

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

147.23	Apologies: - Cllr S Grant (Work Commitments) SHDC Cllr B Taylor (Work Commitments) Cllr H Summer-Nutting (Work Commitments)	
148.23	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>	
149.23	Open Forum: No Parishioners present.	
150.23	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes of Meeting Thursday, 16 th February 2023 approved and signed as a true record.	
151.23	<p>Devon County Council: - Cllr Gilbert confirmed the details of the new Tuesday bus service to operate to Tesco – Lee Mill and Ivybridge. Concerns were raised about Parishioners wishing to go to Plymouth and DCC Cllr Gilbert indicated that a Fare Car Scheme may operate to Plymouth. Further details to be released shortly.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson raised his frustrations to DCC Cllr Gilbert over the refused locality grant for signage around Kingston. DCC Cllr Gilbert confirmed that Highways had shut down all such applications and there was nothing further he could do. Kingston Parish Council confirmed to DCC Cllr Gilbert that, in future, they would not have an appointed Highways Councillor all queries about Highways would now be passed directly to County.</p> <p>DCC Cllr Gilbert confirmed the Temporary Road Closure at AG/Ashford which will be published in the Parish Newsletter. £200 million has been agreed by the Government to go towards the UK roads 'Pothole' issues. Hopefully Devon will get a fair proportion of this funding to deal with the ever-increasing Pothole problems.</p> <p>The new Chief Executive of DCC had settled in and was making a better job of expenditure.</p> <p>DCC Cllr Gilbert thanked Cllr Anderson for his contributions to Kingston Parish Council and expressed he was sorry to see Cllr Anderson step down.</p> <p>All Noted.</p>	
152.23	South Hams District Council: - Cllr Taylor not present.	
153.23	<p>Correspondence: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devon Social Care Health Skills Accelerator - noted 2. River Erme Meeting – Cllr Freeman will attend again Thursday, 23rd March. 3. IDALC Meeting – Cllrs agreed that this was not necessary since Covid – Parish Clerks have their Workshops – noted. 4. Kingston Charging Points – nothing further – noted. 5. Hedgehog Highway Patrol – noted. 6. Police Information – noted. 7. Village Hall Audit – to be referred to Reading Rooms Committee – noted. 8. Mountain Bikes in Wrinkle Wood – refer to Highways DCC – noted. 9. Speed Awareness Wheelie Bin Stickers – too expensive – noted. 10. Hedge/Trees on Lane to Westcombe – refer to Highways DCC – noted. 	

Signed By Chair Dated
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Continued / 153.23	11. New Bus Service – announcement in Parish Newsletter – noted. 12. Election Paperwork – distributed in readiness for Nomination Process. All noted	
154.23	<div><div><div>Finance: Opening Balances</div><div>Current Account Total £6,133.89</div><div>Business Account £1,839.55</div><div>Payments made via FPO or DD and included in above Total</div><div>Payments to be made via FPO or DD and deducted from Above total.</div><div>PCS Newsletter Printer Services (Mar) £20.70</div><div>Ace of Spades – Playing Fields (Mar) £375.00</div><div>Clerk, L Squire Month 12 Wages £254.00</div><div>Clerk, L Squire Month 12 Claims £15.00</div><div>Payment Received and included in above total</div><div>Newsletter Advert – JG Ringmore Art £16.00</div><div>Allotment payment 2 £30.00</div><div>All Noted</div></div><div><div>Set Aside Current A/c at 03/03/2023</div><div>£</div><div>Allotment1701.00</div><div>Marquee00.00</div><div>KPC Playground Maintenance Donations2232.00</div><div>KPC Betterment Fund151.00</div><div>Annual Set Aside towards Laptop 2020300.00</div><div>Total4384.00</div></div></div>	
155.23	Annual Parish Assembly – Date agreed 7pm on Thursday, 20 th April 2023 – all agreed and noted.	
156.23	CAP (Community Action Plan): - Cllr Kelly reported further on the Bus Service and was hopeful that a Fare Car Scheme to Plymouth would be actioned. Again, nothing further regarding Kingston Charging Points was disappointing. All noted.	
157.23	Clerks Report: - Clerk confirmed she had registered for the VAT Course at the end of March. All noted.	
158.23	Highways – Cllr Anderson – Nothing further to report.	
159.23	Newsletter: - Cllr Grant absent but a proposed article was circulated for approval. All agreed and noted.	
160.23	<div>Reports:</div> <div><div>1. Planning: - Cllr Freeman reported 3780/22/VAR – Gabberwell - Refused. All Noted. 0623/23/AGR – Langston Farm – Refused. All Noted.</div><div>2. Recreation Ground Sub Committee: Cllr Lewis – Nothing to Report. All Noted.</div><div>3. Allotments: Clerk reported two small trees had fallen into the bottom allotment from the hedge and Darren had agreed to remove as part of his hedge maintenance due to take place before 31st March. Clerk had noticed that the boundary fences between Plots 10 & 11 were missing in places to make it one large area. This only maybe temporary but Clerk would write to allotment tenants asking them to reinstate all boundary fencing on plots 10 and 11 should they vacate them and prior to any new allotment tenants on those plots. All agreed and noted.</div><div>4. Reading Room: Cllr Heather Summer-Nutting absent but the Chairman of the Reading Rooms Committee reported that the committee had had a good meeting recently. Unfortunately, the Secretary would be stepping down, so they now have a vacancy. Progress had been made in respect of the renovations project and they were starting the funding search. All Noted.</div><div>5. Street Furniture: Cllr Anderson – nothing to report. All noted.</div><div>6. Footpaths: Cllr Anderson confirmed a private footpath had been destroyed due to a large lorry following satnav getting 'stuck' and having to carry out tricky manoeuvres resulting in damaged handrails, etc. All Noted.</div><div>7. Tree Report: Clerk confirmed she had received an email from a Parishioner regarding the Ash trees on her land but next to Church Lane. Parishioner was taking advice from Ben Turner regarding Ash Die Back and possible removal of said trees. To be reviewed once the trees in question are in leaf. All noted.</div><div>8. Kingston Church: - Cllr Kelly reported that the Church Quinquennial Inspection would be taking place in May. All noted.</div></div>	
161.23	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 20 th April 2023 7.30pm. to be held in the Kingston Reading Room	
	Closure of Meeting: - 8.30pm	