

**KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 1930hrs in The Reading Room, Kingston

**DRAFT M I N U T E S**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr Eve White	Cllr Merv Freeman
	DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert	Cllr Joel Wakeling
	Cllr Suzannah Grant	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cllr Holly Rahder	SHDC Cllr Bernard Taylor
	Cllr Don Kelly	Cllr Heather Summer-Nutting
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Parish Clerk Lorraine Squire	

063.23	<b>Apologies:-</b> SHDC Cllr B Taylor (Work Commitments) Cllr D Kelly (Holiday) Cllr H Summer-Nutting (Work Commitments) and Cllr H Rahder.	
064.23	<b>Declarations of Interest:-</b> <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.</i> <b>Declaration of Interests:</b> Cllr E White declared an interest in Planning App 2660/23/FUL	
065.23	<b>Open Forum</b> – No Parishioners present.	
066.23	<b>Minutes of Previous Meetings</b> – Minutes of Meeting Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 approved and signed as a true record.	
067.23	<b>Devon County Councillor's Report:</b> Cllr Rufus Gilbert reported:- Harriton Cross Road Junction – He would like to work with landowners to improve visibility at the junction. DCC do not have funds to cover any works but have no objections. Matter ongoing.  Cllr Gilbert again reiterated that the DCC's finances were much improved with the new CEO and Heads of Department. Local press was making mischief with their reporting!  Conversation about 20 is Plenty on Devon roads being implemented is in the air but this is probably something that will not happen until after the Election. Government is closely watching Wales on this point. Cllr Gilbert stressed there is a lot of opposition to this, but his gut feeling was that it will probably happen in the future. Watch this space!  The Local Enterprise Partnership Quango which funnels Westminster funds into the local regions is being dissolved and amalgamated into DCC as from 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024. The reason for this is to make the whole process more democratic and accountable.  Devolution is still up in the air with the Home Office unable to make a concrete decision. All Noted.	
068.23	<b>SHDC Report:</b> Cllr Bernard Taylor absent	
069.23	<b>Correspondence:</b>  1. Airband Community Liaison Officer visiting in October. 2. Harriton Cross Road Junction in discussion with landowners and DCC. 3. River Erme Catchments Parish/Town Council – Cllr Freeman reported his findings from the latest meeting. KPC are concerned that this group are of no benefit to the Parishioners of Kingston and maybe we would be better supporting WATER whose approach seems proactive and trying to make physical changes ie, dredging Orcheton Quay. To be discussed further but, in the meantime, Cllr Grant confirmed she will attend the next meeting of the River Erme Catchments Parish/Town Councils on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm to be held at The Pavilions Modbury. 4. 20 is Plenty – All Noted. 5. Civility and Respect Training – All Noted. 6. DALC AGM 27 <sup>th</sup> September – All Noted. 7. South Hams Community and Voluntary Services – All Noted. 8. Stakeholder Liaison Team Highways DCC – All Noted. 9. Cost of Living Briefing SHDC 2 <sup>nd</sup> October – All Noted.	

**Signed By Chair .....**      **Dated .....**  
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070.23	<p><b>Finance: Opening Balances as at 09/09/2023</b></p> <p><b>Current Account Total</b> £5,671.26</p> <p><b>Business Account</b> £1,847.37</p> <p><b>Payments made via FPO or DD and included in the above Total.</b></p> <p>PCS Newsletter Printing Services July £27.77</p> <p>PCS Newsletter Copying Paper £53.52</p> <p><b>Payments to be Authorised and Paid via FPO or DD and Deducted from above total.</b></p> <p>Clerk, L Squire Month 6 Wages £317.50</p> <p>Clerk, L Squire Month 6 Claims £15.00</p> <p>Ace of Spades (September) Playing Fields £375.00</p> <p>PCS Newsletter Printer Service August £19.78</p> <p>IDALC Subscription £7.00</p> <p>SHDC Annual Insurance &amp; Inspection of Playing Fields £264.60</p> <p><b>Payments Received and included in above total</b></p> <p>Newsletter Advert Bowls Club £3.00</p> <p>Newsletter Advert Stanborough Chorus £8.00</p> <p>Newsletter Advert PMcF £45.00</p> <p><b>Also, to be Noted and not included in above total</b></p> <p>SHDC Precept (2<sup>nd</sup>) £5,565.00</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Set Aside Current A/c at 01/09/2023</b></th> <th><b>£</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Allotment</td> <td>901.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marquee</td> <td>00.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KPC Playground Maintenance Donations</td> <td>2332.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KPC Betterment Fund</td> <td>151.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Set Aside Replacement Laptop 2020</td> <td>300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highways</td> <td>700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>4384.00</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Set Aside Current A/c at 01/09/2023</b>	<b>£</b>	Allotment	901.00	Marquee	00.00	KPC Playground Maintenance Donations	2332.00	KPC Betterment Fund	151.00	Annual Set Aside Replacement Laptop 2020	300.00	Highways	700.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4384.00</b>
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071.23	<b>CAP (Community Action Plan)</b> Cllr Kelly – Absent.																	
072.23	<b>Code of Conduct Review</b> – No amendments suggested. All agreed and accepted.																	
073.23	<p><b>Clerks Report</b> – Clerk reported:-</p> <p>Defib Renewal as outlined by Kevin Bowyer's email was unanimously approved by all Cllrs. Clerk to email Kevin with confirmation. The January KPC Meeting will be brought forward by one week to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 due to Village Panto. Clerk made KPC aware of intended D-Day 80 Celebrations on 6.6.24. A local Parish Clerks Workshop will be held in the Reading Rooms in January 2024. All Noted.</p>																	
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	<p><b>3. Allotments</b></p>	<p>Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Summer-Nutting that the bi-annual inspection had taken place. It was noted that two allotments belonging to the same person had, once again, not been attended to for many months. The Parish Council decided that when the Agreements come round for renewal in January 2024 only one plot will be offered.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed she will be giving up her allotment come January 2024 and asked if the allotment could become a community allotment as the raised beds lended itself to multiple users. The Parish Council had no objection.</p> <p>The bees on one of the allotments had died/moved on. As one of the allotment users was severely allergic it was unanimously decided that the hives should be removed from the allotment area. All agreed and noted.</p>	
	<p><b>4. Reading Room</b></p>	<p>Cllr White asked that the history of the Reading Rooms and the Parish Council be explained to the new Cllrs present as outlined on the Kingston Parish Council website. It was discussed that since Covid, the Reading Rooms Committee had not been sending Minutes of Meetings, etc to the Parish Council/Website and the Clerk was asked to email the new Reading Rooms Secretary to make sure, in future, all Agendas, Minutes, Accounts were fully circulated and in the public domain.</p> <p>The Open Forum held by the refurbishment group of the Reading Rooms Committee had been well attended by the village. All Noted.</p>	
	<p><b>5. Street Furniture</b></p>	<p>Cllr Grant reported – no problems had been reported. All Noted.</p>	
	<p><b>6. Footpaths</b></p>	<p>Cllr Rahder absent, Clerk reported she had not heard anything with regard to footpath issues. All Noted.</p>	
	<p><b>7. Tree Report</b></p>	<p>Cllr Wakeling had nothing to report. All Noted.</p>	
	<p><b>8. Kingston Church</b></p>	<p>Cllr Kelly absent, Clerk reported Harvest Supper would be held in the Reading Rooms on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October followed by the Harvest Festival in Church on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Tickets for Harvest Supper via Pauline as noted on the village posters. All Noted.</p>	
<p><b>076.23</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from 7.30 pm.</p>		
	<p><b>Closure of Meeting:- 9.00 pm</b></p>		

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