

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 11th January 2024 at 1930hrs in the Reading Room Kingston

DRAFT M I N U T E S

Present	Cllr Eve White	Cllr Merv Freeman
	Cllr Suzannah Grant	Cllr Holly Rahder
	Cllr Don Kelly	Cllr Joel Wakeling
	Cllr Sarah Banham	SHDC Cllr Bernard Taylor
	DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert	
Apologies		
In Attendance	Parish Clerk Lorraine Squire	

107.24	Apologies and Welcome: - Apologies - None. Welcome - Cllr Eve White welcomed Cllr Sarah Banham to Kingston Parish Council.	
108.24	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. – Cllr Sarah Banham completed all the relevant documents for Clerk to update the ROI. No changes raised.</i>	
109.24	Open Forum: - No parishioners present.	
110.24	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes of Meeting Thursday, 16 th November 2023 approved and signed as a true record.	
111.24	<p>Devon County Council: - Cllr Gilbert reported:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Devolution proposals for Devon (not now to include Plymouth) have, in principle, been agreed with government and should come into force 1st April. 2. The transfer of LEP's Local Enterprise Partnerships to upper tier authorities (DCC) will also be completed by 1st April. 3. The £2.00 bus fare will continue till end of 2024. 4. Devon will get £6.6M from HS2 cancellation towards road repairs. 5. DCC has bought six replacement gritters. 6. DIY waste taken to recycling centres – contrary to media coverage, this will be limited and not include tyres and asbestos. Further details to follow. 7. DCC Cllr Gilbert expressed his thanks on behalf of DCC to the landowners abutting Harraton Cross and their efforts and hard work to ensure better visibility for all at the junction. 8. As part of the road repair allocation under the cancelled HS2 project, Kingston's potholes between Great Torr Cross and Cocks Park will be rectified. 9. The one-way system and works being carried out in Modbury were running well and efficiently. It is hoped that the works would be completed within 5 weeks. 10. The NHS across Devon are on HIGH ALERT. All Noted. 	
112.24	<p>South Hams District Council: - Cllr Taylor reported:-</p> <p>The home upgrade grant is running until March 2025. This is for homes with EPC ratings D, E, F & G that are not connected to mains gas, but there may be ways around this, earning of the household must not be more than £31K gross. Anyone interested can contact Dave Sexton at swdevon.gov.uk.</p> <p>SHDC has a thermal imaging camera to loan out – apply to Luke Rees at swdevon.gov.uk.</p> <p>SHDC will subsidise E Bikes if they are informed of anyone in the area who rents out E-Bikes.</p> <p>Carleton Power has announced they have secured funding for the proposed green energy hub at Langage Industrial site.</p>	

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Continued 112.24	There is an allocation of funding available under Climate Emergency via Cllr Bernard Taylor if we wished to plant trees, etc. The Planning Enforcement List was discussed briefly, and Cllr Bernard Taylor will update Kingston Parish Council on these matters as they progress. All noted.																																							
113.24	<p>Correspondence: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renaming of AONB to National Landscapes – noted. 2. S&C D – SWW & Sewage Treatment Plant issues – noted and issues with sewage treatment plant will be raised at the next meeting of the Parish and Town Councils River Erme meeting – noted. 3. Temporary Road Closure Notices – noted. 4. Council Tax Referendum Principles – noted. 5. Library funding available – noted. 6. River Erme – Minutes of last meeting and Next Meeting on 25.1.24. – Cllr Grant will aim to attend and contact the Chair. 7. Four Rivers Dementia Alliance – Kingston Parish Council do not normally consider donations to various organizations but as Dementia is now touching lots of our Parishioner's lives, we would like to show support to this group. Cllr Freeman proposed a donation of £100 and this was seconded by Cllr Rahder with the rest of the Parish Council in full agreement. 8. Bigbury Parish Council – Carbon Plan – noted. 9. Use of litter bins in the Parish – noted. 10. Resilience Conference March 2024 – noted. 11. Kingston Reading Room Licence Variation – no objections noted. 																																							
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115.24	CAP (Community Action Plan): - Cllr Kelly - Peninsula Transport Consultation was discussed. It was agreed that due to the broad nature of this consultation encompassing the whole South West. Kingston Parish Council would not make further comment as it was not relevant to our local needs. All noted.																																							
116.24	Statement of Internal Controls – reviewed, approved, adopted and minuted. Noted.																																							
117.24	Clerks Report: - Clerk confirmed the subscription fee to NALC/DALC would be increasing. A reminder that there would be a representative of Air Band at the next Kingston Parish Council Meeting. All noted.																																							
118.24	Newsletter: - Cllr Grant discussed items to be included – what to/what not to put down the drains. Article on the renaming of AONB. All agreed and noted.																																							
119.24	<p>Reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning: - Cllr Freeman reported 3500/23/TCA – Quince Cottage works to go ahead. App/K1128/D/23/3332076 – Walfords Barn – ongoing Higher Gabberwell House – gone to appeal Langston Farm – Barn decision 2. Recreation Ground Sub Committee: Cllr Wakeling reported all was well and the list of repairs was getting shorter. 3. Allotments: Clerk confirmed the new documentation for 2024/25 had been submitted to most plot holders. Plot 7 – new tenants. Plot 13 – potential new tenants Plots 10 & 11 the existing tenants would be asked to create a quiet space for all on plot 11 which is rather a non-productive plot. Cllr Banham will oversee this project on behalf of the Parish Council. Funding available for trees/seating. 																																							

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	<p>4. Reading Room: Cllr Freeman had attended the last meeting of the Reading Rooms Committee and updated the Parish Council regarding the refurbishment project to date. Window repairs have been repaired. There was a healthy uptake of the 200 Club. Next meeting to be held on 6th February. A new Kingston Parish Council representative was needed, and Cllr Sarah Banham offered to take on this position. All agreed and noted.</p> <p>5. Street Furniture: Cllr Grant nothing to report.</p> <p>6. Footpaths: Cllr Rahder nothing to report</p> <p>7. Tree Report: Cllr Wakeling nothing to report.</p> <p>8. Kingston Church: - Cllr Kelly nothing to report.</p>	
120.24	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 15 th February 2023 7.30pm. to be held in the Kingston Reading Room	
	Closure of Meeting: - 8.30pm	

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