

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 18th July 2024 at 1930hrs in The Reading Room, Kingston

DRAFT M I N U T E S

PRESENT	Cllr Sarah Banham	Cllr Merv Freeman
	SHDC Bernard Taylor	Cllr Holly Rahder
	Cllr Suzannah Grant	Cllr Joel Wakeling
	Cllr Eve White	DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert
APOLOGIES	Cllr Don Kelly	
IN ATTENDANCE	Parish Clerk Lorraine Squire	

052.24	Apologies:- Cllr D Kelly	
053.24	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.</i> Declaration of Interests: Nothing declared.	
054.24	Open Forum – Parishioners attended the Kingston Parish Council Meeting to explain to the Parish Council their planning application and proposals. Also in attendance were neighbours of the proposed planning application who also conveyed their thoughts. Thanks was expressed to all who had attended, and the Parish Council welcomed their comments. All Noted.	
055.24	Appointment of New Councillor's Responsibility – CCE – Climate Change Environment. Cllrs Suzannah Grant and Joel Wakeling would now take on this new responsibility in light of the ever-increasing impact on all aspects of Parish life. Agreed unanimously and all Noted.	
056.24	Minutes of Previous Meetings – Minutes of Meeting Thursday, 20 th June 2024 approved and signed as a true record.	
057.24	Devon County Councillor's Report: Cllr Gilbert reported:- The new Government were pro devolution, and this will be going through in Devon. Huge planning reforms and modernisation of the planning committees to take place – watch this space! Reform of local authorities imminent – within the next 4 years one third of upper tier authorities are due to go bankrupt therefore change and reform must happen. Cllr Freeman asked DCC Cllr Gilbert to express Kingston Parish Council's concern over the state of Orcheton Quay Bridge after the continuous flooding and raised the question –Is Orcheton Quay Bridge capable of supporting the weight of 32T lorries which seem to continually use this small lane? SHDC Cllr Taylor confirmed that he had visited the said bridge with the Environmental Agency during the past week to look at the state of the same and the silt which was now as high as the arch and had expanded across the road to, in some places, a depth of 1m. This was extremely hazardous to vehicles and needs urgent attention. DCC Cllr Gilbert said he would action this straight away and get Highways to investigate the matter. All Noted.	
058.24	SHDC Report: Cllr Taylor reported – Development at St Ann's Chapel will be fully occupied by end of August. SWW cannot complete their drains inspection until the properties are fully occupied. Once this has been completed the final topcoat will be laid on the road. SHDC were aware of the restructure and modernisation of the planning as outlined by DCC Cllr Gilbert. A few minor waste collection issues were reported to SHDC Cllr B Taylor, and he will look into these matters. All Noted.	
059.24	Correspondence: 1. Speed of Vehicles along the lane to Scobbiscombe Farm. – Looking into new signage and put article in Parish Newsletter. 2. Milk Tanker Incident – DCC are now dealing with this matter. Kingston Parish Council expressed their thanks to Phillip and Paul White from Wonwell Gate Farm who immediately dealt with the mess left by the wayward tanker. Much Appreciated by all the village. 3. Condition of the Playing Fields – some valid points had been raised by a Parishioner and matters were now in hand to rectify the same. 4. KPC Website Development – Cllr Freeman had been investigating the best way to update and upgrade the KPC website. After looking at various companies/pricing he found that Vicky Perry – imakewebsites from Modbury seemed the most competitive and relevant to what KPC needed. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that this financial year £60 would be spent on upgrading WordPress and making the site secure with two hours training (£30 per hour). Budget for next year to include £600 for complete website redesign. All Noted.	-

Signed By Chair **Dated**
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Cont'd 059.24	5. Sustainable South Hams support for Climate and Nature Cllrs. All Noted.																																														
060.24	<p>Finance: Opening Balances as at 07/07/2024</p> <p>Current Account Total £8,200.94</p> <p>Business Account £1,867.01</p> <p>Payments to be Authorised and Paid via FPO or DD and Deducted from above total.</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Clerk, L Squire Month 4 Wages</td><td>£274.60</td></tr> <tr><td>Clerk, L Squire Month 4 Claims</td><td>£15.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Clerk, L Squire Month 5 Wages</td><td>£274.60</td></tr> <tr><td>Clerk, L Squire Month 5 Claims</td><td>£15.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Ace of Spades (July) Playing Fields</td><td>£375.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Ace of Spades (August) Playing Fields</td><td>£375.00</td></tr> <tr><td>PCS June Newsletter Printer Service</td><td>£31.21</td></tr> <tr><td>Microsoft Renewal (1.8.24)</td><td>£59.99</td></tr> <tr><td>123 Reg Web Hosting Renewal</td><td>£100.66</td></tr> <tr><td>Southern Timber Ltd – skate park repairs</td><td>£186.78</td></tr> </table> <p>Payments Received and included in above total</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Allotment Payment (DW)</td><td>£15.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Allotment Payment (PLS)</td><td>£15.00</td></tr> <tr><td>All Noted</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Clerk, L Squire Month 4 Wages	£274.60	Clerk, L Squire Month 4 Claims	£15.00	Clerk, L Squire Month 5 Wages	£274.60	Clerk, L Squire Month 5 Claims	£15.00	Ace of Spades (July) Playing Fields	£375.00	Ace of Spades (August) Playing Fields	£375.00	PCS June Newsletter Printer Service	£31.21	Microsoft Renewal (1.8.24)	£59.99	123 Reg Web Hosting Renewal	£100.66	Southern Timber Ltd – skate park repairs	£186.78	Allotment Payment (DW)	£15.00	Allotment Payment (PLS)	£15.00	All Noted		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="879 376 1377 409">Set Aside Current A/c at 02/07/2024</th> <th data-bbox="1377 376 1506 409">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td data-bbox="879 409 1377 443">Allotment</td><td data-bbox="1377 409 1506 443">1381.00</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="879 443 1377 477">Marquee</td><td data-bbox="1377 443 1506 477">100.00</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="879 477 1377 510">KPC Playground Maintenance Donations</td><td data-bbox="1377 477 1506 510">2206.00</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="879 510 1377 544">KPC Betterment Fund</td><td data-bbox="1377 510 1506 544">28.00</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="879 544 1377 577">Annual Set Aside Replacement Laptop 2020</td><td data-bbox="1377 544 1506 577">400.00</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="879 577 1377 611">Highways</td><td data-bbox="1377 577 1506 611">700.00</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="879 611 1377 645">Total</td><td data-bbox="1377 611 1506 645">4815.00</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="879 645 1377 678"></td><td data-bbox="1377 645 1506 678"></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Set Aside Current A/c at 02/07/2024	£	Allotment	1381.00	Marquee	100.00	KPC Playground Maintenance Donations	2206.00	KPC Betterment Fund	28.00	Annual Set Aside Replacement Laptop 2020	400.00	Highways	700.00	Total	4815.00			
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061.24	CAP (Community Action Plan) Cllr Kelly - absent																																														
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063.24	Newsletter – Cllr Grant reported she would circulate article for approval on Saturday to get to Newsletter Editor by Monday latest. To include – speeding, councillor’s responsibilities and various articles from communications. All Noted.																																														
064.24	Funday:- Cllr Freeman reported everything was on schedule and the various fund-raising events had boosted funds. All Noted.																																														
065.24 Contin 050.24	<p>Reports –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning – Planning Decisions 1327/24/VAR – The Coach House granted. 1075/24/CLP – 6 Church Park granted. Planning Application 2084/24/HHO – 3 Rock Cottages This property is one of the oldest properties in the Parish and is shown on a map dated 1840. The planning application drawings show no size or overlay and looks rather large. A full discussion took place with the Parish Council considering all matters of the application with consideration to the Neighbourhood Plan. It was decided that the Parish Council could not support this application as it stands – object. All Noted. Recreation Ground – Ace of Spades was strimming the Playing Fields in readiness for Funday but due to tractor repairs still outstanding, had asked a local farm to help with the cutting of the field. This has now been done and will be done again before Funday. The Parish Council hope that all matters will be resolved soonest, and the maintenance of the Playing Fields will be kept to a high standard in future. The Skate Park was all up and running again for use. Many thanks to those who have helped with these repairs. A tidy up is required before Funday. All Noted. <p>Allotments – New tenants for plots 10 & 11 BUT a huge amount of industrial waste to be disposed of including fire bricks, patio slab moulds, farm machinery. Aiming for a complete turn out by Mid-August. Plans in readiness for Shane to help with the levelling of the Allotment Entrance. All Noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Rooms – A bid of 250k to start the works has been submitted. Awaiting outcome this week. All Noted. Street Furniture – Removal of dilapidated pub sign at 7 stones required. All Noted. Footpaths - Majority of footpaths in good order with strimming, mowing being carried out. All Noted. Tree Report – Tulip Tree has been condemned and must go by end of the year. It is on Punch’s land so they will be 																																														

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	contacted and provided with report. All Noted. 7. Kingston Church – Nothing to report All Noted.	
051.24	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19 th September 2024 from 7.30 pm.	
	Closure of Meeting:- 9.10 pm	

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