

**KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 1930hrs in the Reading Room Kingston

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

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

154.22	<b>Apologies:</b> - KPC Cllr Suzannah Grant, DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert and SHDC Cllr Bernard Taylor																																																																																	
155.22	<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. Declaration of Interest – Cllr White Planning Applications Nos 0047/22/FUL, 0048/22/FUL &amp; 0049/22/FUL.</i>																																																																																	
156.22	<b>Open Forum:</b> - No attendance.																																																																																	
157.22	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> – Minutes of Meeting Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 approved and signed as a true record.																																																																																	
158.22	<b>Devon County Council:</b> - Cllr Gilbert – Not in attendance but sent following report. <b>FARMING.</b> 1) SW has 40% of England's dairy herd. 2) Fertilisers are mostly manufactured using oil/gas which will hugely increase farming costs alongside energy prices. 3) BPS Basic Payment Scheme. This is gradually reducing over the next four years after Brexit and being replaced by an emphasis on environment. <b>HIGHWAYS.</b> Pothole reports and repairs are continuing to fall since the Beast from the East winter. Quality of repairs being affected by a wet November/December. <b>COUNTY/DEVON DEAL.</b> We are awaiting the 'Levelling Up White Paper' due out from government in February. Devon does not support a local government reorganisation or Mayoral system. Thinking is to establish a (non) Mayoral Combined Authority for Devon, which will be tailored to the needs of places, bringing decisions closer to the people. All Noted.																																																																																	
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162.22	<b>Precept:-</b> Parish Clerk confirmed notification had been received from SHDC confirming agreed Precept. All Noted.																																																																																	

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163.22	<p><b>CAP (Community Action Plan):</b> - Cllr Kelly reported that a further communication had been received by Peninsula Transport looking at improved transport systems across the whole of the South-West. He confirmed this was not specifically tailored to our local community and it was agreed nothing further to be done at present. All Noted Cllr Grant will be attending the Climate Assembly to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at Burgh Island and report back to the Council at the next Parish Council meeting. All Noted.</p>
164.22	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b> - A new Contract of Employment was being drafted by Cllr Grant. Retiring Clerk SG would be continuing her handover to LS and Council confirmed they were happy to pay SG for her time on a month-by-month basis. Parish Council agreed to support LS with her training programme by DALC over the coming months. Clerk Pay Scales as reported previously were still undecided. May KPC meeting date to be reviewed. All Noted.</p>
165.22	<p><b>Highways:</b> - Cllr Anderson reported road repairs should be taking place outside the Reading Rooms as marked in March 2022. All Noted</p>
166.22 & 166.22.1	<p><b>Jubilee</b> – Plans are in hand for the community to celebrate across the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Further details to be announced nearer the time. All Noted. <b>Funday</b> – Funday will be taking place this year again on the First Saturday in August. All Noted.</p>
167.22	<p><b>Newsletter:</b> - Cllr Grant confirmed all items to be included in the Newsletter (via email). Cllr Lewis will write an article on toad/frog migration to ponds for the Newsletter. An article will be placed regarding the Parish Council's frustrations and lack of support by Highways Department of DCC in dealing with potholes and road repairs around the village. All Noted.</p>
168.22	<p><b>Reports: 1.Planning:</b> - Cllr Freeman reported;- <u>Planning Application Consultation</u> 1718/21/TCA – Crown height reduction of Cupressus – Supported 0262/22/TPO – Ash Dieback – fell on grounds of safety - Supported <u>Pending Planning Applications</u> 0761/20/OAP Vicarage Park – No further news. Cllr White declared an interest and stepped down from the Chair. Cllr Freeman took the Chair for discussion of the Planning Applications below. All agreed to the Planning Applications with no objection. <u>Planning Applications</u> 0047/22/FUL – Roof over Silage Pit - Supported 0048/22/FUL – Roof over Slurry Pit - Supported 0049/22/FUL – Roof over existing Yard – Supported. All Noted. <b>2 Recreation Ground Sub Committee:</b> Cllr Lewis reported no meeting of the Sub Committee took place due to Covid and nothing being pressing for discussion. <u>Grass Cutting</u> – Ace will carry out one Winter cut when the weather permits and will prune the fruit trees in April. <u>Skatepark</u> – Repairs to underside of ramps will be investigated and plan to replace boarding once weather permits. <u>Bolts</u> – All received. <u>Play Equipment</u> – All matters being dealt with as advised by SHDC Monthly Reports. <u>Campfires</u> – No further evidence of any more fires. All Noted. <b>3. Allotments:</b> Clerk reported new tenants in Allotment 5. Only one rent remained outstanding. All Noted. <b>4 Reading Room:</b> Cllr Summer-Nutting reported the Panto was a great success and enjoyed by all. Further plans of Reading Room refurbishment were on display for comment. All noted. <b>5.Street Furniture:</b> Cllr Anderson – Nothing to report. <b>6. Footpaths:</b> Cllr White - nothing to report. <b>7. Tree Wardens Report:</b> Cllr White - nothing to report. <b>8. Kingston Church:</b> - Cllr Kelly - nothing to report.</p>
169.22	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 7.30pm. to be held in the Kingston Reading Room.</p>
	<p><b>Closure of Meeting: - 9 pm</b></p>

Signed By Chair ..... Dated .....  
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