

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 21st April 2022 at 1930hrs in the Reading Room Kingston

DRAFT M I N U T E S

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

001.22	Apologies: - none	
002.22	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>	
003.22	Open Forum: - A parishioner raised concern over a breach of planning that related to the removal of an ancient Devon hedge. The Enforcement Team from SHDC were aware of the situation and had given instruction for the hedge to be re-planted to certain specifications and this was to be monitored. A certain amount of planting had been done but seems not to have been completed. The Parishioner had reported the situation to the Enforcement Team but had heard nothing further. SHDC Cllr Taylor asked the Parishioner to email him directly and he would ensure that the email was forwarded to the Enforcement Officer dealing with the matter and set up a three-way telephone call so that this matter can be discussed fully and hopefully resolved. All Noted.	
004.22	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes of Meeting Thursday 17 th March 2022 approved and signed as a true record.	
005.22	<p>Devon County Council: - Cllr Gilbert reported:- Devon County Council were providing aid to our Ukrainian guests. Cllr Gilbert had attended (online) an appeal by a Parishioner of Kingston relating to assistance with the school bus. Unfortunately, this appeal had not been successful. We will be hearing lots of information regarding the below mentioned matters shortly via media. <u>DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR DEVON PLYMOUTH & TORBAY.</u> We are one of ten areas in England to be chosen. We have been economically underperforming for years. We are now negotiating a Devolution Deal that: a) Does not require a mayor b) Operates with existing local govt structure. c) Requires a combined authority Functions are Housing, Skills/employment, public transport, LEP existing functions, prosperity. There is no deal until a deal is done. Hoping to conclude negotiations by winter 2022 and operational by April 2023. An initial template has now been submitted to government. <u>FREEEPORT / FREEZONE.</u> Will bring up to £100 Million investment and up to 3500 jobs. Relations/negotiations between DCC, Plymouth & SHDC going well. Submission/Business Case to Government imminent. Involves 130 hectares of land at S.Yard, Langage and Oceansgate. It is important to demonstrate these are new jobs and not existing ones transferring in. Cllr Gilbert also raised the question of Highways issues. Cllr Anderson confirmed that Kingston Parish Council no longer dealt with these matters and would simply refer the complaint to the DCC online Report a Problem Page. Cllr Gilbert also reiterated that locality grants were available for the new financial year, and he would be very happy to help. It was mentioned that this would be useful regarding the skatepark. All Noted</p>	
006.22	South Hams District Council: - Cllr Taylor confirmed £10,000 had already been donated to help our Ukrainian guests by SHDC. Two chalets at Pennymore have been provided for temporary accommodation. New planning policies were now in operation which ensured all new builds had to incorporate solar panels, charging points for electric vehicles and ground source heat pumps. Cllr Taylor thanked Cllr Freeman for the detailed planning report as part of the Annual Parish Assembly. The issue of Brown Bin collection was raised again and yet more issues due to staff illness. The system is failing despite SHDC's best efforts to resolve. Cllr Taylor could not confirm as and when Kingston would get a full service again.	

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006.22 continued	The question of charging points for electric cars was raised as holiday makers had been asking where the nearest point was. At present this is Ivybridge. It is hoped that Modbury will be next to get charging points, but this couldn't be confirmed at the moment. Cllr Anderson raised a question regarding what could be done in respect of a piece of land in the parish which appears not to belong to either SHDC or Live West. This tall bank approximately 70 yards long contains dangerously overgrown trees which need attention to stop them falling on to private property causing damage. SHDC Cllr Taylor provided contact details of the Head of Assets at SHDC to Cllr Anderson and said he would investigate the matter. All Noted.																																									
007.22	Correspondence: Gallagher – confirmation of Insurance renewal, Friends Helping at Home, Brown Bin collection, SHDC 1 st Precept remittance. All Noted.																																									
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009.22 009.22.01 009.22.02 009.22.03	<p>Audit – The 2021/22 AGAR Accounts had been examined by Cllr White and the Internal Audit will take place on 18th May 2022.</p> <p>Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2021/22 Form 2 duly signed by Chair and RFO</p> <p>Section 1 Annual Governance Statement of 2021/22 Annual Return Form duly signed by Chair and RFO</p> <p>Section 2 Accounting Statements of 2021/22 Annual Returns Form duly signed by Chair and RFO All Noted.</p>																																									
010.22	CAP (Community Action Plan): - Cllr Kelly – Nothing to report																																									
011.22	Clerks Report: - Cllr Grant raised the issue of pay scales within the Parish Clerk's Contract of Employment and after discussion an incremental pay scale was agreed by all. Clerk confirmed she had attended her first webinar run by DALC and it had been very informative. After discussion it was agreed that the May Parish Council meeting will be postponed to the fourth Thursday in May ie, 26 th May. Clerk to check emails remotely to update Agenda. All Noted.																																									
012.22	AGM Cllr White confirmed that this will be held 26 th May 2022. All Noted.																																									
013.22	Jubilee SHDC Cllr Taylor confirmed £150 would be available via grant for celebrations. Clerk expressed that The Red Barrows required paint so this money will be very welcome. Celebration Mugs have kindly been donated by a Parishioner to the children of Kingston. A notice will be placed in the May Parish Newsletter asking for all eligible children to be notified to the Parish Clerk so numbers can be taken. We will then contact all parents nearer the time confirming when and where the mugs can be collected. All Noted.																																									
014.22	Funday - Further news to be reported soon. All Noted.																																									
015.22	Newsletter: - Cllr Grant confirmed all items to be included in the Newsletter namely, refuse and recycling, vouchers for mobile phones, wellbeing initiatives, parking and the sad loss of Dave Cripps our maintenance man at the Playing Fields. All Noted.																																									
016.22	<p>Reports: 1.Planning: - Cllr Freeman reported;-</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>4615/21/FUL Langston Farm – Support</p> <p>0849/22/FUL Appletree Wyke – Support</p> <p>0741/22/HHO – Carport at Orchard Cottage – Object</p> <p>After much discussion the Council took a vote on this application 4 against, 1 abstain and 1 support.(Chair did not need to use casting vote). It was proposed by Cllr Freeman and seconded by Cllr Kelly not to support this application on the grounds that it did not comply with the Kingston Neighbourhood Plan on two points. Namely, the application falls outside the development boundary and the widening of the gateway would harm an ancient Devon hedge bank.</p> <p><u>Pending Planning Applications</u></p> <p>0761/20/OAP Vicarage Park – Nothing further to report. All Noted.</p>																																									

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016.22 continued	<p>2 Recreation Ground Sub Committee: Cllr Lewis reported that the grass cutting was now being completed by Ace in accordance with his contract. He had knocked off a seat from one of the picnic benches but was repairing and replacing. Nothing was left unsafe. Sympathies were expressed for the sad loss of Dave Cripps who had been our main maintenance man up the Playing Fields and our thoughts are with his wife and family at this very sad time. All Noted.</p> <p>3. Allotments: Clerk – Nothing to Report.</p> <p>4 Reading Room: All Councillors had been provided with copy documents relating to the proposed planning application by the Reading Rooms Committee via KPC for consideration. After discussion the Council unanimously agreed that they would support this application. All noted.</p> <p>5. Street Furniture: Cllr Anderson confirmed he had reported the missing fingerpost at Seven Stones and the pothole near Great Torr. All Noted.</p> <p>6. Footpaths: Cllr White – Nothing to report</p> <p>7. Tree Wardens Report: Cllr White - nothing to report.</p> <p>8. Kingston Church: - Cllr Kelly - nothing to report.</p>
017.22	<p>Date of Next Meeting incorporating AGM: Thursday, 26th May 2022 7.00pm. to be held in the Kingston Reading Room.</p>
	<p>Closure of Meeting: - 9 pm</p>