

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

DRAFT M I N U T E S

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

055.22	Apologies: - Cllr Summer-Nutting and Cllr Grant
056.22	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>
057.22	Open Forum: - No Parishioners present
058.22	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes of Meeting Thursday 16 th June 2022 approved and signed as a true record.
059.22	<p>Devon County Council: - Cllr Gilbert – ROADS. Normally in May and June 4500 potholes are attended to, but this year due to the dry weather and thereby less potholes we have attended to about 1000 in May and 1500 in June. On the back of fuel price increase June saw an 8% decrease in rural vehicle numbers compared to 2021 with little change in urban numbers. Please note the roadworks at Kitterford Cross on the B3196 North of Loddiswell are beginning and will last for some time.</p> <p>FINANCES. There is enormous pressure on DCC finances with an overspend in Children’s services and adult services such as to make it extremely difficult to set a budget for 23/24 without major structural changes to how the council operates.</p> <p>GENERAL The CEO Dr Phil Norey has resigned, and an interim appointment has been made with a new CEO starting hopefully in February 23 During the meeting DCC Cllr Gilbert reiterated the above points and also commented that the Freeport status of Plymouth was going ahead. Cllr Anderson once again raised the issue of the condition of the roads round Kingston and stated two near accidents had happened recently, one to a horse rider and one to a cyclist. The four areas of great concern to the village were:- Orcheton Lane near Great Torr, the lane to Westcombe, the lane by the side of the Church and the missing crossed hatched no parking area at Wonwell Beach. After a lengthy discussion, a site visit was agreed between Cllr Anderson, DCC Cllr Gilbert and Adam Keay Highways Department. Kingston Parish Council expressed their frustrations and annoyance at the lack of attention to our roads and welcomed a site meeting for a full and frank discussion. All Noted.</p>
060.22	<p>South Hams District Council: - Cllr Taylor updated the Council about the planning refusal for the new Aldi store in Ivybridge. Regarding the refuse collection service, Cllr Taylor could not comment in depth now as discussions were afoot for the new service to be brought into operation this coming Autumn. A site visit would be arranged in the coming months to look at the logistics of providing a refuse service to the whole of Kingston village. Cllr Taylor confirmed that SHDC were working on making communication with the Council more efficient and easier for parishioners to access and the planning department was going through a process of being streamlined. All Noted.</p>
061.22	<p>Correspondence: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Four Rivers Dementia Alliance Email – discussed and agreed we would invite Ella Peters to visit our Tuesday Morning Market to discuss how Kingston can become more dementia friendly. Cllr Taylor asked to join in this visit. Noted. Climate Emergency – after a full discussion again on this subject, the Council agreed that they would not declare a Climate Emergency as we were only one small parish who would follow all directives that cascaded down from SHDC and DCC. KPC were not being obstructive just realistic in their approach to this subject. Kingston Parishioners already have a heart and awareness of matters to do with climate change and already make their own valuable contributions without being instructed. Noted Kingsbridge Meeting on Climate and Nature Emergency – Cllr Grant had previously confirmed that she would attend if available. Unfortunately she couldn’t attend but would try to make the next meeting. Noted. Big Net Zero thermal imaging – the Parish Council agreed that this was a very useful idea and would advertise the service via the Parish Newsletter. Noted Play Area SHDC Agreement – Noted Thank you from Devon Air Ambulance Trust – Noted.

Signed By Chair Dated

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062.22	<p>Finance: Opening Balances</p> <p>Current Account Total £6,531.50</p> <p>Business Account £1,837.90</p> <p>Payments to be Authorised.</p> <p>Clerk, L Squire Month 4 Wages £ 292.50</p> <p>Clerk, L Squire Month 4 Claims £15.00</p> <p>Ace of Spades. 4 of 6 Rec M'tance £666.70</p> <p>123 Reg Website Annual Fee – Fast Pay £115.06</p> <p>PCS Newsletter Printer Service £23.71</p> <p>DALC Clerk Training £36.00</p> <p>ICO Annual Fee – Fast Pay £35.00</p> <p>JA Barn Dance Refund – paid in error £30.00</p> <p>Also, to be Noted Payments Authorised</p> <p>Payments Received</p> <p>Newsletter Advertising Longley £50.00</p> <p>Newsletter Advertising PMCF £40.00</p> <p>JA Barn Dance – paid in error £30.00</p> <p>Also, to be noted: -</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the move to online payments as set up via Cllr Freeman. It was agreed that all invoices to be paid online would be signed by two bank signatory councillors before being processed by Cllr Freeman who would then send a receipt to the Parish Clerk for filing. As a rule, the Parish Clerk regularly checks the bank statements online so this will add as a further security check.</p> <p>Approved for online payment this month – Clerk's wages and claims - £307.50 and Ace of Spades Invoice - £666.70.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk requested that all Bank Statements now be addressed to her new address and the requisite paperwork signed by the bank.</p> <p>All agreed and all noted.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Set Aside Current A/c at 14/07/22</th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Allotment</td> <td>1336.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marquee</td> <td>00.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KPC Playground Maintenance Donations</td> <td>2358.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KPC BT Pone Box Maintenance Donations</td> <td>12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Set Aside towards Laptop 2020</td> <td>200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>3906.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Set Aside Current A/c at 14/07/22	£	Allotment	1336.00	Marquee	00.00	KPC Playground Maintenance Donations	2358.00	KPC BT Pone Box Maintenance Donations	12.00	Annual Set Aside towards Laptop 2020	200.00	Total	3906.00
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063.22	CAP (Community Action Plan): - Cllr Kelly:- Nothing to report.															
064.22	Clerks Report: - Clerk confirmed that we needed to search for a new internal auditor. Cllr White suggested contacting DALC for a list of approved auditors. Clerk asked all Cllrs to confirm that the information supplied on the Declaration of Interest was correct and up to date so that this could be updated on the website. All Agreed and All Noted.															
065.22	Jubilee: - Cllr Freeman was still searching for decent new bunting for the village. All agreed and noted.															
066.22	Funday: - Clerk reported the Risk Assessment had been completed in readiness for the Funday. Cllr Freeman requested the Parish Council's authorization to pay £1,108.90 for hire of toilets and generator. All agreed and noted.															
067.22	Newsletter: - Cllr Grant reported via email a list of items ready to be placed in the Newsletter. Cllr Anderson requested a note to be placed requesting all parishioners to use their drives to park during the summer holidays and be considerate to the parking needs of our visitors. All agreed and noted.															
068.22	<p>Reports:</p> <p>1. Planning: - Cllr Freeman reported:-</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>APP/K1128/W/21/3287119 – Land adj. Gabberwell House</p> <p>4615/21/FUL (Resubmission of 3484/20/FUL) Langston Farm</p> <p>0741/22/HHO Carport Orchard Cottage – Conditional Approval</p> <p>1412/22/FUL Kingston Reading Rooms – Two Storey Extension – Conditional Approval</p> <p>1970/22/ARC Hillside – Doors & Windows</p> <p>2275/22/FUL – Appletree Wyke – SUPPORTED</p> <p><u>Pending Planning</u></p> <p>0761/20/OAP Vicarage Park – Planning refused</p> <p>2.Recreation Ground Sub Committee: Cllr Lewis reported a lengthy and rather onerous report had been received from Allianz & SHDC – immediate work to be carried out to Zip Wire. This was already being agreed with Playdale after their failed repair from 2021. It was agreed that the best way to answer all other points was for a copy of the report to be emailed to all Cllrs for their consideration and action. All Noted.</p> <p>3. Allotments: Clerk reported that Cllr Summer Nutting had visited the allotments and only one area was of concern. It was agreed to write to the parties involved asking them to complete certain works to a given timescale. Clerk reported that nobody had expressed an interest in taking on the Hen Area so this would now be dismantled. Probably completely clear for the Autumn. All Noted.</p>															

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	<p>4 Reading Room: Cllr Heather Summer-Nutting absent. Clerk reported the advice received from DALC on VAT and the Reading Rooms. It was unanimously agreed that because of this advice, the Parish Council must inform the Reading Rooms Committee that, going forward, the Parish Council would not be able to claim VAT on structural/maintenance invoices on their behalf. All agreed and noted.</p> <p>5. Street Furniture: Cllr Anderson nothing to report.</p> <p>6. Footpaths: Cllr White- JW is taking advice regarding modification of the style at Vicarage steps. No update at present. All Noted.</p> <p>7. Tree Wardens Report: Cllr White – AC has requested a fruit tree in remembrance of Dave be planted at the Playing Fields. All agreed and noted. TR has reported Ash Die Back present in trees at the front of the Copse. It was proposed that once these trees had been removed and the site prepared the memorial fruit tree should be planted there to be enjoyed by Parishioners and wildlife alike. All agreed and noted.</p> <p>8. Kingston Church: - Cllr Kelly reported unfortunately there had been a series of break ins to local churches so our church would not now be open every day. All Noted</p>	
069.22	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 15 th September 2022 7.30pm. to be held in the Kingston Reading Room	
	Closure of Meeting: - 9.30pm	

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