

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 21st March 2024 at 1930hrs in the Reading Room Kingston

DRAFT M I N U T E S

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

134.24	Apologies: - SHDC Cllr B Taylor	
135.24	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. Nothing declared.</i>	
136.24	Open Forum: No Parishioners present.	
137.24	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Minutes of Meeting Thursday, 15 th February 2024 approved and signed as a true record.	
138.24	Devon County Council: - Cllr Gilbert addressed the Parish Council on the state of the Devon roads and apologised on behalf of DCC for the condition they were in and likely to be in due to lack of funds. He fully explained the statistics of Devon roads and confirmed it would take 1.4 billion to put them back into a state of good order. All we can do is keep reporting potholes and issues via the online DCC system and take the opportunity when meeting any potential MP's coming up to the next general election to put pressure on Westminster to do something and not forget Rural England! Cllr Freeman raised the frustration felt by many that when DCC had arranged road closures for pothole repairs and patching and had moved all the heavy machinery, men and materials to be onsite for a week then they would ONLY deal with the potholes that met the DCC criteria and would 'dump' the balance of materials rather than using any leftover materials to make good any further potholes that were in the vicinity just because they didn't fit the criteria. A waste of time, manhours and materials. Cllr Rahder also asked if the sub-contractors were monitored by DCC for time management and efficiency when completing their repairs. DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert acknowledged all the frustrations felt by the Councillors and said he would feed back our comments. As far as he was aware the sub-contractors were monitored by DCC. All Noted	
139.24	South Hams District Council: - Cllr Taylor absent	
140.24	Correspondence: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gov Emails – Cllr Freeman had investigated this, but the costs involved were prohibitive for our Parish Council. Any requirements to have government emails would have to come direct from SHDC. All Noted. 2. Flag of Peace for D Day Celebrations – The Parish Council unanimously agreed that providing we had permission from the Church/Wardens, then they would like to purchase this flag as part of our Kingston celebrations to mark this date. All Agreed. 3. Whole Society Resilience Forum 22.3.24. All Noted. 	

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	<p>4. Water Management Planning and River Erme Meetings – Cllr Grant updated the Parish Council on the various meetings she had attended on behalf of the Parish Council. There was slow progress and as yet no outcomes to points raised but the Parish Council agreed that we would continue to support and attend all meetings. All Noted.</p> <p>5. Wonwell Gate Cottage – the Parish Council have no objections to the works as described being carried out. Clerk to email. All Noted.</p> <p>6. Wildlife for Gardens – All Noted.</p> <p>7. CAB Annual Report and Letter – All Noted.</p> <p>8. Solar Panel Enquiry – Parish Council cannot advise, needs to come from SHDC direct. Clerk to email. All Noted.</p>																																																	
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142.24	Annual Parish Assembly – To take place at 7pm on Thursday, 18 th April 2024 before the main Parish Council Meeting.																																																	
143.24	CAP (Community Action Plan): - Cllr Kelly NTR																																																	
144.24	<p>Clerks Report: - Clerk reported –</p> <p>80th D Day Celebrations 6th June 2024 – Wilf & Shoiya Walters – Scobbie Farm had kindly agreed to host the Beacon Event. Phil Anderson has agreed to arrange the Beacon for and on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council expressed their thanks. Clerk to email PA to keep updated and aide with any work. Insurance Questionnaire – no further comments as nothing had changed from last year. Clerk updated Councillors on all forthcoming road closures in and around Kingston. The Pub Quiz had raised an amazing £277 towards the village defibrillator. Thanks to all involved in the pub quiz and to all parishioners who supported. Clerk had requested the up-to-date insurance schedule from Ace of Spades regarding his work at the Playing Fields as this was now due. The Parish Council internal audit will be taking place on 22nd April 2024. All Noted.</p>																																																	
145.24	Newsletter: - Cllr Grant had circulated a draft article to fellow councillors for approval and onward submission to Parish Newsletter Editor, Katherine Harding. All Noted.																																																	
146.24	<p>Reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning: - Cllr Freeman reported no further progress on any matters at present. All Noted. Recreation Ground Sub Committee: Cllr Wakeling reported that CM had decided to step down at Easter in helping with Maintenance at the Playing Fields. The Parish Council expressed their thanks for all his help. It was decided to run an article in the Parish Newsletter asking for volunteers for a Maintenance Group and maybe this could be linked in with the Reading Rooms planned Men's Shed group. All Noted. Allotments: Cllr Banham reported she was meeting with DN regarding the end allotments with a view to accessing funding from SHDC for trees and bench. Clerk reported that Allotment Holders had requested works to repair the entrance access and steps at the Allotments. Parish Council asked Clerk to email PA that on completion of the works at Wonwell Gate Cottage, would he quote for repairs to the allotment access. All noted. Reading Room: Cllr Banham had NTR next Reading Room Committee Meeting next week. All Noted. Street Furniture: Cllr Grant had NTR. All noted. Footpaths: Cllr Rahder had nothing to report. Cllr Freeman raised issue of steps from the Wonwell slipway that go up and into the woodland needing repair. Clerk to email Ros Davies at DCC. All noted. 																																																	

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	<p>7. Tree Report: Cllr Wakeling had nothing to report apart from removal of small tree at back of Dolphin Inn Car Park after a gale. All noted.</p> <p>8. Kingston Church: - Cllr Kelly reported that the Annual Church Meeting of Kingston, Ringmore and Bigbury would take place on 16th May 2024 at the Bigbury Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel. All noted.</p> <p>9. Website:- Cllr Freeman informed the Parish Council that the website had crashed in the previous few days due to the Word Press system that we had used becoming obsolete and unsupported. He confirmed that the matter was in hand, and he had started on building a new supported website, but this would take time to complete. All Noted.</p>	
147.24	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 18 th April 2024 7.30pm. to be held in the Kingston Reading Room	
	Closure of Meeting: - 8.30pm	

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