

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023 6:30pm at The Pavilion, Kingskerswell

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Radford (Chair), Cllr J Taylor (Vice Chair), Cllr J Carter, Cllr W Dixon, Cllr T Elston, Cllr S Talbot, Cllr N Hayter and Cllr M Daniell (from 3541)

Attending: Mrs J Thompson (Clerk), Miss C Hill (Admin) and eight members of the public

3540. Welcome and apologies of absence:

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:31pm and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies received from Cllr M Haines, Cllr A Dewhirst and A Mason. Cllr R Raybould did not attend.

3541: Co-option of a new Councillor.

It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to co-opt M Daniell onto the Parish Council. Cllr M Daniell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

3542: Public participation:

3542.1 Police report and update:

PACT meeting to be arranged to discuss issues such as the recent spate of ASB. No response from DCC on the request to remove highways signs thrown into a resident's garden.

3542.2 There was no update or report from the Navigators.

3542.3 Further public participation:

Kingskerswell Responsible Dog Owners social media group has been set up by residents and is having a positive effect – this subject will become a regular agenda item.

Thanks were given to the PC for purchasing dog poo bag dispensers and more dog poo bins.

3548.1 (moved to here)

It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Radford and agreed by all for Cllr J Taylor to liaise with residents to draft a letter to TDC over concerns with TDC responses to the Ombudsman and how residents feel they have been misrepresented to the Ombudsman.

It was noted that residents have asked for parking permits and been told they can't have free permits also, the pay and display is not enforceable because of incorrect signage.

The PC were asked to support Fore Street residents request for parking permits.

3543: Declarations of Interest from members:

None

3544: To agree the minutes of the previous meeting:

It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th January 2023, as a true and accurate record.

3545: Devon County Councillors report: posted on website.

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3546: Teignbridge District Councillors report: no report.

3547: Chair's update:

3547.1 Chair and Clerk attended DCC County Hall to present a resident's petition at a meeting of the council – feedback from DCC is expected soon.

3547.2 The Chair signed the Civility & Respect Pledge certificate.

3547.3 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all to increase the temporary contract for Clerk's Assistant from three months to six months and 8 hours per week to 10 hours per week.

The permanent position will be advertised in due course and interviews undertaken by a panel of Cllrs and the Clerk.

3547.4 Cllrs to visit The Roundway to assess the need for double yellow lines and bring back to the next meeting.

Chair has been in contact with Kingskerswell Scouts who are planning to refurbish the Scout Hut and will be attending the Coronation Event to recruit new members.

3548: Vice Chair's update:

3548.1 To discuss and agree commenting on concerns of signage, enforcement and permits at Fore Street Car Park was discussed under Public Participation.

3548.2 It was agreed to look at the PC obtaining QR codes for the public to get access to information i.e., on posters and noticeboards.

3548.3 The PC to request that the cricket club maintain the fence surrounding the cricket square and move the practice net out of season.

3548.4 Following on from the dog's consultation it was agreed to remove 'Dogs on leads' signage and replace with 'Keep dogs on leads during events'.

A movable 'Café ongoing, please have your dog on a lead near tables' sign was suggested, to be confirmed after speaking to Responsible Dog Owners.

3548.5 It was agreed for the Clerk to apply for a grant from Youth Services to help with identifying and setting up a youth facility.

Discussions on setting up a Youth Council to be deferred until later in the year.

3548.6 PC to contact Teign Housing to request a meeting to discuss social housing allocations.

3548.7 Cllr J Taylor's resignation from the TDC Standards Committee was noted.

Cllr S Cook was thanked for her service when it was discovered that she no longer appeared to be a TDC Cllr.

3549: Remaining Councillors updates:

3549.1 It was noted that Princes Groundcare are qualified to undertake the services carried out by the Parish Sweeper.

PC to contact TDC to request the schedule for the Parish Sweeper and see if there is any money for us to carry out the role.

3549.2 It was proposed by Cllr W Dixon, seconded by Cllr J Radford and agreed by all to approach Princes Groundcare to carry out litter picking around the village – for a trial period, if the price is right.

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PC to contact TDC to request litter picking services or funds to carry out litter picking itself.

A three-pronged attack from the PC, TDC and Community Payback should be enough to deal with the litter problem.

3549.3 Cllr T Elston and Cllr S Talbot to agree on areas for wildflower planting.

3549.4 Chair to look at Church accounts before the PC decides on providing or contributing to a defibrillator there.

3549.5 It was agreed that there was no further need for the PC to be involved in providing soup or a warm space.

The Chair thanked Cllr J Carter for the Parish Magazine write ups and Cllr J Taylor for the MDA write ups.

3549.6 The PC's involvement in the overgrown trees and tree roots at Coles Lane has finished.

3549.7 Highways issues and updates:

The engineer is booked to repair the VAS cameras on 8th March.

The 2023-24 grass cutting agreement with DCC has been signed and returned. It was noted that the PC has been asking for an agreement and maps for many years, only to be told that there weren't any.

3549.8 Further reports from Councillors – roundtable

PC to request Local Traffic Only sign at the Kerswell Gardens development.

3550: Clerk's report and correspondence:

3550.1 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr W Dixon and agreed by all to provide a budget of £3,500 for the PC's Coronation celebration plans.

Next meeting is Monday 6th March at 6pm.

3550.2 It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr T Elston and agreed by all to adopting the following policies:

Maternity Leave and Pay Policy, Paternity Leave and Pay Policy, Safeguarding Policy.

3550.3 To discuss and agree a request to move a bus shelter was discussed and declined at the Planning Committee meeting.

3551: Clerk's financial report:

3551.1 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to approve the bank reconciliation for January 2023.

3551.2 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to approve the payments schedules.

3552: Asset Management:

3552.1 The planning application for the Changing Places Toilet has been submitted.

3552.2 A sanitary waste bin has been installed in the men's toilets at Water Lane. A metal waste bin is being sourced and the toilets will be painted in the Spring. South West Water have been called out yet again to deal with blocked drains. Cllr S Talbot to purchase new rods to replace broken ones used to try to clear the block – PC to reimburse.

3552.3 PC still to contact a company to carry out an LEMP at Churchway Lane.

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Fallen tree has been removed from the field.

Community Payback to attend again to clear the overgrown steep path and Clerk to chase for repair of the railing.

3552.4 No update on Jubilee allotments.

3552.5 The first part of the Jubilee Gardens area is nearing completion.

The final invoice for the planters has been reduced by £350 to enable the PC to complete the works.

One new gate has been installed and quotes for another gate are being sought – both to be paid for from DCC funds to replace rotten fencing.

3552.6 The planning application for the Devon Air Ambulance night landing site has been submitted.

3552.7 Tenders to be sought for widening the path around the Playing Fields to make it accessible to all.

3553: Planning Committee:

3553.1 Cllrs can meet with M Haines on 8th March to look at the options agreement regarding the public hall plans, to enable informed discussion at the next meeting.

3553.2 The planning committee agreed on the contents of the letter to be sent as a response to the Teignbridge parish council's planning meeting.

3553.3 Cllr M Daniell agreed to join the Planning Committee.

3553.4 No further updates from the Planning Committee.

3554: Downs Committee:

3554.1 The next Downs Committee meeting is 10am on Saturday 25th March.

3554.2 It was proposed by Cllr J Carter, seconded by Cllr W Dixon and agreed by all to reimburse KNHS insurance costs for Kerswell Downs.

3554.3 Chair, Clerk & Admin met with the consultant to sign off on the second stage of Ash dieback works.

3554.4 To discuss and agree a management plan for Jubilee Woods will be part of the next Downs Committee meeting.

3554.5 Cllr J Carter to forward information from ACT on becoming a Wildlife Warden.

3555: Sports Club Committee:

3555.1 It was agreed that the football club cordon off areas adjacent to the football pitch during games.

3555.2 Thanks were given to M Faulkner for arranging the running markers.

Further item to note – excess soil from Jubilee Gardens works to be used at The Playing Fields, after a request was received from KKAG for soil.

3556: Date of next meeting:

Monday 27th March 2023 at 6:30pm. The meeting ended at 8:39pm

Chair

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