

# KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 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

**Attending:** Cllr A Dewhurst (DCC) (left 7:53pm), Mrs J Thompson (Clerk), Miss C Hill (Admin) and forty members of the public

### **3523. Welcome and apologies of absence:**

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies received from Cllr M Haines, A Mason (KSC) and S Rogers (Postmaster) Cllr R Raybould did not attend.

### **3524: Councillor Vacancy**

**3524.1** Thanks were given to R Jones and L Bullock, who recently resigned from the Parish Council.

**3524.2** It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all to co-opt a new Cllr at the next PC meeting.

### **3525: Public participation:**

**3525.2** After reading a summary of comments already received by the PC and suggesting a proposal, the floor was opened up to invite comments from those attending on the problems of dog fouling and dogs not being under control when using the recreation ground.

Item 3531.1 was moved to this point in the meeting where it was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Radford and agreed by the majority with one against, to request that dogs are kept on leads during sporting and other events and kept under control at all other times, with clear and simple signage also requesting owners to pick up after their dogs.

To decide what constitutes dogs under control and to police the proposals a residents WhatsApp or Facebook group was suggested to monitor and report any problems, which can also be reported to the dog PSPO.

The PC has installed three dog poo bag dispensers at the ground and increased the emptying of dog poo bins.

The powers available to the PSPO at the recreation ground need to be established as there is still conflicting advice.

**3525.1** Residents of Lyn Grove and Meadow Close presented a petition to the PC to request that DCC carry out urgent resurfacing of its pavements and highways.

**3525.3** Discussions about supporting the Post Office were deferred as the Postmaster was unable to attend the meeting.

**3525.4** No Police report or updates received.

**3525.5** No Navigators report or update received.

**3525.6** Other public participation:

The public were reminded that they can report potholes on the Report a Problem page on the DCC website.

### **3526: Declarations of Interest from members:**

Cllr J Radford for item 3525.1 (noted prior to the discussion)

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### **3527: To agree the minutes of the previous meeting:**

It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, as a true and accurate record.

### **3528: Devon County Councillors report:** posted on website.

### **3529: Teignbridge District Councillors report:** read by Cllr J Taylor.

The Proposed Submission Local Plan 2020-2040 (Regulation 19) consultation is running from noon 23 January 2023 to noon 13 March 2023. Details are on the Teignbridge website homepage link: Teignbridge Local Plan consultation. The Plan is due to be submitted to the Government in July 2023, and the Examination in Public is expected to be in November 2023. The Plan is expected to be adopted in May 2024.

The council tax proposal is to increase it by £5.54 or 2.99%, in line with the Governments upper limit. The final decision on this is due to occur at the Council (budget) meeting on 21st February.

### **3530: Chair's update:**

**3530.1** Clerk to forward petition presented at 3525.1 to the leader of DCC.

**3530.2** The PC to contact the postmaster to request that Kingskerswell Post Office is provided with adequate cover in the event of sickness and access to training to be able to provide better services.

**3530.3** It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr T Elston and agreed by all to set up a committee to organise Coronation celebrations, with the Clerk to take the lead.

**3530.4** Navigators are interested in organising the Beating of the Bounds on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.

**3530.5** To discuss holding a civic event was deferred.

### **3531: Vice Chair's update:**

**3531.1** Discussed under 3525.2

**3531.2** Cllr J Taylor has agreed to take on the role of Chair to the Kingskerswell and Ipplepen Patients Participation Group.

**3531.3** Cllr J Taylor, Cllr J Carter, Clerk & Admin to take part in an online meeting to discuss setting up a Youth Council provision.

**3531.4** The Teignbridge Local Plan 2020 – 2040 consultation period is now open. Cllr J Taylor thanked and congratulated those residents who commented on the previous consultation and the changes that had been put in place due to their efforts.

### **3532: Remaining Councillors updates:**

**3532.1** Cllr T Elston has met with a consultant to discuss wildflower zones and reduced grass cutting, the next step is to locate four trial areas.

**3532.2** It was proposed by Cllr H Hayter, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all investigate installing a defibrillator at the Church subject to viewing the church accounts before any donations are made.

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The defibrillator at Supa Roofing is installed and registered.

The defibrillator at the Hare and Hounds is yet to be installed and unless an installation date is agreed soon it will be taken back and sited elsewhere.

**3532.3** Contact has been made with a graphic designer to produce advertising material for the litter campaign.

It was discovered that Milestone are contracted to leave litter to rot down after verge cutting in the village.

**3532.4** Highways issues:

VAS cameras are now installed and working well.

Average speed cameras were suggested.

Rubber strips with bollards for cycle path protection were suggested.

Safety audit report to be carried out on the new 20mph traffic calming zone.

**3532.5** Cllr J Taylor to contact resident at Coles Lane to discuss a way forward with neighbours overgrown trees.

**3532.6** Cllr J Carter said that meetings about organising a Winter Warmers session had achieved a positive outcome.

**3532.7** PC to start looking at providing an EV charging point.

**3532.8** Councillors roundtable:

Clerk's assistant has started.

Thanks to Cllr S Talbot and J Yeo for all the work they have done around the village.

Cllr J Carter suggested a diary of social activities on the PC website.

Cllr J Taylor suggested a contacts page for village halls, groups etc on the PC website.

Cllr J Radford to find out how long the path to The Lord Nelson will be closed for.

### **3533: Clerk's report and correspondence:**

**3533.1** It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to adopt the following policies: Dignity at Work Policy, Expenses Policy, Sickness Absence Policy, Training & Development Policy (Staff) and Training and Development Policy (Cllrs).

The proposed Safeguarding Policy will be amended and brought back to the next meeting.

**3533.2** The temporary Clerk's Assistant reported that all is going very well.

### **3534: Clerk's financial report:**

**3534.1** It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Radford and agreed by all to approve the bank reconciliation for December 2022.

**3534.2** It was proposed by Cllr W Dixon, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all to approve the payments schedules.

**3534.3** The quarterly budget was presented with no matters arising.

### **3535: Asset Management:**

**3535.1** The flood risk assessment and planning application for the Changing Places modular pod has been submitted.

**3535.2** Chair and Cllr S Talbot to look at options for litter and sanitary waste provision at Water Lane toilets.

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**3535.3** Planning permission has been granted at Churchway Lane but with many conditions – a LEMP is now needed.

**3535.4** No update on Jubilee allotments.

**3535.5** A new gate has been installed at the Jubilee Gardens and a quote for flooring is expected.

**3535.6** Chair has received information for building a pétanque area.

**3535.7** A trial landing is planned for the DAA night landing site.

### **3536: Planning Committee:**

**3536.1** It was proposed by Cllr W Dixon, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to approve the minutes of the meetings of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

An update on the Kerswell Gardens development was requested – Clerk to investigate.

**3536.2** To discuss the following planning applications:

23/00049/MAJ – Galliford Try Infrastructure, Site Office

Variation of condition 2 on application 18/01140/MAJ (New employment development incorporating Use Classes B1(a) (offices), B1(c) (light industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) with associated parking and landscaping) to amend approved plans and amendments to other conditions.

Cllr J Taylor to submit a FOI request for information gained by TDC planners before the application was submitted.

22/00501/MAJ – Land off Coffinswell Lane, Newton Road

Approval of details for public hall (Phase 1) (approval sought for appearance, landscape, layout and scale) and discharge of associated conditions pursuant to outline planning permission 17/00132/MAJ

PC need to show duty of care to residents regarding the value for money for this proposal.

Contact to be made with Crown Estates ready for full discussion and voting at the next PC meeting.

**3536.3** No further updates from the planning committee.

### **3537: Downs Committee:**

**3537.1** No date set for the next Downs Committee meeting yet.

It was agreed for the consultants to visit the downs to sign off on the second stage of the ash dieback works.

**3537.2** It was suggested that CP Works help with the management of Jubilee Woods

### **3538: Sports Club Committee:**

**3538.1** Purchasing new furniture for the café was deferred.

**3538.2** Installing running markers at the playing field is in hand and progressing.

**3538.3** KSC report - The flooring and decorating has been completed, with some really good feedback from users. The football club have purchased the additional matting to prevent stud marks and this is being closely monitored.

A new TV has been purchased as the old one is failing.

The new boiler for the home changing rooms has been fitted today.

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We have today received notifications that the bank account is now set up correctly and that the names have been changed. We should get the Internet banking codes in the post next week.

We held our first meeting of the year last week and there were no issues raised to us beyond what we knew.

We have spoken to the cricket club in relation to their agreement and expect to meet them ASAP for discussions.

Finally, in relation to the dog mess, we are still finding multiple poos a day, walking from the club house to the cordoned off area last week there were two new poos from the edge of the pitch to the goal mouth. This is about 20m. Our belief is that the majority of the time this is accidental as people are talking or just not seen their dog if it's the opposite side of the field. We have witnessed this to be the case and told owners. The vast majority have been apologetic and picked it up. A few have very reluctantly picked it up.

### **3539: Date of next meeting:**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6:30pm. The meeting ended at 9:05pm

**Chair** .....

**Date**.....