

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



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

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Radford (Chair), Cllr J Taylor (Vice Chair), Cllr J Carter, Cllr W Dixon (from 6:35pm), Cllr S Talbot, Cllr N Hayter and Cllr M Daniell (from 6:45pm)

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

3557. Welcome and apologies of absence:

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies received from Cllr T Elston, Cllr A Dewhirst, Cllr M Haines and L Passarelli. After not attending a meeting for just over six months, R Raybould was thanked for his time on the Parish Council in particular his involvement in obtaining funding for the Changing Places Toilets scheme.

3558: Public participation:

3558.1 Police report and update:

The PC are still trying to organise PACT meetings.

It was suggested that the Post Office or St Mary's Garage could be used for Police and residents to meet up.

Cllr J Taylor to find out how often the Police are seen in Kingskerswell.

3558.2 There was no update or report from the Navigators.

3558.3 moved to after 3562.

3558.4 No further public participation.

3559: Declarations of Interest from members:

Cllr M Daniell for all DCC Highways issues.

3560: To agree the minutes of the previous meeting:

It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Radford and agreed by all to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023, as a true and accurate record.

3561: Devon County Councillors report: no report.

3562: Teignbridge District Councillors report: no report.

3571 Sports Club Committee:

With 3568.7 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all for the football club to have a shed behind the Pavilion, depending on the size, location and style – to be agreed by the PC.

It was agreed to look at the verti draining to see if there are any blockages.

A Mason to find out if the cricket practice net will be moved and also to confirm that the new fencing will be put around the cricket square by the 15th April (as agreed at the last KSC meeting), as the current fencing is a mess and not serving its purpose – with health and safety issues.

KSC are awaiting a meeting date from cricket to agree new terms of hire.

3558.3 Kingskerswell Responsible Dog Owners report and update:

Facebook site has 170 members.

Dog owners appear to be avoiding The Playing Fields at weekends.

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Clerk to check CCTV for reports of dog poo left by The Pavilion door.
The PC thanked responsible dog owners for the reduction in dog poo left at Kerswell Downs and requested that dog owners keep their dogs under control until they had turned the first corner on the path from the car park to the downs – sign to be put up.
Dog poo bags and a bin were suggested at the top of the first path.

3563: Chair's update:

3563.1 PC to write to The Church to find out if they would like a defibrillator there, which the PC would pay and would they like to contribute towards the installation.

3563.2 DCC has responded to the PC's petition for resurfacing the footpath and roads in Meadow Close and Lyn Grove. Chair to contact those who signed the petition to let them know the outcome.

3564: Vice Chair's update:

3564.1 Following an online meeting to discuss social housing policies it was decided to pursue this further (after the election) and request that we have more control and involvement in the policies and requirements relevant to housing Kingskerswell residents.

3564.2 Cllr J Taylor thanked the Clerk and Admin for supporting the recent J9 training and proposed more training after the election.

3565: Remaining Councillors updates:

3565.1 It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr W Dixon and agreed by the majority (one against) for Princes Groundcare to carry out a three-month trial litter pick.

PC to publicise that we are paying for this service and request feedback.

3565.2 PC has applied for membership of VOYC (Voluntary Organisations for Young People & Children) – if accepted we can apply for a start-up grant for youth facilities.

3565.3 To discuss and agree on any highways issues and receive any updates: Cllr M Daniell reported that road repairs in Charles Road are unlikely to be carried out until after the development is completed and the road should be reinstated by the developers.

PC to find out if the mud on Charles Road should be cleaned as part of the planning conditions of the development (it is currently being cleaned each day)

Potholes are continually being reported.

Cllr J Carter asked for an update on the footpath closure by The Lord Nelson.

The request for a no right turn/local traffic only sign coming out of Kerswell Gardens development is unlikely to be agreed as it is not enforceable.

3565.4 To receive any further reports from Councillors – roundtable.

Thanks to Cllr S Talbot, Chair and John Yeo for working on the Jubilee Garden planters.

Cllr S Talbot reported that he was replacing approx. 200 poo bags each week.

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3566: Clerk and Admin report and correspondence:

3566.1 It was agreed by all to go ahead with QR codes on PC signs, notice boards, posters etc.

3566.2 Clerk and Admin gave an update on the Coronation Big Lunch event – the next meeting is Wednesday 29th March 6pm to finalise ideas.

3566.3 PC to meet resident who would like to donate a memorial bench to discuss location, bench style, plaque etc.

Clerk and Admin attended the Stoneycombe Liaison meeting, which included a trip to the concrete plant. Stoneycombe are still happy to provide the materials for the hard landscaping at Churchway Lane field.

3567: Clerk's financial report:

3567.1 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all to approve the bank reconciliation for February 2023.

3567.2 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all to approve the payments schedules.

3568: Asset Management:

3568.1 To receive an update on Changing Places Toilets: Planning decision due 27th March 2023.

3568.2 To receive an update on Water Lane Toilets. Thanks to Cllr S Talbot for repairs carried out.

Southwest Water have confirmed that the mains drain will be repaired.

3568.3 To receive an update on Churchway Lane: LEMP to be carried out and site meeting to be arranged with Stoneycombe Quarry to design the hard standing area.

3568.4 There was no update on Jubilee Allotments.

It was decided not to join the Devon Power Allotments scheme but suggest they look at land near to Yon Street / A380

3568.5 To receive an update on the Jubilee Gardens: Planters and benches are nearly finished.

New gate by stream to be installed at the end of June.

3568.6 To receive an update on the Devon Air Ambulance night landing: Planning application decision due 31st March.

3568.7 Discussed after 3562.

3569: Planning Committee:

3569.1 It was proposed by Cllr W Dixon, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to approve the minutes of the latest Planning Committee meetings.

3569.2 The PC has had a few informal meetings to discuss the new public hall and are waiting to hear back from M Haines and Libraries Unlimited on their plans for the new hall.

PC will also find out how well used the current halls are.

3569.3 No further updates from the Planning Committee.

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3570: Downs Committee:

3570.1 Update from the last Downs Committee meeting - thanks to Cllr J Carter for writing up the meeting notes.

Topp Tree Care to carry out initial works at Jubilee Woods.

Clerk to find out who owns the road leading to Jubilee Woods.

PC to ask Topp Tree Care for a contract for Kerswell Downs and Jubilee Woods works and putting out road signs for Remembrance Day.

3570.2 Clerk to forward information to D Poole about the Wildlife Warden Scheme and the PC will discuss further at next meeting.

3570.3 Further updates from the Downs Committee:

Clerk has requested an update on dedicating the steep path a Public Right of Way.

Topp Tree Care to put in a gulley to alleviate the flooded area at the bottom of the path from the car park up to the downs.

3571: Sports Club Committee:

3571.1 moved to after 3562.

3572: Date of next meeting:

Monday 24th April 2023 at 6:30PM. Annual Parish Meeting followed by Full Parish Council meeting. The meeting ended at 8:09pm.

Chair

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