

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Meeting held on Monday 31st July 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, Cllr M Daniell, Cllr C Rowles and Cllr J Rice

Attending: Cllr A Dewhirst (DCC), Sgt J Morrison, Mrs J Thompson (Clerk) and nine members of the public

Part One (Open to Public and Press)

3641: Welcome and apologies of absence:

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30pm and thanked everyone for attending. There were no apologies.

3642: Public participation:

3642.1 The Chair welcomed Princes Groundcare to the meeting. The PC confirmed their backing for Princes to request users leave the play parks when grass cutting is taking place. It was requested that dog owners keep their dogs on leads when grass cutting is taking place. An increase in dog mess has been noted this year, especially around the edges of the field.

3642.2 Sgt J Morrison gave a Police and crime update for Kingskerswell. He urged residents to report all crime – Facebook comments do not count as reporting crime. Reporting can be done via 101, Police website, Police Facebook, Crimestoppers, Police meet and greets and drop-in sessions. Non urgent help for reporting is available from the PC. Police are working with residents to tackle ASB. Regular patrols are carried out and 'meet and greets' are now taking place. Police to attend Kerswella café on Tuesday. Speed Watch is attending Kingskerswell weekly and passing data to the Police.

3642.3 There was no update or report from the Navigators.

3642.4 There was no update or report from the Responsible Dog Owners.

3642.5 Thanks were given to John Yeo for helping Cllr S Talbot with PC maintenance works.

3643: Declarations of Interest from members:

Cllr M Daniell for DCC Highways issues.

3644: To agree the minutes of the previous meeting:

It was proposed by Cllr J Carter, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th June 2023, as a true and accurate record.

3645: Devon County Councillors report:

Read by Cllr A Dewhirst - copy available on the PC website.

3646: Teignbridge District Councillors reports:

Cllr J Radford and Cllr J Taylor have attended numerous TDC and outside bodies meetings. TDC Cllrs agreed to object to the removal of rail ticket offices. TDC

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are looking to get a Community Safety Partnership up and running, as a multi-agency approach to deal with low level crime.

3647: Chair's update:

3647.1 Following the PC taking over the sports club, thanks were given to all members of the KSC for all that they have done over the last few years, setting a good foundation for the PC to carry on the good work. Discussion regarding the constitution and licencing will take part during Part Two of this meeting.

3647.2 Further information to be requested from Kingskerswell Village Hall for a grant to improve their grounds.

3648: Vice Chair's update:

3648.1 The request for vehicle access between Priory Avenue and Bushmead Avenue will not be progressed by DCC Highways due to funding issues and the fact that the land in question is private land and residents of Priory Avenue would likely object to any such proposal. Cllr J Taylor to confirm that DCC have taken the risk of the no through road into account.

3648.2 It was proposed by Cllr J Carter, seconded by Cllr S Talbot and agreed by the majority (one Cllr voted against on cost grounds) to move forward, in principle, with bringing CCTV coverage into the village.

3649: Remaining Councillors updates:

3649.1 Prizes left over from the PC Coronation event have been donated to Kingskerswell Primary School.

3649.2 The Youth Provision Working Party held a meeting and proposed to form a committee. ToR and policies to be drawn up and a consultation event is planned for September.

3649.3 There was no update on Beating of the Bounds 2024

3649.4 Update on the management plan for ongoing works and projects:

The fence has been installed at Jubilee Woods.

Resident to trim the hedge bordering Jubilee Woods.

Topp Tree have carried out maintenance works at Jubilee Woods.

3649.5 Temporary traffic lights on Torquay Road from Sept 23–Feb 24 were noted. Highways to be asked for a list of planned works for the next 12 months.

3649.6 There were no further reports or updates from Councillors.

3650: Clerk and Admin report and correspondence:

3650.1 Proceeds from the Coronation event to be put aside for future events and projects.

3651: Clerk's financial report:

3651.1 The Council resolved to accept the June bank reconciliation. Proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all.

3651.2 The Council resolved to accept the payments list. Proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all.

3651.3 The quarterly budget update was presented with no issues arising.

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3652: Asset Management:

3652.1 TDC Planning have raised concerns about the flood risk for the Changing Places Toilets module.

3652.2 There was no updates regarding Water Lane Toilets, other than to note that four x 200 litre water butts have been obtained FOC.

3652.3 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to adopt the Churchway Lane Committee ToR.

3652.4 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr C Rowles and agreed by all to proceed with the Devon Air Ambulance night landing site without the lighting column.

3652.5 It was proposed by Cllr T Elston, seconded by Cllr J Rice and agreed by all to reinstate the toilet in the old toilet block at The Playing Fields.

3652.6 Thanks were given to Cllr C Rowles for cleaning The Pavilion.

3653: Planning Committee:

3653.1 There was no update on the new Public Hall plans and agreements.

3653.2 TDC confirm that although the request not to move the bus stop on Newton Road was in the officer's report, it was not an actual condition of the planning permission granted and have referred us back to DCC.

3653.3 The process to call in 23/01157/MAJ – Land at Aller Road - Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 16/02402/MAJ (Erection of 12 dwellings (3 affordable)) to amend design of Plot 3 and discharge conditions 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 is to be confirmed.

3654: Downs Committee:

3654.1 A proposal has been received from DevonArb detailing plans for removing the felled wood at the Downs. Topp Tree Care to be invited to attend the next meeting to present their proposal.

3654.2 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all not to allow metal detecting on the Downs without prior written permission from the PC.

3654.3 It was agreed to have a sign at The Downs saying, 'We're felling sick trees here'.

3655: The Council is excluding members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960. Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.

It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all to hold a Part Two Meeting to discuss and agree confidential plans and financial issues for The Pavilion.

3656: Date of next meeting:

Monday 21st August 2023 at 6:30PM.

This part of the meeting ended at 8:19pm.

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3657: Part Two Meeting (Closed to Public and Press):

Discussion took place regarding financing and running the pavilion, café and bar.

At a later date a statement will be released by the PC detailing the reasons for the closure of KSC.

The meeting was re-opened at 8:57pm.

It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr W Dixon and agreed by all to send a letter to TDC Licensing outlining changes to the running of The Pavilion, including forming the Pavilion Club Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all to amend the constitution to reflect the changes discussed and agreed.

Date of next meetings:

Tuesday 29th August 2023

Monday 2nd October 2023

The meeting ended at 9:06pm

Chair

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