

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 6:30pm at The Pavilion, Kingskerswell

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Radford (Chair & TDC Cllr), Cllr J Taylor (Vice-Chair & TDC Cllr), Cllr S Talbot, Cllr T Elston, Cllr M Daniell and Cllr J Rice.
Cllr J Carter attended remotely.

Attending: Cllr A Dewhirst (DCC), Mrs J Thompson (Clerk), Ms C Hill (Deputy Clerk) and five members of the public.

3771: Welcome and apologies of absence:

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:31pm and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair welcomed Cllr N Wright, Chair of Broadhempston Parish Council. Apologies received from Cllr J Carter, Cllr N Hayter, Cllr W Dixon and Cllr C Rowles.

3772: Public participation:

3772.1 Police report and update - Cllr J Taylor met with PC Woollacott and a student officer and reported various concerns including exploding aerosols in the MUGA, youths doing wheelies on the main road, noisy car meets in the Aldi car park and Fore St car park lights not working. It was suggested that when reporting 101 incidents by email that they be put for the attention of PC Woollacott. A Police surgery on the last Monday of the month was suggested.

3772.2 There were no issues relating to dogs or uncollected dog poo at The Playing Fields, although dog poo was being left in bags hanging from trees at Kerswell Downs. There are 262 members of the Responsible Dog Owners Facebook page.

3772.3 The Wildlife Warden has been helping Cllr T Elston with wild seeding by the BMW garage and the raised area near to St Mary's Church.

3772.4 Comments made on Facebook regarding the Clerk have been removed.

3772.5 Metal detecting report – metal detecting has only been carried out twice towards the end of November last year. Although the downs are a big area of woodland, detecting can only be done on parts of it legally as there are scheduled monuments there so a wide berth around them is needed as to not break the law and abide by the strict code of conduct as a metal detectorist. So, the area is quite restricted, but some interesting things have been found, a fern silver brooch and silver St Christopher pendant plus some pre decimal coins. Finds have been posted on What's on Kingskerswell Facebook site. Since last year a metal detecting group has been created, that pay landowners money to metal detect on their land. Contact will be made with the local farmer who owns the fields that backs on to the downs to see if he would allow metal detecting on those fields or maybe agree to a group dig.

3772.6 There may be more overhanging trees that need works at Jubilee Woods.

3773: Declarations of Interest from members:

Cllr M Daniell for any DCC Highways issues.

3774: To agree the minutes of the previous meeting:

It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th February 2024, as a true and accurate record.

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3775: Devon County Councillors report:

Read by Cllr A Dewhirst and available to view on the PC website.

3776: Teignbridge District Councillors reports:

Cllr J Radford has attended Full Council and STRATA meetings, meeting with the STRATA CEO to discuss systems - Cllr Radford is looking to form a working party to explore value for money and whether systems are fit for purpose.

Both Cllr Radford and Cllr Taylor attend Coffinswell and Haccombe with Combe PC meetings.

Cllr J Taylor has attended Full Council where the Queen Street pedestrianisation scheme was discussed - SDA will be looking into a legal challenge.

At Planning, the Alexandra Theatre scheme was pulled off the agenda at the last minute - alternative plans will be submitted and the NA3 housing development by Langford bridge may be held up due to trees and part of a hedge needing to be removed for the access road.

Following Cllr J Bradford's (SDA) motion to help care leavers in the district - Cllr J Taylor asked if the PC could do anything to support care leavers in Kingskerswell. Cllr A Dewhirst and Cllr J Taylor had opposing views over the results of the Queen Street consultation.

Cllr A Dewhirst stated that the vast majority of NA3 is improved grassland with almost no biodiversity.

3777: Chair's update:

3777.1 The management plan for ongoing works and projects is progressing.

3777.2 The Chair and Mrs Radford enjoyed the Choir 86 concert they attended.

3778: Vice Chair's update:

3778.1 A copy of the Newton Road 20mph safety zone audit report has been received by the PC. It was noted that most of the comments made about the zone have been mentioned in the report.

It was also noted that as the current cycle lanes are advisory cars are allowed to park in them.

3778.2 There were no further updates or reports.

3779: Remaining Councillors updates:

3779.1 It was agreed not to install dog bins in the Boundary Close and Charles Road areas.

3779.2 The PC wanted to remind all groups and advertisers in the village to put notices and posters on the notice boards in the village - not on lampposts etc. Clerk to request that KKAG do not place anymore flower beds or sponsorship signs on the verges. The PC to request that DCC carry out a risk assessment on the safety aspect of the numerous signs on the verges and in the flower beds.

3779.3 Installing a pump track will be discussed at the Youth Committee meeting. PC to visit Broadhempston PC to see how their community orchard is run.

3779.4 To discuss the VAS data collection information was deferred.

3779.5 DALC report read by Cllr J Rice and available to view on the website.

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3779.6 It was proposed by Cllr J Rice, seconded by Cllr M Daniel and agreed by all to adopt the latest Code of Conduct at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

3779.7 The PC has met with a tarmac company and received quotes for works to the worst areas of pavement wear and tear. As it has been a year since the PC presented a resident's petition to DCC regarding pavement repairs the PC intend to go back to DCC and remind them that nothing has been done. The PC could suggest that DCC contribute to the PC carrying out the pavement repairs.

3779.8 The Churchway Lane architects have offered to donate their time on Environment Day to a relevant parish project.

Cllr J Taylor suggested that the play areas be made accessible and include suitable equipment.

The concrete behind and to the side of the Pavilion has been completed and once the weather improves the new shed will be built.

Cllr M Daniell has reported 80 potholes in the main areas of the village.

Cllr J Rice has left Age UK booklets for Kerswella in the hope that services can be set up for residents.

3780: Clerk and Deputy Clerk report and correspondence:

3780.1 Cllr M Daniell and the Clerk attended the DALC Larger Council Workshop and discussed issues affecting them such as increasing workloads and awareness of the roles carried out by County, District, Town and Parish Councils.

A table of responsibilities to be posted on social media showing the roles of County, District and Parish.

3780.2 Various supplier price increases were noted.

3780.3 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all to adopt the Kingskerswell Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan.

It was noted that the PC were unaware of the recent Park Life tree planting.

3780.4 There was no further discussion on recent Facebook comments.

3780.5 Cllr S Talbot and Cllr M Daniell attended the Stoneycombe Quarry Committee meeting where it was confirmed that the PC could have gravel for Churchway Lane and Kerswell Downs on a dump only agreement.

3781: Clerk's financial report:

3781.1 The Council resolved to accept the Feb and March bank reconciliations. Proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all.

3781.2 The Council resolved to accept the payments lists. Proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all.

3781.3 The final budget update of the year was deferred to the next meeting.

3782: Asset Management:

3782.1 To receive any updates and to discuss and agree on any works to Water Lane Toilets:

Two lights need repairing.

3782.2 To receive any updates and to discuss and agree on any works to The Playing Fields:

Quotes to be obtained for new doors and roof repairs to the storage sheds.

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Pavilion: Quotes to be obtained for installing a canopy.

3783: Planning Committee:

3783.1 There were no reports or updates from the Planning Committee, other than to note that the Clerk will be attending meetings again.

3784: Downs Committee:

3784.1 The recent groundworks to alleviate flooding in the car park have been successful.

3784.2 It was noted that the DCC fence panels were still waiting to be repaired.

3785: Pavilion Committee (formerly KSC):

3785.1 The latest Pavilion Club Committee meeting minutes are yet to be circulated.

3785.2 The minutes from the latest RGCC meeting have been circulated.

3785.3 There were no further reports and updates.

3786: Youth Services Committee report:

3786.1 The April Youth engagement event has been suspended due to lack of funding, training and volunteers. The Youth Committee will look again at the funding available.

3787: Churchway Lane Committee:

3787.1 It was noted that an archaeological report was no longer needed for the planning application and the architects will look at the requested drainage report.

3788: Event Working Party Recommendations:

3788.1 The Working Party is making steady progress – date and time confirmed Saturday 24th August 12 noon until 5pm for stalls, then the evening session until 11pm. Volunteers are needed for the day and the next morning for clearing up. The stage, music acts, flyers for the stalls and the TENS licence are confirmed. Any proceeds to go to local groups and charities to be decided. The next meeting will be 15th April 2024.

3789: Kingskerswell Public Hall:

3789.1 The minutes of the latest Public Hall Committee meeting have been circulated.

3789.2 There were no further reports and updates.

3790: Date of next meeting – Monday 29th April at 6:30pm

3791: The meeting was closed at 7:58pm

Chair

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