

KINGSKERSWELL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024 6:30pm at The Pavilion, Kingskerswell

MINUTES

Present: Cllr J Radford (Chair & TDC Cllr), Cllr J Taylor (Vice-Chair & TDC Cllr), Cllr J Carter, Cllr N Hayter, Cllr M Daniell and Cllr J Rice

Attending: Cllr A Dewhurst (DCC), Mrs J Thompson (Clerk), Ms C Hill (Deputy Clerk), O Kazakov (Maintenance) and one member of the public.

3820: It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all that Cllr J Radford be re-elected as Chair. There were no other proposals therefore Cllr J Radford was elected as Chair. The Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr J Taylor thanked the Chair for a fantastic job during his term remarking how the council is unrecognisable to the one that it was previously.

The Chair said he was pleased to be serving a fourth term and thanked staff and Cllrs who he also thanked for stepping up and enabling the PC to achieve more.

3821: It was proposed by Cllr J Carter, seconded by Cllr N Hayter and agreed by all that Cllr J Taylor be re-elected as Vice-Chair. There were no other proposals therefore Cllr J Taylor was elected as Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr J Radford thanked the Vice-Chair for her different view and perspectives and what he had learnt from her.

3822: Welcome and apologies of absence:

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:29pm and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies received from Cllr T Elston, Cllr S Talbot and Cllr C Rowles.

Cllr W Dixon did not attend.

The Chair welcomed Cllr J Carter back and thanked her for her dedication in attending meetings remotely, during her incapacity.

3723: Public participation:

3723.1 Police report and update:

The Police were in attendance immediately before the PC meeting carrying out a walkabout in The Playing Fields.

3723.2 There was no Responsible dog owners report and update.

3723.3 There was no Wildlife Warden report and update.

3723.4 Social media report and update.

Generally quiet apart from Facebook comments regarding street lighting times.

3723.5 Further public participation:

A representative from Newton Abbot Brewers Baseball team was in attendance to answer any questions regarding their proposal to make The Playing Fields their home ground.

It was requested that a permanent backstop be installed – to be agreed with the RGCC, KCFC and TKCC as well as the PC.

3824: Declarations of Interest from members:

Cllr M Daniell for any DCC Highways issues.

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3825: To agree the minutes of the previous meeting:

It was proposed by Cllr M Daniell, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th April 2024, as a true and accurate record.

3826: Devon County Councillors report:

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

Cllr J Carter challenged both DCC and TDC to assess the condition of the footpaths and highways in the village from a wheelchair users' point of view. Cllr A Dewhirst offered to use his Locality Budget towards step-downs.

3827: Teignbridge District Councillors reports:

Cllr J Radford informed Cllrs that tomorrow would be the end of their first year at TDC. Cllr J Radford has stepped down from Environmental Health and joined Overview and Scrutiny and Cllr J Taylor is staying on Planning, Standards and Procedures.

3828: Cllrs roles, responsibilities and committee memberships were reviewed.

3829: Review of Statutory Documents:

3829.1 It was proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Rice and agreed by all to adopt the latest Code of Conduct.

3829.2 Cllrs were reminded to review their Register of Interests.

3829.3 The Clerk will review all Statutory Documents and Policies.

3829.4 The new Financial Regulations will be presented to the PC for consideration at the next meeting.

3830: Chair's update:

3830.1 The management plan for ongoing works and projects is progressing – the reinstatement of the old toilet block has begun and the bar has been opened.

3830.2 It was proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all to change the PC meeting frequency. The meeting dates for the rest of the year will be 24th June, 29th July, 2nd September, 30th September, 11th November, 2nd December and 13th January.

3830.3 The Chair will attend DCC to challenge the need for repairs to footpaths in Kingskerswell. Cllr A Dewhirst informed the PC of a policy allowing PC's to bring forward projects such as footpath repairs to DCC.

3830.4 The Facilities Maintenance Officer will be working one extra day a week for the next four weeks to catch up on outstanding works around the village - work has already begun on weeding.

3831: Vice Chair's update: (discussed after 3826)

3831.1 Fore Street car park lighting issues are being looked into by TDC.

After a trial early turn off, it was confirmed that the village streetlights have gone back to being turned off at midnight. Cllr A Dewhirst informed the PC that he was not aware of a consultation taking place before the trial and that following it, only

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two complaints had been received. The trial experiment had been deemed successful and a policy may come forward from it. Cllr M Daniell felt that the proper procedures had not been carried out regarding the lighting trial.

3831.2 Cllr J Taylor will be questioning DCC Full Council over the ongoing school transport issue, hoping to get a long-term solution in place.

Further to minute ref 3776 (dated 2nd April 2024); Cllr J Taylor read a statement about the results of the Queen Street consultation, stating that the DCC consultation was flawed and did not support the changes in Queen Street. Cllr A Dewhirst wished it to be known that Cllr Wrigley and Cllr Hook support the DCC consultation and have never agreed that consultation was flawed.

3832: Remaining Councillors updates:

3832.1 There was no update from the Pump Track working Party.

3832.2 The VAS camera data collection information has yet to be downloaded.

3832.3 There was no DALC report or update.

3832.4 Highway's issues - the speed humps on Newton Road have been taken out, to be replaced with tarmac humps.

3832.5 Further reports from Councillors – roundtable:

Cllr J Rice has been appointed the Co-Chair for the Devon Dementia Strategy.

Cllr M Daniell gave an update on Highways repairs and potholes and told the PC that he had tried to report the water leak at Esso to SWW, who denied there was any water there.

Cllr J Carter mentioned the poor state of footpaths and highways in the village and suggested an assessment to highlight the problems faced by wheelchair users.

The Chair will be meeting with N Blaney from TDC on Friday as part of an outreach review.

Cllr M Daniell reminded all to keep reporting problems to DCC.

3833: Clerk and Deputy Clerk report and correspondence:

3833.1 The Clerk had received a request for the PC to reduce grass verge cutting. The Chair reminded the PC that they had already reduced the number of cuts from 16 to 12 and following research had discovered that short grass also attracts birds and insects. The current contract will remain in place.

3833.2 The Council resolved that the Clerk as RFO can authorise online payments up to a value of £2,500 without the need for dual authorisation. Any amount over £2,500 should be authorised by the Clerk as RFO and one other Cllr. Proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr M Daniell and agreed by all.

3833.3 There were no further updates or reports.

3834: Clerk's financial report:

3834.1 The Council resolved to approve the payments and receipts list and note payments made since the last meeting. Proposed by Cllr N Hayter, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all.

3834.2 The Council resolved to approve the bank reconciliation for April 2024. Proposed by Cllr N Hayter, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all.

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3835: Asset Management:

3835.1 There were no updates on any works to Water Lane Toilets.

3835.2 There were no updates on any works to The Playing Fields.

3835.3 Quotes and prices have been agreed for repairs to the storage sheds. Works have begun on the reinstatement of the toilet block.

3835.4 Then Red Phone Box to be cleaned and ideas for its use to be discussed at the next meeting.

3836: Planning Committee:

3836.1 Cllr J Taylor has discussed the Maddacombe Road developments with TDC. The Planning Committee has requested that planning application 24/00642/TPO be decided by committee.

3837: Downs Committee:

3837.1 A resident has kindly offered two young oak trees to the PC to plant at a suitable site.

3838: Pavilion Committee:

3838.1 It was proposed by Cllr N Hayter, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all that Newton Abbot Brewers would make Kingskerswell Playing Fields their home ground.

3838.2 Cover for the bar for Baseball matches is needed.

3839: Youth Services Committee report: (discussed after 3826)

3839.1 Cllr J Rice thanked Cllr A Dewhirst for his £1,000 pledge towards Youth Services.

3840: Churchway Lane Committee:

3840.1 The planning application has been approved and works on the car park, hard standing and installation of the allotments will be starting soon.

3841: Event Working Party Recommendations and Report:

3841.1 Good progress is being made towards making this event a very successful and enjoyable day – volunteers needed, please.

Insurance for the bouncy castle and security for the evening to be investigated.

3842: Kingskerswell Public Hall:

3842.1 There was no updates or reports from the Kingskerswell Public Hall.

Cllrs were happy for lines for the Baseball pitch to be marked in.

The four benches outside of the Pavilion to be moved around and matting put down to stop the area getting muddy.

3843: Date of next meeting – Monday 24th June 2024 at 6:30pm.

3844: The meeting was closed at 8:17pm

Chair

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