

# KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 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 W Dixon, Cllr S Talbot, Cllr N Hayter, and Cllr J Rice

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

**3845: 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 M Daniell and Cllr C Rowles.

**3846: Public participation:**

**3846.1** There was no Police report or update:

**3846.2** The Responsible Dog Owners group reported that dog mess was still a problem at The Downs.

The group discussed plans for the dog show being held at the summer event.

**3846.3** There was no Wildlife Warden report or update.

**3846.4** Further public participation:

What's on Kingskerswell gave an update on the Post Office opening hours.

Cllr A Dewhirst has been in touch with the Postmaster who said that arrangements are being made to ensure a post office service in the village is maintained.

Speed calming measures in Charles Road to be discussed at the next PC meeting.

**3847: Declarations of Interest from members:**

None

**3848: 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, as a true and accurate record.

**3849: Devon County Councillors report:**

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

**3850: Teignbridge District Councillors reports:**

Cllr J Radford attended Audit Scrutiny and Compliance training at Buckfast Abbey last week and is attending Task and Finish, Neurodiversity and Audit Scrutiny this week.

**3851: Chair's update:**

**3851.1** The management plan for ongoing works and projects is progressing. The Chair and Clerk have carried out an inspection of PC assets and noted any repairs and maintenance needed.

**3851.2** To discuss and agree providing Councillor Allowances was deferred.

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**3851.3** Works completed by the Facilities Maintenance Officer during the month include weeding planters, weeding and concreting gaps in path around pavilion, planting grass and wildflowers on old compost heap, painting toilet, weeding multiple areas around the village, attending training course, cutting back overgrown areas at The Playing Fields, installing new dog bin, clearing and cleaning war memorial and phone box and much more.

### **3852: Vice Chair's update:**

**3852.1** There have been problems in completing the feedback form for the street lighting trial – Clerk to inform DCC.

**3852.2** There were no further reports or updates from the Vice Chair.

### **3853: Remaining Councillors updates:**

**3853.1** The VAS camera data has been downloaded, the average speed recorded at 38 – 45mph and the fastest at 71mph. Cllr W Dixon asked DCC to consider average speed cameras. Cllr A Dewhirst asked for the VAS data to be forwarded to DCC so that they can consider appropriate speed reduction measures. PC to invite Speed Watch to the next meeting.

**3853.2** Cllr J Rice reported that DALC will feature in the next DCT newsletter with an article to raise their profile. There are two vacancies on the DALC board and the DALC AGM is planned for October.

**3853.3** Cllr J Taylor proposed a process for monitoring and reporting pothole repairs, particularly for those repaired to a substandard condition. Cllrs and residents to let the Clerk know when a pothole has been filled and Cllrs can then inspect the repair.

Cllr W Dixon complained about the litter left after the verges were cut

**3853.4** Further reports from Councillors – roundtable:

Following road repairs at the top of Fore Street the roundabout lines need reinstating.

Clerk to find out what is happening at the Ocean BMW site – currently and eyesore.

### **3854: Clerk and Deputy Clerk report and correspondence:**

**3854.1** The council resolved to approve the Reserves Policy and the new Financial Regulations. Proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Taylor and agreed by all.

**3854.2** Further discussions needed about producing a newsletter / community directory.

**3854.3** It was proposed by Cllr J Rice, seconded by Cllr J Radford and agreed by the majority to award a grant of £425 to Kingskerswell Community and Leisure Centre to assist with the cost of replacement windows. Cllr N Hayter and Cllr W Dixon declared an interest and did not vote.

**3854.4** It was agreed not to join the RSN Rural Village Services Group.

**3854.5** The Clerk and Deputy Clerk informed the PC of the courses and training they had attended over the last month - 16<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am-2:30pm PSE Digital Transformation, 21<sup>st</sup> May 6:30-8pm DALC Planning Enforcement and Appeals

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3<sup>rd</sup> June 6-8pm DALC Responding to Planning Applications, 5<sup>th</sup> June 12:30-2pm DCC Highways introduction and meet the team and 16<sup>th</sup> May Exploitation Prevention Awareness

**3854.6** The PSPO is back from extended sick leave.

### **3855: Clerk's financial report:**

**3855.1** The Council resolved to approve the payments and receipts list and note payments made since the last meeting. Proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Rice and agreed by all.

**3855.2** The Council resolved to approve the bank reconciliation for May 2024. Proposed by Cllr J Taylor, seconded by Cllr J Rice and agreed by all.

### **3856: Asset Management:**

**3856.1** It was agreed that the Council would not look at changing Water Lane Toilets to unisex as the toilet at The Playing Fields would be unisex. Cllr J Carter would like to look at a ramped entrance to Water Lane Ladies' Toilet. The Council resolved to accept the SHS price increase for cleaning Water Lane Toilets – backdated to April 2024. Proposed by Cllr N Hayter, seconded by Cllr W Dixon and agreed by all.

**3856.2** Quotes are being sought for opening, closing and cleaning the re-opened toilet at The Playing Fields.

**3856.3** It was suggested that the red phone box could be used to promote national themes.

### **3857: Planning Committee:** (discussed after 3849)

**3857.1** Cllr Jane Taylor has had to step down from the Planning Committee due to conflict of interests and predetermination from being on the TDC Planning Committee but can still attend in an advisory capacity.

The Planning Committee meeting (postponed from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June) was held at this point.

### **3858: Downs Committee:**

**3858.1** There was no update or report from the Downs Committee.

### **3859: Pavilion Committee:**

**3859.1** The Council resolved that it would not carry on opening the bar during cricket matches, as it was not financially viable. Proposed by Cllr J Radford, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all.

**3859.2** There were no further reports or updates from the Pavilion Committee.

### **3860: Youth Services Committee report:** (discussed after 3849)

**3860.1** It was proposed by Cllr J Rice, seconded by Cllr J Carter and agreed by all to accept the TRAYE proposal to deliver a youth engagement programme in Kingskerswell at a cost of £4443.00.

Cllr A Dewhirst supported the proposal by giving £1,000 from his locality budget.

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Cllr J Rice asked if the PC would consider funding TRAYE members attendance at a NALC Youth Engagement Conference but was informed that this could not be funded by public money.

**3860.2** Cllr J Rice was re-elected as Chair of the Youth Services Committee.

### **3861: Churchway Lane Committee:**

**3861.1** The Constitution and Tenancy Allotment Agreement has been drafted by the Deputy Clerk, ready to be agreed by the Committee.

Two quotes have been received for groundworks at the field. Cllr J Taylor and Cllr N Hayter to contact to a quarry to look at prices for materials.

### **3862: Event Working Party Recommendations and Report:**

**3862.1** Following a risk assessment it was proposed that security was not required for the event.

### **3863: Kingskerswell Public Hall:**

**3863.1** The latest meeting minutes have been circulated.

**3864: Date of next meeting** – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 6:30pm.

**3865:** The meeting was closed at 8:27pm

**Chair** .....

**Date**.....