

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2016 at 2.30pm in The Barn, Kingston.

Present:

Cllr Martin - Chairman
Cllr Osborn Vice-Chairman
Cllr Arter
Cllr Pearson

There were 3 member of the public present

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Walsh was unable to attend due to work commitments. Cllr McCord was unable to attend due to ill health.

1. Planning/Trees

An application for a single-storey garage extension CA/15/02731/ /FUL at 8 Whitelocks Close, Kingston, CT4 6JG was received. This was fully discussed by the Council. The next door neighbour at No 7 attended the meeting and expressed concern that the wall of the garage would be too close to the boundary to enable her to open the passenger side of the car for her to get in. She does not drive herself but her daughter comes every few weeks to take her out. She had been in contact with the applicant and they had come to an agreed about the depth of the wall. The applicant was putting in a variation order to the Development Control. The neighbour now feels that she would like a greater reduction to the depth of the wall. The Clerk will write to the Development Control over the issue.

Once the dispute was resolved the Council would have no objections to the application.

CA/15/02682/TPO Felling of Weeping Ash tree subject to TPO No 2 72/B.Kingstone Court, Church Lane, Kingston CT4 6HY. This application was considered and no objections were raised. The Clerk will write to CCC.

An application CA/16/0059/FUL for a proposed single-storey rear extension and loft conversion with front and rear dormer window at 31 The Street, Kingston, Canterbury CT4 6JE was received. The Council considered the application and no objections were raised regarding the extension.

Although the application states that no trees would be removed from the site Councillors expressed concern that the Magnolia tree in the front driveway may have to be cut down to extend the parking required. The Clerk will write and let

the CCC know.

Trees:

The owners of 29 The Street had contacted the Council stating that they were very concerned about two of the trees along the Railway Embankment that were very close to his garden. They felt that there was a danger of them falling onto their property.

The Tree Surgeon had examined them and felt that T1 Sycamore Tree on the boundary showed that the canopy is one sided due to a large decayed Ash Tree that had been removed.

He recommended taking the tree down to ground level because:

- (a) The shape of the tree
- (b) It's closeness to the boundary

The cost would be £220,000.

T2 Common Ash Tree, close to the Sycamore tree looking at it from the rear garden of no 29 The Street the Tree Surgeon felt that it does look very intimidating especially in bad weather. Branches have snapped off

The Tree Surgeon's recommendation was to pollard down to 6 metres to reduce wind on the canopy. The price would be £380.00

Councillors were all in full agreement in going ahead with the work.

The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements

2. UPDATE ON LICENSING LAWS

The Chair and Clerk had attended the SAG meeting at the City Council on 12th January 2016. There is very little action that the Council or residents could take until the formal application notice has been put up. Once up people will be able to write to the Licensing Officer at CCC expressing their views for or against the application. Any correspondence sent into the Council before the official notice is up will be disregarded.

Meanwhile the Clerk will contact Bishopsbourne, Upper Haldes and Barham and let them know the procedure.

3. FINANCE REGULATIONS UPDATE

The Clerk presented the updated Financial Regulations and it was agreed that formally accepting them would be considered at the next meeting.

4 PROGRESS ON COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Laura Spencer had put herself forward to be considered for co-option as a Councillor. The Council unanimously agreed to accept her offer.

It was agreed that the Clerk would invite her to the next Parish Council meeting to formally co-opt her. The Clerk will arrange the necessary papers

4. A.O.B.

The Clerk had heard from the PROW who stated that they had have not inspected bridleway CB523 yet. They confirmed that they are responsible for the surface vegetation; it would be the landowner's responsibility to clear any encroaching trees or hedges.

The issue regarding the £10.00 increase to the Clerks Office Maintenance expenses due to her having to purchase fast Broadband in July 2015 was raised. The amount was approved and accepted unanimously by the Council.

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 4.15pm