

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in the Barn, Kingston.

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Present:-  
Cllr Martin - Chairman  
Cllr McCord  
Cllr Pearson  
Cllr Spencer  
Cllr Wakefield  
Valerie McWilliams, Clerk

There was one member of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting after which she asked for any comments from the public.

The member of the public thanked the Council and in particular, the organiser of the recent Litter Pick.

County Cllr Northey did not attend the meeting but reported that KCC with the help of extra money they have found and some government grants they will be spending just over eleven million pounds on the potholes in the "Find and Fix" programme. This should be a great help, but any newfound potholes should still be reported on the website.

City Cllr Cook did not attend the meeting due to illness in the family. There was nothing to report.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

County Cllr Michael Northey sent his apologies for absence, as he was on holiday. City Cllr Simon Cook sent his apologies due to family circumstances. Cllr Osborn sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting due to being held up due to a car breakdown.

### **2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There was no notification by members given of any pecuniary or discretionary interest in items on the Agenda

### **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr Pearson & seconded by Cllr Spencer.

The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting on 27th March 2018 were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr Pearson seconded by Cllr Spencer.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

Trevor Oku has looked at the lawn mower currently stored in the Little Barn and felt it was too small to be of any use to him. He was unable to make use of the brush cutter either. It was agreed to advertise both items on Gum Tree and Face book.

With regard to the vacancy for a new Councillor to be co-opted by the Council, it was agreed to advertise the position in the Village Magazine and on Face Book.

Cllr Martin reported that the Nalbourne River Group would not be asking for any donations this year, as they did currently did not need extra funding

All action items had been executed.

#### **5. FINANCE**

Lloyds Bank £10,758.87 (20 March 2018)

##### **Payments Due**

Val McWilliams for 16 Hours worked in March at SCP2 per hour £10.50 = £168 + Office Maintenance £40.00 = £208.00

St Giles Church. Donation towards lighting in Church Yard £25.00

Total £233.00

These figures were accepted for payment; proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Wakefield.

The Clerk reported that she was currently finalising the 2017-2018 accounts. ready for the Internal Auditor to approve them.

She had not yet received this years CFF funding or Precept monies.

The Local Government have confirmed that the increased rate for Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2018-2019 is now £7.86 an increase of 29p over last years figure of £7.57.

#### **6. PLANNING**

CA/18/00485: Proposed detached two-storey dwelling with associated vehicular access following demolition of garage. Land adjacent to 60 The Street, Kingston, CT4 6JE.

The Parish Council considered the application and re-enforced its strong objections to this planning application. The marginal adjustments made in this second application are not sufficient to overturn the grounds on which the first application was refused.

The proposal is for a detached two-story dwelling; given the rising gradient up The Street, it will be higher than No 58, and that much more visually dominant because it will be squeezed into too narrow a plot.

The unanimous view of the Parish Council is that the proposed development is not in keeping with the environmental character of the village and will be detrimental to the quality of life and safety of near residents and the wider community.

The Clerk will now put it on the Planning Portal and send a hard copy to the Planning Department at CCC.

CA/18/00446: Change of use from stable to residential dwelling together with detached single-storey garage following demolition of an existing out building. Whitelocks Barn, The Street, Kingston, CT4 6JQ. The council had paid a site visit as well as discussing the application. In principle there were no objections to the proposed plans. However, the Council would like to point out that the plans state clearly that the building is not visible from the road. It can be clearly seen from Covet Lane between the Waterworks Cottages, the Water Board and Hearts Delight entrance (OS grid reference 197508). It was also noted that the building line is very close to the Conservation Boundary.

CA//18/00616/FUL Proposed detached two-storey dwelling Land adjoining The Old Forge, Church Lane Kingston, CT4 6HX. The Council considered the application and there were no objections raised to the proposed plans. The Clerk will let CCC know.

## **DECISIONS**

18/00379 Variation of condition 02 (approved drawings) of planning permission CA/16/022272/FUL to proposed single-storey rear extension with accommodation in the roof space following demolition of conservatory to allow dormer windows to replace roof lights. Nailbourne Cottage, Bonny Bush Hill, Kingston CT4 6HT  
Awaiting decision

Land Opposite 140 – 146, The Street, Kingston, Ct4 6JQ. After seeking Legal Advice from Legal Department, they are not pursuing this matter further. The case is now closed.

Appeal under section 174. Land north side of Marley Lane (adjacent Marley Wood Bungalow) Marley Lane, Kingston, CT4 6JJ Appeal heard on 25 January

2018 in The Guild Hall, Canterbury. This Appeal was refused.

## **7. TREES UPDATE ON RAILWAY EMBANKMENT**

Five new Lime trees have now been planted on the Embankment. More trees will be planted towards the end of May. The water butt will be put in its final position and filled with water before the next lot of trees are planted. The Clerk was asked to contact Southern Water to enquire about the possibility of getting a permanent tap fitted. It was also agreed to lay some weed-inhibiting membrane on a future planting area. The Clerk will ask The Fifth Trust for a quote to lay the sheeting down

## **8. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS**

The Clerk has been approached by Satswana GDPR offering a personal visit to Parish Councils that can gather a minimum of ten PC representatives in a venue provided by them. The purpose is to guide Councils through the Impact Assessment required to ensure GDPR compliance. For most Parish Councils with one PC this is going to cost £150.00 p.a. If the Council is interested in the offer, the Clerk will try to arrange neighbouring Councils to join in.

## **9. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Councillors were updated on the progress made towards revising the pack of local walks Thanks are due to John Matthews for his effort in the field. The cost of re-producing the walk pack was discussed.

## **10. WELCOME PACK UPDATE**

It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the plastic folders required for the revised Welcome Pack

## **11. TRAINING**

Cllr Martin presented the final version of the Training Policy. Cllr McCord proposed that the Council accept it, seconded by Cllr Pearson; agreed by all.

Cllr Wakefield had attended a recent Planning Training session organised by KALC. She reported that it had been extremely helpful and interesting and well worthwhile going.

## **12. LITTER PICK**

The planned litter pick had unfortunately to be cancelled twice due to adverse weather conditions. However, five stoic pickers ventured forth on 17 March despite the wind and snow and cleaned up Bonny Bush Hill. Volunteers from the

village have also gone round picking up endless bags of rubbish for which the Parish Council is extremely grateful.

### **13. 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR ONE.**

Arrangements are still being discussed as to how the village might honour this important event. The PCCC has invited the Parish Council to their AGM on 18 April 2018, which will also have this item on their agenda.

### **14. HIGHLAND COURT DEVELOPMENT**

Councillors had attended the recent presentation given by Highland Court showing their new plans. They announced that the application would be submitted to CCC Planning Department shortly. Cllrs felt there was nothing further they could do until they received notice of the plans from CCC.

### **15 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **GENERAL Country Voice**

#### **Emails to all**

NALC Chief Executive Bulletin 6 April  
NALC Chief Executive Bulletin 29th March  
Kent Police Rural Liaison Team  
Satswana Parish Council Impact Assessments  
L03 Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2018 2019

Councillors requested copies of the Satswana Parish Council Impact Assessments document; all other correspondence has been circulated amongst the Councillors and the necessary action taken.

### **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Martin reported that the Odyssey Project helping people with cancer would be visiting the Railway Bridge on Covet Lane on 14<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> September this year.

The Clerk has arranged for Mr David Villanueva from the Swale Recovery Group to give a Metal Detecting Presentation following the Annual Village meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

There was no further business. The meeting closed at 10.10pm

### **17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in The Barn.