

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in The Barn, Kingston.

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Present:-

Cllr Martin - Chairman  
Cllr Osborn – Vice- Chair  
Cllr Arter  
Cllr McCord  
Cllr Pearson  
Cllr Spencer  
Valerie McWilliams, Clerk

There were two members of the public present.

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

Simon Cook attended the meeting and reported that the graffiti had finally been removed from the wall under the bridge on Cold Harbour Lane. Unfortunately, the artists have returned to start again.

The rubbish has now been cleared from the top of Bonny Bush Hill.

County Cllr Michael Northey was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

1. The gritting teams have been out several times already. KCC Highways are expecting a harder winter than last year, and we have 20,000 tonnes of salt/etc material in store ready.
2. This morning I attended a briefing session on the new lighting system being rolled out over Kent. All streetlights in Kent are being converted to the LED (Lighting Emitting Diodes) system. So far 56% of residential areas have been done, since March 14<sup>th</sup>. The project will save over 65% of energy and carbon emissions. They will save at today's prices around £5.2 million per year and will thus pay for themselves in 7-8 years. There is a lot less light pollution as the light is directed downwards where it is needed and there is no sky glow, such as the current orange glow. Drivers get a much clearer view of the road as they drive, and colours are clearer. These lights have a life of 100,000 burning hours; say around 15 years but maybe as much as 20 or 25 years. All Kent will go back to all night lighting.

In addition, these lights are controlled centrally and can be made brighter or less bright as wishes and dimmed. Any individual light or area can be switched on and off. Therefore, if local people would like them switched off, to give part-night lighting, they can be. There will be no need to report any faults as the central controls will pick up the faults automatically and will then be repaired.

The residential areas of Canterbury district will begin on 16 January and will be completed by 24 March. Then the lighting on the main roads will be started.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

County Cllr Michael Northey sent his apologies due to a previous engagement. Cllr Walsh sent his apologies for absence due to health reasons.

## **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr McCord & seconded by Cllr Pearson.

## **3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Cllr Osborn declared a Discretionary Interest in Item 6, CA/16/01246.

Cllr McCord declared a Significant Interest in Item 5.

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

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

The owners of the field where the four horses at the top of The Street are residing would like to answer the concerns raised by a member of the public and others at October's PC meeting. They wish to reassure all concerned, and specifically noting, that there is, and always has been a constant supply of water and that currently the owner is providing ample hay as a supplement to the grazing.

## **5. FINANCE**

**Lloyds Bank £9,622.10**

**Monies In**

CCC (RAMP) £2,000.00

## **Payments Due**

Val McWilliams for 16 Hours worked in November at SCP2 per hour £10.50 = £168 + Office Maintenance £40.00 Total £208.00. Plus lost replacement cheque from November £208.00 Total £416.00.

KVHT Use of Barn, (£57.00 + Hire of Projector for Hoey Ainscough £5.00) Total £62.00

Davina Martin Photocopying Newsletter (£20+ VAT £4.00) Total £24.00

St Giles Church Donation towards cost of lighting Church Yard £25.00

Rob Osborn (£5.98.00 + VAT £1.05) Total £7.03

## **Total £534.03**

These figures were accepted for payment; proposed by Cllr Arter and seconded by Cllr Spencer.

The Council discussed the proposed Budget forecast for 2017/2018. Cllr Osborn felt that we should add a further £100.00 to the suggested amount for Training and the forecast Budget was then agreed by all.

It was further agreed by all that we should maintain a reserve of £2,000.00

It was then agreed by all that we would apply for a precept of £5,600.00.

The Revenue Support Grant (RSG) will be reduced next year to £100.95. In future the level of council tax support will be reduced annually in line with the reduction in our RSG.

There were no further questions to the Clerk from Councillors.

## **6. PLANNING**

CA/ 16/01246/FUL Proposed detached two-storey house. Land adjacent to the Old Forge, Church Lane, Kingston, CT4 6HX. The application was discussed and there were no objections to the revised plans. The Clerk will inform the Development Control at CCC.

CA/16/02442/FUL Proposed single-storey garage with workshop. Pheasant Cottage, Westwood Road, Kingston, CT4 6JN. Awaiting decision.

CA/16/02272/FUL Proposed single-storey extension with accommodation in the roof space, following demolition of the conservatory. Nailbourne Cottage, Bonny Bush Hill, Kingston CT4 6HT GRANTED

CA/16/02120/FUL Change of use of barn to commercial storage and new access

point to the public highway. Boormans Stud Farm, The Street, and Kingston, CT4 5JQ GRANTED

CA/16/02025/FUL Proposed first floor rear extension, replacement detached garage and front porch. 108 The Street, Kingston CT4 6JQ GRANTED

CA/16/00700/LUE Certificate of existing lawful development in respect of use of land for a sui generis community use. "The Quiet View" and associated structures/users. 146 The Street, Kingston CT4. This application is still waiting for a decision. The Council apologizes for the error in stating that it had previously stated that the certificate had been refused.

## **7. TREES**

CA/16/02376/TPO TPO/4, 2001, (T3) TPO (T4-6) Fell Magnolias (T7 Fell) Hawthorn. Hoods Place 64, The Street, Kingston, CT46 JQ. GRANTED.

## **Railway Embankment Update**

Local residents along with some councillors had spent two very industrious mornings clearing parts of the Railway Embankment. The Chair thanked them all for their splendid effort which has made a tremendous difference to the area. The Tree Surgeon will start work shortly and it is planned to get the Oak trees planted in early January.

## **8. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS**

Potholes are being repaired as soon as they are reported.

Nothing further to report.

## **9. EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Clr Martin gave an update following the River Group (Little Stour and Nailbourne River Group) meeting. She reported that SERCO had been to check the sandbags stored at The Peak and had replaced the damaged ones. There are now 300 usable sandbags covered by a large tarpaulin supplied by SERCO ready for the winter months.

She also reported that without prolonged rainfall, there is little imminent risk of flooding as the current level of groundwater in the aquifer is below normal,

Clr Martin will attend the Emergency Planning conference on *Resilience in your Community* at the Cricket Ground on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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## **10. BT PAY PHONE KIOSK**

The Clerk had heard from BT Payphones regarding the telephone kiosk in Church Lane (01227 830196). They felt that it would be hard to justify its retention as no phone calls had been made from the box for the past year. The Payphones' consultation process is now in the hands of the Planning Department at CCC. The Clerk has written to them who replied that if the Council wants to try to retain it they must apply again. Councillors still feel that they would like to retain the kiosk in full working order. The Clerk will contact the Planning Department again

## **11. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Countryside Voice  
Field Work

### **Emails sent to all**

PCSO Lisa Williams Report

All correspondence has been circulated amongst Councillors.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

## **13. DATE of NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017** at 7.30pm in The Barn.

The Chair closed the meeting at this point to allow Councillors to discuss the Hoey Ainscough meeting.