

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 3rd July 2017 in the Barn, Kingston.

Present:-
Cllr Martin - Chairman
Cllr Osborn – Vice- Chair
Cllr Arter
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.

County Cllr Michael Northey attended the meeting and stated that there was little to report following a busy time prior to the General Election.

City Cllr Simon Cook was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following:-

CCC is working hard with Serco to sort out the recent problems with bin collections. There are several long term possibilities, but in the short term, they are concentrating on making sure the bins get collected as they should. Please let him know of any issues that you may have so the City Council can keep on top of them.

The first stage of consultation on the Community Governance Review has started - please do feed into this, as the City Council would like hear as many points of view as possible. *(See also the web address in Item 10 of these minutes)*

Cllr Cook has been in touch with the new Chief Inspector at Canterbury police about a number of things, but in particular for Kingston, to ask his officers to keep an eye on rural parking by lorries - especially in dangerous places like the Coldharbour Lane slip road onto the A2.

CCC is continuing to focus on fly tipping; a lorry being used for fly tipping was crushed last week. Please keep reporting any incidents that you are aware of so the Council can clear them up as quickly as possible

1. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Cllr Osborn proposed that Alice Wakefield be co-opted on to the Council, seconded by Cllr Arter. All were in favour. She was asked formally if she would be willing to accept the position and was delighted to accept. The Chair welcomed her onto the Council.

The Clerk will sort out the necessary forms with her and let CCC know of the appointment.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

City Cllr Simon Cook sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting as he had a commitment elsewhere. Cllr Pearson (on holiday), Cllr Spencer (Work) & Cllr McCord had another commitment. All sent their apologies

3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no notifications by members given of any pecuniary or discretionary interest in items on the Agenda.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 5th June 2017 were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr Osborn & seconded by Cllr Arter.

5. MATTERS ARISING

All action items had been executed.

6. FINANCE

Lloyds Bank £20,779.16

Monies in

VAT Return £370.31

Payments Due

Val McWilliams - For 16 Hours worked in June at SCP2 per hour £10.50 = £168 + Office Maintenance £40.00. = £208.00

Kingston Tree Care (Embankment) £540.00

KALC Councillors Guide £20.93 + VAT(£2.84) =£24.34

TOTAL £772.34

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

7. PLANNING

NEW

17/01366 Proposed detached garage with games room above.

The Purlins, Black Robin Lane, Kingston, CT4 6HR

Councillors considered the application and raised no objections in principle to a garage but felt that the height of the building was not in keeping with the general lay out. They felt it would be better if the games room was at the same level as the garage and suggested that it could be added on behind or alongside the garage, thus keeping it all at one level. The Clerk will let CCC know.

DECISIONS

CA/17/00959 Proposed single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension with 2 no. roof lights to front elevation. Birch Lodge, Church Lane, Kingston CT4 6HX **Granted**

17/01100 Proposed single-storey side and rear extension following demolition of garage/workshop and conservatory. 86 The Street, Kingston CT4 6JQ
Awaiting decision

CA/17/00829. Proposed erection of detached two-storey dwelling with associated landscaping parking and refuse store. Hoods Place, 64 The Street, Kingston, CT4 6JQ
Awaiting decision

Appeal under section 174. Land north side of Marley Lane (adjacent Marley Wood Bungalow) Marley Lane, Kingston, CT4 6JJ **Appeal still to be heard.**

8. TREES

Cllr Martin reported on the Embankment working parties for the last two dates in June. She felt clearing work now needed additional paid help and more hours and it was proposed to ask the Tree Surgeon if he could help with this stage. All were in favour. The Clerk will contact him.

Cllr Osborn agreed to renew contact with Natural England to see if they could offer any help with the project.

The Clerk is still waiting to hear from the Fire & Rescue Service to see if they would be willing to fill the water butt on the Embankment. Failing this arrangements will be made to fill it using hoses.

9. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

PROW have agreed to take on the responsibility of cutting back Faggs Alley (CB271). Hopefully it should be cut during the early part of July.

The Clerk has spoken to Highways regarding the outside edge of the white line on Bonny Bush Hill. There are two stretches where the trench is very deep and cars are finding themselves forced over the white line due to large oncoming vehicles. The Clerk had spoken to the Engineer at Highways about the problem who felt it was not serious enough to do anything about it. She will report it again.

Following the recent incident by the Black Robin concern has been expressed regarding the sharp corner coming from Barham. Visibility on the bend is poor on both sides of the Black Robin. Highways will be asked to reinstate the wooden bollards making sure that they have reflectors on them and to refresh the arrow indicating the bend. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways expressing the Council's concerns and ask if there is anything more that Highways could do to improve the safety of the area.

The Shrubbery on "no mans land" opposite the Black Robin needs cutting back again. The Clerk has asked the Landlord if the brewery would pay half the cost again and they have agreed to do this. The Council felt that we should now go ahead and get it cut and sprayed to discourage future growth. All were in favour.

10. CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL – GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Chair and Clerk were invited to attend a meeting in the Guild Hall on 26th June regarding the Community Governance Review, which the CCC is preparing. It will provide an opportunity to consider whether the current parish council arrangements in the district are working in the most productive way. Local residents are invited to participate in local democracy by making their views known. A Questionnaire is being prepared and will be released on 21st July 2017. It is hoped all parishes will participate.

Further information can be obtained by logging on to the website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/your-council/have-your-say-/consultations/community-governance-review.

11 FACEBOOK

Cllr Osborn asked Cllr Wakefield if she would consider leading the Parish Council's participation in Facebook. She was happy to do this. Further details of procedure will be discussed at the September meeting.

12. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct July 2017

Emails sent to all

Canterbury District Local Plan Inspectorates Report
Urgent evidence of HGVs using unsuitable Roads
NALC Chief Executive Bulletin 22 (16.6.2017)
KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant initiatives
Questionnaire for Towns & Parish Councils
NALC Chief Executive Bulletin 23 (23.6.2017)

All correspondence has been circulated amongst Councillors.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kent Fire & Rescue Service (KFRS) has written asking if residents will keep an eye on the fire hydrants in the parish and report to them anything untoward. Residents are asked not try and repair or inspect the hydrants themselves but simply report to the Fire Service.

Cllr Martin promised to give Councillors an up to date list of all the hydrants at the next meeting.

Councillors discussed and completed a research questionnaire for Town and Parish Councils sent out by KALC /NALC.

There was no further business. The meeting closed at 9.20pm

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Will take place on Monday 4th September 2017 at 7.30pm in The Barn.

NB There is **no** meeting in August