

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 6th June 2016 in The Barn, Kingston.

Present:

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

There were 4 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 Kent hoped to receive an extra four million pounds to repair potholes. This will be done with either square-cut pothole repairs or larger areas of patching.

It is hoped to protect the roads with a surface dressing to prevent damage happening next winter. The work should commence in mid-June and will be done on a district by district basis.

Since December, KCC has filled over 11,000 potholes at a cost of over £400,000. So this will give an idea of how much more can now be done. Last year 23,983 potholes were repaired at a cost of £1.3 million. People are still urged to report any potholes online as the quickest way to get things done.

City Cllr Simon Cook attended the meeting and reported that CCC had finished the annual litter pick on the A2. They are still trying to deal with the Highways Agency contractor to piggy back on future works to pick more frequently. They are also going to get more bins for the lay-bys.

Cllr Cook explained that the rubbish on Bonny Bush field is KCC responsibility and should be cleared by the end of the summer.

Cllr Cook explained that a KCC Member for Transport is looking at recycling centres having bins for 're-usable' items.

The next Rural Area Member Panel meeting will take place in The Guild Hall on Monday, 20th June, 2016 at 7.00 pm

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting on 9th May 2016 were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Arter.

3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that so far she had been unable to make contact with the new owners of the old Stud Farm (now known as Kingston Heights) The Land Registry could not find anything to confirm new ownership. She will keep trying as the hedge desperately needs cutting.

It was unanimously agreed to give a donation of £100.00 to The Kent Men of Trees following the presentation from their chairman at the Annual Village Meeting; proposed by Cllr Osborn and seconded by Cllr Spencer.

5. FINANCE

Lloyds Bank £11,051.30

Monies In

Precept £5,000.00

KCC £300.00

CCC £333.39

Total £5.633.39

Payments Due

Val McWilliams for 16 Hours worked in May SCP2 per hour £10.50 = £168

+ £40 Office maintenance

Photocopying for AVM £22.00

Refreshments AVM £50.00 **Total £280.00**

Kent Men of Trees Subscription £25.00

Dean & Chapter of Canterbury Archives (£20.83 + VAT £4.17 Total £25.00

Davina Martin Photocopying £22.80 +Cake Materials £13.80 Total £36.60

Donation Kent Men of Trees (to be decided) £100.00

Tom Arter (Drinks for Birthday party) £70.20

Andrew Sage Grass Cutting around bus shelter £96.00

Total £632.80

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

There were no additional finance questions to the Clerk from Councillors

6. PLANNING/TREES

CA/16//01014/ful First-floor extension with dormers to rear elevation, Holiday Cottage, Marley Lane, Kingston, CT4 6JH. There were no objections to the proposed plans.

CA/16//1128/FUL Erection of detached garage with studio above following demolition. The White House, Black Robin Lane, Kingston CT4 6JJ. Councillors raised no objections to the garage but were not happy with the addition of a studio above. The Clerk will write to CCC and explain.

CA/16/ 01125/FUL Erection of single-storey side extension. The Barn, Marley Lane Kingston CT4 6JJ. There were no objections to the proposed plans. The Clerk will write to CCC.

CA/16/01007/FUL Erection of two-storey side extension with dormer windows to front. Tremaine, 1 Greenacre, Kingston CT4 6JF **Awaiting decision**

CA/16/00765/FUL Two-storey extension to side. Reed Farmhouse, Westwood Road Kingston, CT4 6JL **GRANTED**

CA/1600562/FUL Erection of Dwelling, Broadfield, Covet Lane, Kingston, CT4 6HJ **REFUSED**

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. **Awaiting decision**

CA/16/00760/FUL Single-storey extension to rear of farmhouse, single-storey to side and rear of outbuilding with internal and external alterations and landscaping. Ileden Farm House, Ileden, Kingston CT46HP. **Awaiting decision**

CA/16/0059/LUE Certificate of existing lawful development in respect of installation of five dormer windows to the front elevation. The Barn, Marley Lane, Kingston, CT4 6JJ. **Awaiting decision**

CA/16/00709/FUL Building to cover existing sand school. Little Duskin Farm, Covet Lane Kingston, CT4 6JS. **GRANTED**

Notice had been received from CCC that an appeal regarding Land Adjacent to and South West of 146 The Street, Kingston CT4 6JQ has been lodged with the The Secretary of State for the siting of a temporary and portable log cabin and its residential occupation solely by the applicants during their life time.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Secretary of State strongly supporting the appeal.

TREES

Railway Embankment.

Following Professor Griffiths' talk at the AVM it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with asking him to do a full survey of the Railway Embankment in order to help with applying for grants to enable us to do the work. Meanwhile Cllr Osborn felt that we could start on some of the clearing and prepare the ground for some bulb planting along by the steps leading off the recreation ground which wouldn't cost anything.

Cllr Martin felt we should try and establish names and email addresses of those keen to help in order to enable a system of quick contacts.

Cllr Pearson suggested that the volunteers for the railway embankment could be asked if they would help with the other footpaths in the parish. She had drafted a risk assessment form and suggested that this was completed before any voluntary work was undertaken

7. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Cllr Pearson expressed concern that footpath 274 had not been cutback. Also Bridleway 276a is now almost impossible to walk along as it is so overgrown. The Clerk will contact PROW and enquire if and when they are going to be cutting back.

8. POLICY DOCUMENTS

Cllr Martin presented three policy documents. Acceptance of The Freedom of Information Policy was proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Arter. All were in agreement.

The Health & Safety Policy, The Data Protection Policy & Information Security Policy were also unanimously accepted; proposed by Cllr McCord and seconded by Cllr Pearson, but agreed to remove the title reference to 'Information Security Policy'.

9. QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY & CLEAN UP BRITAIN

The "Clean for the Queen" event will take place on Saturday 11th June, for a clean sweep of the village to collect up any litter in readiness for the Kingston Celebration. Cllr Spencer will lead and organise the volunteers who will meet in the Black Robin Car Park at 10am

The working party is making arrangements for the Queen's Birthday party being held on Sunday 26th June at 3pm. It is hoped to start preparing The Barn on the Saturday night. Various activities will take place including Fancy Dress, Tug of War, Children's Races and train rides. It will end with a sing song after cutting the cake and toasting the Queen.

12. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Land Registry
Clerks & Councils Direct May Issue

Emails sent to all

PCSO Report
KCC Highways and Transportation Survey Report
Bills announced in the Queen's Speech 2016
Message from Kent Police

All correspondence has been circulated amongst Councillors

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Pearson asked if a lock could be put on the door of the notice board as notices were being taken down.

An overhanging branch from one of the trees that had been reduced on the Embankment over looking a resident's garden needed to be cut back. The Clerk will ask the Tree Surgeon to look at it.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

14. DATE of NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 4th July** at 7.30pm in The Barn.