

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Barn, Kingston.

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Present:-

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

There were seven members of the public present.

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

A member of the public reported that it was extremely difficult to walk down the bridleway CB 278, as it is very overgrown. The Clerk reported that Highways would be cutting back footpaths and bridleways during the next two weeks. She will ask the owner of the top stretch of land if they would cut it back as it is the responsibility of the owner to keep it clear.

A member of the public asked if the Council would consider helping to fund the judicial reviews against Canterbury South Urban Extension Development that will worsen air quality and traffic. The Chair replied that although the Council had every sympathy with the issue Council felt that it would not be correct to use public money given to the Council towards the project.

Simon Cook attended the meeting and stated that CCC was preparing to carry out a Community Governance Review, which is the opportunity to look at whether the current parish councils' arrangements are working in the best possible way.

He reported that CCC are looking in to ways to help reduce the problems with "Litter Picking" that parishes experienced last year. It is hoped to be able to get the necessary equipment needed to do the work in future from CCC.

Cllr Cook stated that some parishes were having problems with their bin collection. There had been problems with road works making it difficult for the bin lorries to get through certain roads.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

County Cllr Michael Northey sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting as he had a commitment elsewhere.

## **2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

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

## **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr Pearson & seconded by Cllr Arter.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

All action items had been executed.

## **5. FINANCE**

Lloyds Bank £21,448.88

### **Payments Due**

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

Stamps £21.24

Mickle Print £31.50 + VAT £6.30 Total £37.80

Office Equipment (£2.8 +VAT £0.57) Total £3.40

Food AVM £40.00

Toner Giant £28.42 +VAT £4.55 Total £27.28

Sub-total £337.72

Tom Arter Drinks AVM £66.00

Andrew Sage mowing round bus shelter & end of The Street. £144.00

**TOTAL £547.72**

## **6. PLANNING**

CA/17/01100 Proposed single-storey side and rear extension following demolition of garage/workshop and conservatory. 86 The Street, Kingston CT4 6JQ. Council discussed the plans and there were no objections raised. The Clerk will inform CCC.

## **DECISIONS**

CA/17/00538 Retrospective application for ancillary accommodation over garage together with alterations to roof and dormer windows Mulberry House, Mulberry Lane, Kingston. **GRANTED**

17/00845 Erection and display of three non-illuminated fascia signs, one externally illuminated hanging sign and one timber post sign.

Black Robin Inn Covet Lane, Kingston CT4 6HS **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/uses. The Quiet View, The Street, Kingston. **GRANTED**

## **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

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

The Chair felt that in future we should insist on site visits and much more background information when looking at some of the planning applications, particularly retrospective ones. All were in agreement.

## **7. TREES**

Cllr Martin reported that unfortunately the two working party dates booked to take place in May did not take place. This was due to bad weather and half term. It is hoped to be more successful with the June dates on 10<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Tree Surgeon has sprayed the area above the steps leading up from the recreation field and has started felling and removing dead trees further along the embankment. There is now a water butt in place, once fitted with a new valve it is hoped to persuade the Fire Brigade to fill it.

## **8. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk had heard from PROW that they would be cutting back footpaths and bridleways in the area over the next weeks. The Clerk will ask for a list of the paths that they propose cutting back.

Cllr Pearson reported that the land on the outside edge of the white line on Bonny Bush Hill was very deep and cars were finding themselves pushed over the white line due to large oncoming vehicles forcing them over. The Clerk had spoken to the engineer at Highways about the problem who felt it was not a serious enough problem to do anything about it. She will report it again

## **9 EVALUATION OF AVM on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

It was agreed that the meeting had gone well, and kept to time . Numbers were slightly up on the previous year. Help in setting up the room in the afternoon was appreciated. The food and drink was successful.

## **10. INTERIM MONITORING REPORT**

The Chairman presented a draft Interim Monitoring Report to send to the Monitoring Officer at CCC as requested by Hoey/Ainscough Associates in January. All were in agreement to accept it; proposed by Cllr Pearson & seconded by Cllr Osborn

## **10. KALC**

As the Council is currently without a KALC representative, Cllr Martin proposed Cllr Pearson, seconded by Cllr Osborn. Cllr Pearson was happy to accept the nomination, which was agreed by all.

It was agreed by all to nominate the Chair and Clerk access to the KALC Website Members' Section on behalf of the Council. Proposed by Cllr Pearson, seconded by Cllr Spencer.

## **11. COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

A local resident has put herself forward to be co-opted as a Councillor. The Clerk was asked to write to the lady inviting her to the next parish council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 to meet with the Council.

## **12 FACE BOOK up date**

Further discussion will be considered at the next meeting

### **13. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Emails sent to all**

Note to ask County Officers to forward onto Transparency Fund Beneficiaries in their areas.

2015 Parish & Town Councils Elections feedback and recommendations

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Reform of data protection legislation and the introduction of the General Data Protections

Kent Police – Remain Alert but not Alarmed

All correspondence has been circulated amongst Councillors.

### **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business. The meeting closed 9.05pm.

### **15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in The Barn.