

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 7th November 2016 in The Barn, Kingston.

Present:-

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

There were three 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 reminded everyone about the RAMP meeting on Thursday 10th October which will discuss Concurrent Functions Funding. He reported that he would also be meeting with Ray Evison from KALC to discuss the parish charter, which is out for consultation now.

A consultation is open for proposed improvements to St George's Street in Canterbury – details can be found at <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/stgeorges> and all comments will be gratefully received.

The ticketless parking trial has now finished, but the barriers and cameras will be staying in place while the City Council evaluates the project. Public feedback has been very positive so far. There is no formal consultation at the moment, but any comments about this can be sent to him and he will pass them on to the relevant officer at CCC.

County Cllr Michael Northey attended the meeting and stated that KCC were working hard to encourage people not to smoke. New health warning packaging is now in evidence in Kent. Cigarettes are packed in a dull green box with health warnings printed on them. This idea has been very successful in stopping young people smoking in Australia and it is hoped that the same success will follow here.

He reminded everyone that flu jabs were being offered to the elderly and those with medical needs. Young children between 2-7 years were now being offered the vaccination in the form of a nasal spray. Parents are being encouraged to take advantage of the spray as flu affecting young children could become very serious.

He stated that Kent Highways were ready for the winter months. Twenty thousand tons of salt are ready to be used, as and when necessary. There is a competition for children to come up with names for the gritting lorries, which can be submitted, to KCC.

He reported that 89% of Kent schools were rated good or outstanding compared with the national average of 84%.

1 .APOLOGIES

Cllr Arter sent his apologies for absence due to health reasons.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd October 2016 were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr McCord & seconded by Cllr Pearson. The minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting on 26th October were accepted as an accurate record: proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Spencer.

3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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 overhanging branch at 29, The Street, has now been removed.

The Clerk had written to the owners of the field following a complaint regarding the welfare of the four horses being grazed there. The owners of the field confirmed that there had always been a supply of water to the field installed and paid for by them, so it was never necessary for local residents to carry buckets of water to the field.

The owner of the horses is providing an ample supply of good quality hay as a supplement to the grazing. There is ample stabling for the animals with good deep bedding and plenty of hay and water. The RSPCA and The Horse Society are both aware of the previous concerns and will monitor the situation. There is currently no cause for concern.

5. FINANCE

Lloyds Bank £7,879.84

Monies In

KCC Grant £150.00
Grassroots Funding £500.00

Payments Due

KALC Conference for Chair, (£30.00+VAT £6) Total £36.00 Paid 26/10/2016
Val McWilliams for 16 Hours worked in October at SCP2 per hour £10.50 = £168
+ Office Maintenance £40.00 Total £208.00
Kingston Tree Care (Trees by Bus Shelter) £150.00

Total £394.00

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

The Clerk presented the cashbook figures and a draft budget to the Council who felt that they needed more time to consider the precept. Cllr McCord questioned as to whether we should have a Reserves Policy. It will be fully discussed at the December meeting.

Cllr McCord stated that the £57.00 Barn fee had not been paid. The Clerk will look into it. He stated that there would be a likely increase in the fee in 2017 to possibly £90.00.

There were no further questions to the Clerk from Councillors

6. PLANNING

CA/16/02442/FUL Proposed single-storey garage with workshop. Pheasant Cottage, Westwood Road, Kingston, CT4 6JN. Councillors considered the application and there were no objections raised to the plans. The Clerk will inform the Development Control at CCC.

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. Awaiting decision.

CA/16/01246/FUL Proposed detached two-storey dwelling. Land adjacent to The Old Forge, Church Lane, Kingston CT4 6HX. Awaiting decision.

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, Kingston, CT4 5JQ. Awaiting decision.

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

CA/ 16/02062/FUL Proposed two-storey east extension. The Granary, Ileden, Kingston CT4 6HP. **Granted**

CA/16/ 01125/FUL Erection of single-storey side extension. The Barn, Marley Lane Kingston CT4 6JJ. **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. **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. **Was Lawful.**

7. TREES

The Tree Surgeon and the Chairman of Kent Men of Trees have inspected the Railway Embankment and marked a number of trees needing attention. It is hoped to start work on the Central Platform towards the end of November/December with a view to planting the Oak Trees in January.

The Council considered a draft village newsletter asking for volunteers for help in clearing some of the ivy off the lower branches off the trees and clearing some debris. This will be distributed shortly with reminders of the relevant dates in the Gazette, on the website and on village noticeboards

The trees by the Bus shelter have now been cut back thanks to Michael Northey's generous grant for the cost of the work.

8. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Nothing to report

9. BT PAY PHONE KIOSK

The Clerk had heard from BT regarding keeping the pay phone kiosk (01227 830196) on Church Lane, Kingston. All correspondence has now got to go through the Planning Department. BT did not feel that there was any justification for keeping the kiosk, as it had not been used for over a year. The Clerk has written to the Planning Department and is waiting for a response.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct November 2016
Kent Voice Autumn/Winter 2016

Emails sent to all

Committee Meetings
Guide on Community Asset Transfer
Budget Consultation deadline 27th November
Local Government Financial Settlement
Kent against Burglary
Local Government Financial Settlement – Technical Consultation Paper
Letter Trish Jones
Policing in Kent 2017- 20121 Autumn 2016 Survey

All correspondence has been circulated amongst Councillors.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Martin reported that the refurbishment work to the outside of the bus shelter had now been completed. The inside would be cleaned later.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

12. DATE of NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 5th December 2016** at 7.30pm in The Barn.