

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 3rd October 2016 in The Barn, Kingston.

Present:-

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

There were five 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 spoke about concerns local residents had expressed about the welfare of four horses who are currently installed in a field at the top of Marley Lane. Over the last two or three years there had been signs of neglect where the horses were left with no food or water. The matter had been reported to the RSPCA who had visited the site. The field was in a poor state, as the manure had not picked up. Local residents did go and clear up the droppings. They also fed and watered the animals during the winter months.

RSPCA are continuing to monitor the situation but feel that there is little that they can do, as currently the animals are reasonably healthy. The residents are worried that with winter coming along the neglect will start again.

The Council thanked them for bringing the matter to their attention. They will contact the owner of the field and seek further information before taking the matter any further.

Another member of the public thanked the Parish Council on doing such a good job on the maintenance of the bus shelter.

County Cllr Michael Northey sent the following report: Have your say on the future of Adult Social Care

Kent County Council is today (Friday) launching a consultation on its new vision and strategy for Adult Social Care – ‘Your life, your well-being’

The five-year plan aims to continue the redesign of social care to create an effective, sustainable and person-centered service, which can meet the challenges of the future.

Kent, like local authorities around the country, is facing increasing demand from an ageing population with long-term, complex needs alongside severely reduced national funding which is not keeping up with this rising demand.

Over the past five years, KCC has delivered £433m of savings and the total budget of Adult Social Care continues to rise. These challenges must be met by redesigning how care and support is delivered and passing funding to front line services.

Graham Gibbens, KCC Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, said: "We have worked hard to deliver quality Adult Social Care in very difficult times. We must continue to do more to promote people's ability to improve their health and well-being, live independently and cope with long-term health conditions.

"This means continuing to redesign the way we deliver services, integrating more closely with our colleagues in Health and the voluntary sector, providing a flexible workforce which can respond to the health and social care needs of the Kent population and promoting and supporting people to live independently in their own home.

"We want to hear what service users, their families, carers, volunteers and providers think about our new strategy for Adult Social Care. The views of the public are crucial, as we need to know what is important to you. We are continuing to put the person at the centre of everything we do, offering 'a life not a service'."

To have your say on the future of Adult Social Care in Kent, visit www.kent.gov.uk/adultsstrategy.

City Cllr Simon Cook sent the following report:

He was delighted to be able to support the grant application for money from RAMP fund for the parish council for the work on the Embankment.

There will be an information event (not a consultation) about the possible merger on Thursday at 7pm in the Guild Hall – all are welcome.

He has spoken to our officers about the Cold Harbour Lane Bridge - the graffiti is the responsibility of Highways England as it is their bridge. They are not terribly keen on doing anything about it, but I will see if more pressure can be applied

1 .APOLOGIES

County Cllr Michael Northey & City Cllr Simon Cook sent their apologies for absence due to previous commitments.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 5th September 2016 were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr Pearson & seconded by Cllr Arter.

3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

A lock has now been fitted to the notice board outside The Barn. Peter Sopp who very kindly purchased the lock and fitted it. The Chair thanked him for doing it.

The Clerk had contacted the Tree Surgeon with regard to the overhanging branch at 29 The Street and he will remove it when spraying the steps on the path leading to the Embankment

5. FINANCE

Lloyds Bank £7,532.49

Payments Due

Hire of Barham Village Hall £10.00 Paid

Val McWilliams for 16 Hours worked in September at SCP2 per hour £10.50 = £168 + Office Maintenance £40.00. New Padlock for notice board £12.65

Sub-total £220.65

PKF Audit £100 +£20 VAT) Total £120.00

IT Contract Sambucus £32.00

Davina Martin Materials for the bus shelter £42.28 + VAT £8.46=£50.74

Andrew Sage Grass Cutting bus shelter £72.00

Total £505.39

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

The Clerk had received the accounts back from the External Auditor who on the

basis of their review of the annual return, in their opinion the information in the return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

They would like the precept figure split showing the difference between the Council Tax Support Grant and Government Grant rather than added together.

There were no further questions to the Clerk from Councillors

6. PLANNING

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. The Council considered the application and concern was expressed regarding the storage conditions, which could change at any time once permission had been granted.

They felt that any other alternative storage might be offered. An explicit caveat should be included in the granting of permission

It was unclear why a second access point is required. It is a narrow road will this lead to large heavy vehicles and machinery going up and down. There were no objections providing it is only for the use of the tree surgeons machinery.

The Clerk will let the Development Team at CCC know.

CA/16/02025/FUL Proposed first floor rear extension, replacement detached garage and front porch. 108 The Street, Kingston CT4 6JQ. There were no objections to the proposed plans. The Clerk will let the Development Team at CCC know.

CA/ 16/02062/FUL Proposed two-storey east extension. The Granary, Ilenden, Kingston CT4 6HP. Awaiting decision

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

CA/16/00700/LUE Certificate of existing lawful development in respect of use of land for a sui generis community use. "The Quite 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. Awaiting decision

7. TREES

Railway Embankment following the successful bid of £2,000.00 from RAMP and £500 from the Atherton Grassroots Fund we are now in a position to start work on the Central Platform on the Embankment. The Clerk will contact Men of Trees and the Tree Surgeon to organise a commencement date. Once known offers for help from volunteers will be put into action.

The Clerk will contact Serco to enquire how we might be able to get some of the debris not suitable for chippings on the ground removed. Builder's bulk bags were suggested.

Cllr Osborn suggested that offering Hot Dogs and Coffee to helpers might encourage people to participate. It was agreed to be a good idea.

The Clerk has received a grant from County Councillor Michael Northey to cut the trees on the triangle by the bus shelter. It should be done shortly. The Clerk has written and thanked County Cllr Northey

8. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The Clerk had contacted PROW regarding the footpath leading through to Bishopsbourne. They have now cut back the path. PROW cut back twice a year.

The Clerk has heard from Dr Ruth Adams, the PFW coordinator for the Canterbury Ramblers regarding contacting the Footpath Wardens and has given her the details of our wardens, Cllr Spencer & Cllr Pearson so that she can liaise directly with them.

9. BT PAY PHONE KIOSK

Councillors considered the proposal of adopting or buying the pay phone kiosk (01227 830196) on Church Lane, Kingston but felt that they would rather keep it

The Clerk will write to BT Adopt a Kiosk explaining their reasoning's and stating them to ensure BT's duty under the Universal Service Obligation is upheld and the phone box is maintained in working order.

10 BARHAM WITH KINGSTON WI

Cllr Martin had heard from the WI who celebrates their centenary in 2019 that they would like to do something special for Kingston and Barham parishes to mark the occasion and enquired if we had any specific projects they could contribute too. Cllr Martin had some thoughts and will present them to the Council at the next meeting.

11. HOEY AINSCOUGH MEETING FOR COUNCILLORS & OTHERS

The meeting for Councillors and Trustees to meet with Hoey Ainscough has been set up to take place on 4th October in Barham Village Hall.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Emails sent to all

Kent Police Weekly Rural Policy Update
Civil Service to impose further caps on public sector exit pay
Improvement on Planning
Spotlight on Older People in Rural Areas
FW: Bulletin on national developments and meetings - 16 September 20

All correspondence has been circulated amongst Councillors

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

14. DATE of NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 7th November 2016** at 7.30pm in The Barn.