

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 4th September 2017 in the Barn, Kingston.

Present:-
Cllr Martin - Chairman
Cllr Osborn - Vice-Chair
Cllr Arter
Cllr Pearson
Cllr Wakefield
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.

City Cllr Simon Cook attended the meeting and stated that CCC was busy reviewing the structure of the local tiers of government in the district. They will consider what happens to areas not covered by parish or town councils. There are a few boundaries issues that still need to be clarified. If Parish Councils do not want any changes with regard to their own parish structure eg. boundaries, number of councilors, parish mergers, they should write to CCC and let them know.

County Cllr Michael Northey was unable to attend the meeting but there was nothing to report.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Michael Northey sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting as he had a commitment elsewhere. Cllr Spencer (on holiday), Cllr McCord had another commitment. Both sent their apologies.

2. 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 3rd July 2017 were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr Osborne & seconded by Cllr Arter.

5. MATTERS ARISING

All action items had been executed.

6. FINANCE

Lloyds Bank £20,305.13

Payments Due

Val McWilliams - For 32 Hours worked in July/August at SCP2 per hour £10.50 =
£336.00 + Office Maintenance £80.00. Total £416.00

Came & Company Insurance £596.44

PKF Littlejohn (£100.00+ VAT £120.00) Total £120.00

Andrew Sage Grass Cutting £144.00

Chairman's Conference KALC) £60+ VAT £12.00 = TOTAL £72.00

TOTAL £1,348.44

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

The Clerk had heard from Canterbury City Council that the precept figures must be with them by 31 December. The Precept Budget will be discussed at the November meeting.

7. PLANNING

CA7/01771/TPO NO 2 OF 1972 Silver Birch, the Retreat, Church Kingston CT4 6HX
Councillors considered the application to prune back to the original pollard point. There were no objections to the necessary work being carried out. The Clerk will let CCC know.

DECISIONS

17/01366 Proposed detached garage with games room above.

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

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

Granted

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

Granted

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

Work is continuing along the Embankment. A large diseased Sycamore tree has been felled and there is more spraying to be done by the steps leading up from the playing field. Two of the newly planted Oak trees are dead and will be replaced by two new ones in November/December.

The water butt has still not been filled but a local fire brigade have said that they will do it.

The Shrubbery known as "no man's land" opposite the Black Robin has been sprayed but it will be necessary to do a second spray to discourage further growth after which, it is hoped it can be cleared completely. The brewery has agreed to meet half the cost.

9. POLICIES & REGULATIONS UPDATE

Cllr Martin had gone through our policies and regulations and marked a few amendments which the Clerk will add and send on to Cllr Osborn. It was agreed to go through the policies one at a time at Parish Council meetings rather than call an extraordinary meeting to do them altogether.

10. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

A resident has paid for the cutting back of vegetation along Faggs Alley (CB271); when PROW went to do the work it had already been done. The Clerk will contact PROW and the resident to make sure that it does not happen again.

Following the recent incident by the Black Robin, the wooden bollards have been replaced. Highways did not feel there was much that they could do to improve the safety issue as it would seem that the driver was going much too fast.

11. CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL – GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Following the meeting on in the Guild Hall on 26th June about the Community Governance Review, there will be an opportunity for parish councils to sign up for a 30 minute witness sessions. These will be held after the consultation period has closed, and will give the City Council panel a chance to ask additional questions and clarify any points from previous submissions. The deadline for comments from Parish Councils is 8th October 2017.

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. Individual residents are also invited to submit views via the website.

12. FACEBOOK

Cllr Wakefield is happy to take on the responsibility of Facebook. She felt that it could be a valuable tool for the Parish Council to communicate with the village on a range of issues. It would not be used as a replacement for the more formal repository of minutes, policies etc as these should be placed on the website. A Facebook page could be used to advertise village events and provide up to date information for the village.

Cllr Wakefield suggested that two members of the Council be appointed to manage the page in order to cover holidays and illness. She would be happy to set it up and be an administrator and would gladly teach others how the page works.

Further discussion will take place at the October meeting.

13. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct August 2017

Preservation Order No 1, 2017

The White House, Black Robin Lane, Canterbury CT4 5HR

CPRE Field Work

Countryside Voice

Emails sent to all

Invitation to attend an event in Kent by your Local Ambulance Service

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017/2023

Invitation to Sour Launch Event

Canterbury District Local Plan

Cllr Tony McCord - Policy Amendments

Parish News

Inside Track

Invitation to Highways conference.

Cllrs Martin & Pearson would like to attend the Highways conference and the Clerk will book them places. She will also be attending.

Cllr Martin will be attending the Flood Wardens' workshop on 7 October..

All correspondence has been circulated amongst Councillors.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Martin had met with the county co-ordinator of Kent Community Speed Watch Scheme. She gave Councillors their leaflet containing some details of how to form and operate a Speed Watch Team. It will be discussed at the next

meeting.

There was no further business. The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Will take place on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm in The Barn.