

## **MINUTES OF THE KINGSTONE & THRUXTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 APRIL 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

### **PRESENT**

Parish Councillors:

Cllr. A Wright (Chair), Cllr. T Mapp, Cllr. P Wright, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. R Piotrowski, Cllr. M Walker, Cllr. J Watkins, Cllr. Mrs C Rowan, Cllr. Mr C Rowan Cllr. D Barton and Cllr. Denise Lloyd.

### **ABSENT**

None.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs R Craine (Clerk), 1 parishioner.

#### **1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Ward Cllr J Johnson.

#### **2. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS CORRECT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28 FEBRUARY 2018**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the acting Chair as a true record.

#### **3. TO CO OPT A PARISH COUNCILLOR TO FILL CURRENT VACANCY**

None.

#### **4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

Cllr P Wright declared a DPI in work carried out opposite Little Dell and Cllr Watkins declared a DPI in planning application 180748 and left the room when it was discussed..

#### **5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No issues raised.

#### **6. LOCAL POLICE REPORT**

Councillors encouraged to reply to survey previously circulated. No response from Mr Campion re: invitation to attend a PC meeting. Report all crimes in order to maintain a local police presence.

#### **7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR JON JOHNSON**

See attached. Ask Cllr. Johnson to chase up repairs to WHD road surface.

#### **8. REPORT FROM LOCALITY STEWARD**

None. Weekly reports emailed. Ask to look into flooding between Gooses Foot and Handley Court.

#### **9. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bingo raised £300.00 and finances looking stable. Mr M Walker is new chairman and there are two new committee members.

#### **10. SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

New dog bin installed, a couple of donations received towards its purchase. New, stronger legislation in place re: dog fouling, although digital evidence will be needed.

#### **11. LENGTHSMAN/P3 SCHEME**

Weather hampering work. Pot holes and litter main problem. Fly tipping occurring on Lagan Homes land, report to John Lagan. PFO form signed.

#### **12. FINANCE**

Invoices:

- Clerk's wages.
- Glasdon - £149.10.
- Re-landscaping land opposite Little Dell - £175.00.

Unanimously agreed.

Receipts:

£175.59 – Lengthsman/P3 grant.

#### **Balances:**

The balance for the current account as at 3 April 2018 was £13104.67.

The balance of the deposit account as at 3 April 2018 was £3647.37.

#### **13. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN/EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT**

Reviewed, unanimously agreed, no issues raised.

#### **14. PLANNING**

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 180748 - Conversion of redundant barn at Arkstone Court, Clehonger, Hereford, HR2 9TR DESCRIPTION: Proposed change of use of building to form Family Centre.

**Comment:** Kingstone & Thruxton Group Parish Council fully support this application as it will fulfil a local need and create local employment.

#### **15. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE WITH REGARDS TO POTENTIAL VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION**

Unanimous consent given to allow VH committee to explore extending kitchen area, putting in a bar and meeting rooms.

#### **16. LAGAN HOMES UPDATE**

Still concerns about drainage and the entrance opposite the surgery. There are no drawings showing drainage available. Charities Commission will have to pass any plans involving Seven Sites land. After 106 agreement signed, an independent drainage survey using a company of the Sports Association's choosing, will need to be carried out.

#### **17. TO CONSIDER ALLOTMENTS AT NEW DEVELOPMENT**

Lagan Homes will gift the area set out as allotments to the parish council. The land will be transferred for £1.00 the Parish Council will set up a committee to tenant them out etc. The

Parish Council will take responsibility for enforcement of any rules on them i.e. to keep them tidy and managed etc. Lagan Homes will supply water and electricity to the edge of the allotments and will set up the area initially with top soil so someone can take over them and began to grow produce.

**18. LAND OPPOSITE LITTLE DELL**

Bollards in place and re-landscaping finished.

**19. BUS STOP AT CHURCH**

Deferred to next agenda.

**20. TO CONSIDER COMPLIANCE WITH GDPR**

This was discussed. PC waiting for new guidance from SLCC. PC is a very minimal holder of public information. To be discussed further at next meeting.

**21. TO CONSIDER EMAIL FROM DORSTONE PC RE: B4348**

Agreed that the PC supports Dorstone PC's concerns about the condition of the B4349. Cllr Wright agreed to attend any meetings to discuss this.

**22. LATEST NEWS SECTION ON WEBSITE**

Agreed to look onto getting a new website, discuss at next meeting. Thanks extended to Clive for maintaining present site.

**23. TO NOTE INFORMATION SHEET**

Noted. Local man has completed his community service work and hopefully will not re-offend.

**24. MATTERS NOTIFIED TO CLERK FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING**

- Lagan Homes.
- Website.
- Bus stop.
- Compliance with GDPR.
- Speeding.
- WHD road surface.

**25. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings will be the Annual Parish meetings of Kingstone and Thruxton to be held on Wednesday 25 May commencing at **7.00** pm at the Village Hall. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

April - Ward Report for Wormside Ward

By Cllr J Johnson – E: [jon.johnson@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:jon.johnson@herefordshire.gov.uk) – T: 07989 399670  
 Herefordshire Library Services – this month will see the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewing the future of the service. There are some statutory requirements placed upon the council around providing a library service however, the question is could an external provider offer a better service. In May the Cabinet will be reviewing if the service should be being put out for tender to other providers. Many groups have been involved in the consultations, and there are local providers that are interested in the service.

Midlands Connect Briefing – Over the next 12 months you are going to hear a lot more about Midlands connect? [www.midlandsconnect.co.uk](http://www.midlandsconnect.co.uk)

*‘Midlands Connect, in collaboration with central government, brings together local authorities and local enterprise partnerships from across the Midlands.*

*Together, the Midlands Connect Partnership and the Department for Transport have developed a transport strategy that identifies the major infrastructure projects needed to improve the connectivity of our region’s key locations so we can help drive economic growth and power the Midlands Engine.*

**Sir John Peace, chairman of Midlands Connect and Midlands Engine, said:** “We sit at the heart of the UK’s transport network and therefore an investment in this region’s transport will have a remarkable benefit to the whole country and create a positive ripple effect to boost the development of industry, skills and infrastructure.

*“This **Strategy** will help to secure the further infrastructure funding needed to lay the groundwork for improved connectivity across the Midlands, bringing the East and West closer together and opening the region’s businesses to the world.”*

The reason you’ll hear more is that the western bypass has come high on Midlands connect agenda, and they are working on funding bids because of the link from South Wales to the Midlands and North, but check out their website for more details. Cabinet this month will be passing recommendations on the Adult and Children’s Safeguarding boards, this is of huge responsibility because these are the partnerships we as a council so heavily rely upon to ensure that we are ensuring the safety of some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Balfour Beatty have their briefing for Parish Councillors on 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. I am pleading with Parish Councillors to attend and discuss in their meetings to have representation I believe BBLP management need to there more from our parish councillors and the pressure that they are under.