

**KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting held on Monday 29th January 2018**  
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**The Chair** welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Apologies:** Cllr M Moore, Cllr M Haines, Cllr Janet Carter

**Present:** Councillors A Hartley, S Cook, P Hartley, J Radford, A Huntley & R Jones.

In attendance: K. Turner (Clerk) Cllr a Dewhirst (DCC)

07.00pm: Members of the public: Eight The public speaking time was extended at 7.16pm from the normal 15 minutes and standing orders were called to allow members of the public to continue to discuss the current works at the Downs. The majority of the public speaking time was conducted in a professional manner except for one outburst after which two members of the public left the meeting. An independent document was given to the Parish Council regarding Kerswell Downs. The Council has asked for time to read this document and will report back.

07.50pm: Standing Orders resumed. The Chairman opened the meeting.

**2577: To approve and sign minutes of the meeting 27th November 2017 and the minutes of the Precept meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017.** Agreed unanimously.

**2578: Declarations of interest from Members:** None

**2579: Item brought forward due to AD attending another meeting.**  
**County Councillor's Parish Council Report 29th January 2018 – Kingskerswell**

Good evening.

The Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) agency has given the go-ahead for Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) to increase access to its planned ultrafast (up to 1,000Mbps) broadband with Gigaclear to over 3,000 more homes and businesses in hard to reach areas of Devon.

Gigaclear is already building a new full fibre broadband network on behalf of CDS for over 41,000 homes and businesses initially. This work is due to be completed by December 2019. This will extend the network even further by December 2020.

Information about the Gigaclear roll-out timetable will be updated regularly on the web at [www.gigaclear.com/connecting-devon-and-somerset-rollout-schedule](http://www.gigaclear.com/connecting-devon-and-somerset-rollout-schedule). Residents and businesses can also expect to receive news and information from Gigaclear and CDS by post.

CDS connects some of the hardest to reach communities in England, where the commercial market will not provide the infrastructure. To date, more than 250,000 homes and businesses have access to superfast broadband thanks to CDS investments. CDS does this by awarding public subsidised contracts to companies through competitive tender to build the infrastructure needed, such as fibre or wireless connections. CDS is only able to invest where suppliers have no declared and credible plans to invest their own resources to extend their networks.

So far, over 400,000 km of fibre cable have already been laid, enough to circle the Earth ten times, in a programme that has taken over 2 million-man hours to date. CDS is backed with funding from the EU's European Regional Development Fund, the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, local authorities and the private sector.

I was pleased to be asked to join Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, Patron of Northbrook Community Trust, in formally opening the new two storey extension of the Atkinson Unit a therapeutic secure children's home in Exeter. She said that she felt honoured and delighted to

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be associated with the home and that the home does a wonderful job and is such a positive and important influence on the lives of many very vulnerable young people.

The £1.1million improvements to the current building provides a new reception area where young people are welcomed when they arrive, visitor rooms and conference facilities.

The home is one of only seven welfare-only accommodation facilities in the country. Trained staff work closely with the young people to help them return to having a positive lifestyle within the community. I was asked to join Baroness Butler-Sloss because I have visited the home every month for four years on behalf of the Council's monitoring of this facility – this facility is probably the highest Risk on the Council's Risk Register and I am part of a team that includes professionals, educationalists and of course Ofsted who visit every six months.

The budget scrutiny process started today with the examination of the Children's Directorate budget of £125.487million this morning. We heard that despite an additional £7.5 million for schools this year the government is underfunding Devon's schools by £268 per pupil. It seems that primary schools in Westminster have much lower levels of additional needs yet they receive 19.6% more funding per child than Devon's schools.

This is followed on Thursday by Adult Services and Health's budget of £227.851 million and CIRS Scrutiny looking at the Communities, Environment, Corporate Services and Highways budget of £124.053 million next week. Sadly the Communities and Highways budgets are scheduled to reduce by 2.7%. It would appear that the Executive will be recommending an eye watering 3% plus 2% Adult Social Care increase taking the total budget to £477.391 million.

Finally at Cabinet I am pleased to say that the first Task Group Report, on the Impact of Changes to Local Policing, under my Chairmanship of Scrutiny was approved, published and forwarded to stakeholders. I am pleased to give you a copy and have attached a link to the report for those of you who wish to view it online. The Police have faced nearly seven years of cuts in funding under the stewardship of the then Home Secretary Theresa May and her successor Amber Rudd and this has led to dramatic increases in reported crime both locally and nationally. I hope you agree with our findings and if you have any comments to make please report them to our Scrutiny Officer. The report can be found [here](#).

### **2580: Clerks Report: 29.01.2018**

Entrance to playparks under 10 will require further attention (health and safety) *It was agreed that Mant Leisure would be contacted to assist in a permanent fix*

Contractor - damage to field still waiting for the conditions to improve before top dressing.

Ladies toilet in Pavilion blocked before Christmas SW Plumbing attended and were unable to unblock

Dyno Rod attended and unblocked drain from outside of the ladies toilet.

Playparks inspection to take place in February 2018 no date confirmation yet.

Request for mini digger to go into Mr Harding's back fence as fencing blown down due to weather no need to touch football pitch. *Cllrs agreed Clerk to advise*

Tony Johnson email received today and request read out. *Cllrs agreed that the Remembrance Road Closure signage could be ordered Clerk to obtain at least two quotes.*

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Football will now call off its own games; the Parish Council supported this idea rather than a ref being called out at additional costing and very often late notice. DAFC agreed to the Kingskerswell FC request.

Datel to look at Lights at the PublicToilets Water Lane regarding timer. Cllrs agreed and asked for the Clerk to deal with.

**i. Any further communication or updates regarding Police (Chairman to update)**

Although no police report 1 person has been sentenced for 3.5 years for aggravated burglary and a second is awaiting trial. So although this has taken a while, a positive at this time.

**ii. Name badges to be given to each Councillor for proof of identity when attending Council business**

Clerk gave out the badges

**iii No schedule of works from DCC for any weeding in 2018, therefore discuss village action plan.** Clerk - obtain an up to date map from Teignbridge. A sub committee to be set up to plan a schedule of works. Then the tender can be advertised. Clerk advised this would go on the February agenda as a matter of urgency.

**2581: Clerks Financials and approve cheques for payment:**

**List of cheques to be signed for 29th January 2018**

|      |   |        |   |
|------|---|--------|---|
| 2691 | £ | 50.00  | Devon Communities together (Annual Subscription)        |
| 2692 | £ | 120.60 | Barrier and gate repairs (Downs)                        |
| 2693 | £ | 75.00  | KKSC (Utilities)  |
| 2694 | £ | 677.01 | Clerks Wages (740.47 Gross)                             |
| 2695 | £ | 63.46  | HMRC  |
| 2696 | £ | 143.94 | Petty Cash  |
| 2697 | £ | 144.00 | Salt supplies   |
| 2698 | £ | 96.00  | Quayside Industries (Dyno Rod unblock toilets pavilion) |
| 2699 | £ | 200.00 | Clarke Willmott LLP (Land exchange VAT)                 |
| 2700 | £ | 506.28 | SHS (Water Lane Toilets Contractors)                    |
| 2701 | £ | 71.35  | SW Plumbing (Investigate Ladies blocked toilets)        |
| 2702 | £ | 86.28  | Re usable name badges 10 ordered                        |
| 2703 | £ | 216.00 | Mow on (Playing field maintenance)                      |

Direct Debit for BT landline: £ 121.81

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Direct Debit for BT internet: £ 80.16  
Direct Debit for Opus Gas £ 65.17  
Direct Debit for SSE £

Total cheques/DD for January 18 = **£ 2717.06**  
**Income**

**Amount to be repaid by Sports Club: £ 431.16**  
**VAT refund: £**

**Precept 2nd payment: £**  
**CIL £**  
**106 Section Funds £**

**Total income to 29<sup>th</sup> January 18 £ 431.16**

**2582: Land exchange 1&2 from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 SDLR email update from Clark Willmott following queries by Parish Council from the precept meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December before signing exchange documents.** The email from Sarah Manley of 19/01 confirms queries and the Parish Council are happy to sign the documentation.

**2583: DC Councillors report see item 2579**

**District Council:**  
Nothing to report

**Parish Council:**

**RJ:** Pantomime requesting financial assistance, asked to put in writing for consideration, as AD, MH & SC recently supported.

**PH:** Langford Bridge the drains have sunk (spoken to County Councillor to deal)  
Fence Elmcroft has fallen down (spoken to County Councillor to deal)  
Lorries parking on the pavement under the bridge (Spoken to County Councillor to deal)  
Signage on roundabout to lessen confusion to Exeter – DCC advised no funding available.

**2583: Planning:**

- i) The Planning Committee had met and results read out at the meeting. (Applications held online at Teignbridge Planning Online). TDC have the final say on all the planning applications for Kingskerswell.

**2584: To receive report from Downs Committee (No Downs Committee Meeting)**

- i) Update on Downs Health and Safety work – The tree safety work has been catalogued by the contractor but was halted before Christmas because of bad weather. The contractor has two day's work left of the remaining contract.
- ii) The Navigators on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January carefully lifted from Jubilee Wood a selection of Oak Trees which were then re planted in the clearing just of crockers glade the children who planted the trees are now responsible for their care and development this is the next generation of Kingskerswell.

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- iii) Meeting with Paul Couttie (DCC) re Downs Car Park work/improvements. The following points have been sent to Paul Couttie (DCC) by email the Parish Council are awaiting a reply.

a) The fence at the east side of the car park is recognised as a factor in the ongoing anti-social behaviour problem, as it prevents the car park from being overlooked. It is understood that the closed nature of the fence was a planning condition arising from an objection at the Public Inquiry. The Parish Council will look at the archive documents from the Public Inquiry, with a view to approaching the objector(s) to see if there is scope for a minor variation to the consent to allow a palisade type fence.

b) In addition, recent activity with stolen vehicles demonstrates that there is a need for a more robust barrier in combination with the fence in order to prevent vehicles from breaching the fence and potentially ending up on the dual carriageway below. Suggested solutions include more larger boulders, a bund, or a crash barrier.

c) The chain link fence on the western side of the car park that suffered criminal damage with the use of a vehicle underlines the issues outlined above. There is a need for this fence to be repaired, and further protection to be put in place to reduce the gaps between the boulders that were placed there by Stoneycombe Quarry at the request of Kingskerswell Parish Council.

- iv) Impact on Councillors own work/business schedule and earnings when it is necessary for them to attend urgent Council matters – a solution to be discussed. CLERK please put on the February agenda as the Chairman of the Downs Committee was absent from this meeting.
- v) New interpretation board has been put up in Jubilee Woods.

**2585: Discuss Dog Fouling in the village** – RJ has been talking with the Dog Warden. Third party captured filming cannot be used as evidence in a recent episode due to Data Protection. Clerk to arrange a media call with Mid Dvn Advertiser/Devon Live.

**2586: Playing Field Matters:** Network Rail and Ground Control have advised they will be cutting back 8 metres from the railway line in May – further consultations.

Kingskerswell FC are still in arrears with the rental payments to the Kingskerswell Sports Committee the Clerk has requested payment as she has to send the Annual Audit to the Charities Commission by the end of February 2018.

**2587: Sports Committee Meeting:** No meeting. (JR) Cannot make the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> March can another date be considered.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting at 9.04pm the next Parish Council meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm at the Pavilion.