

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on Monday 26th February 2018
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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Cllr J Radford, Cllr Janet Carter, Cllr A Dewhurst (DCC)

Present: Councillors A Hartley, M Haines, M Moore, S Cook, P Hartley, A Huntley & R Jones.

In attendance: K. Turner (Clerk)

07.00pm: Members of the public: 1. Gill Gould came to talk to the Parish Council about Kerswella Care a new community voluntary service supporting socially isolated and vulnerable people. This service is currently funded for a year up to October 2018. All based on volunteers it is currently applying for funding opportunities and raising funds locally. Its longer term plan is to set up a memory café for Kingskerswell. As members of the Parish Council are attending its meeting on Thursday at 1pm the Chairman asked members to report back after the meeting.

07.15pm: The Chairman opened the meeting.

2588: To approve and sign minutes of the meeting 29th January 2018. PH approved and RJ seconded

2589: Declarations of interest from Members: (MM) (RJ) Community Fete, (AH) item 10 (MH) item 9 and 5iii.

2590: Clerks Report: 26.02.2018

Entrance to playparks under 10 & Over 10 visit by Mant Leisure to quote to improve surface

Outdoor Gym contractor to quote for path to the gym to reduce mud – Mant Leisure to quote

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

Contractor to look at bearings in over ten playground this week.

Contractor to look at grass around the speaking flowers in under 10s playground when weather improves

Siting of memorial bench photo supplied

- i **No schedule of works from DCC for any weeding in 2018, therefore discuss village action plan.** This was put back on the Agenda from January, The Chairman agreed to complete a schedule of works at which point a Sub Committee would be set up to oversee and assist with the work. A 3 year tender would need to be advertised of course more work would need to be completed in the first year to tidy the village after which a maintaining programme would be in place. Landowners are still responsibly for their own boundaries and hedges.
- ii. Letter received to help with the community fete for a stage and bouncy castle the Cllrs agreed to this request unanimously and asked to be invoiced in the name of Kingskerswell PC so that the VAT can be reclaimed.
- iii. Letter received for assistance for Village Hall stage lighting – currently lighting is provided by Dawlish. Other shows could be considered if the hall had its own lighting – the Parish Council requested a break down of cost of each piece of equipment required

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and what percentage of contribution were the Village hall funding themselves. Clerk to obtain further information.

2591: Clerks Financials and approve cheques for payment:

List of cheques to be signed for 26th February 2018

2704	£	156.00	Vision ICT Website hosting and support
2705	£	506.28	SHS (Water Lane Toilet Contractor)
2706	£	110.00	Mow on Garden Machinery (Play park maintenance)
2707	£	156.59	Petty Cash
2708	£	567.32	Clerks Wages (594.32 Gross)
2709	£	27.00	HMRC

Direct Debit for BT landline: £

Direct Debit for BT internet: £

Direct Debit for Opus Gas £ 53.54 (Pavilion Gas)

Direct Debit for B Gas £ 33.79

Direct Debit for B Gas £108.64 (Pavilion Electric)

Total cheques/DD for February 18 = **£ 1719.16**

Income

Amount to be repaid by Sports Club: £ 184.19

VAT refund: £

Precept 2nd payment: £

CIL £

106 Section Funds £

Total income to 26th February 18 £ 184.19

2592: DC Councillors report County Councillor's Parish Council Report 26th February 2018 – Abbotskerswell & Kingskerswell

Good evening.

Devon County are the lead authority on Waste and you may have been concerned by reports in the media about Plastic recycling but in Teignbridge with the kerbside sort and high quality product there is currently no issue for Teignbridge's material. The plastic bottles collected are all reprocessed within the UK. The remaining Pots, Tubs and Trays are then sold internationally on global markets for recycling – including China – who still want/require good clean material like that produced from Teignbridge's 'kerbside sort' process. Teignbridge are not currently stockpiling any material, have no short term need to incinerate recyclable plastics and continue to generate an income for the material.

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The Council will of course be keeping a watchful eye on markets and liaising with District and County colleagues on the matter.

The budget has been uppermost in our minds for the last month and the scrutiny process started with the examination of the Children's Directorate budget of £125.487million last Tuesday. 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 was followed by Adult Services and Public Health's budget of £227.851 million. We heard that DCC is the 6th worst LA for Public Health funding per head and the government is reducing this budget by 2.6% year on year until 2020. We also heard that for every £1 spent on residential adult care the budget increases by £85k and a 50p increase in the hourly rate for Care workers was a £1 million increase in the budget – we commission 36,000 hours of care per week!

At CIRS Scrutiny we looked at the Communities, Environment, Corporate Services and Highways budget of £124.053 million on Wednesday. Communities and Highways budgets are scheduled to reduce by 2.7% and so we recommended to Cabinet that they identify additional resource in the Highways budget to prioritise preventative work on drainage to include gully emptying and cleaning; as well as ditching.

At Executive the Leader managed to find a further £6.5million for Highways down the back of the sofa – however there have to be concerns about the Highways Directorate being able to spend this money in the light of their inability to get their Term Maintenance contractor, Skanska, to fulfil more than 2/3rds of their contract this year.

At Council on the 15th February my group proposed in addition to the proposals in the Leader's budget £223k to protect young people's mental health services by scrapping the cut planned from the mental health budget. We added £½ million for the education of children with special educational needs. We reversed the £2.2 million cut from Devon's schools budgets last year and we created a £50k hardship fund for post 16 home to college transport. This was all funded by cutting £750 k from the budget for consultants, cutting £850k from the spin and media budgets, reducing spending on outside room hire by £260k, saving £64k from car allowances (143 staff drive their car less than 10 miles per week), transferring £899k from the economic development budget by working closely with the Local Enterprise Partnership and District Councils and finally cutting the Development Planning budget by £150k by making planning agreements with District Council colleagues. Finally, we called on the County Council along with District colleagues to ask Government to urgently review Second Home Council Tax to ensure that the system is robust and much needed revenue is not lost. A real, caring and forward thinking budget for the people of Devon! Sadly, our amendments were lost and we saw yet another austerity budget passed through on the nod – the best we got was the Deputy Leader complaining about unfair government funding from his own colleagues in Westminster! For the County Council you will be paying £1,331.19 for a band D property from April – sorry!

District Council: The budget set a £5 increase on Council Tax, the Parish breakdown compares well with other Parishes of the same size.

Parish Council:

AH: Sad to hear the Vicar is leaving.

RJ: Two red dog signs seen in the village for dog poo. Taking a name and address and reporting it to the dog warden is the only way to report dog poo that is not picked up at the moment. Clerk to ask Dog warden to meet with PC or RJ.

RJ: Hot tub vehicles parking on DCC land. The clerk has received a reply regarding this from DCC and DCC is not in favour of taking the matter further.

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RJ: Market starting Church car park on Tuesdays.

MM: Speedwatch – training has been received – 30mph roadside checks can be completed either end of the village at different times and days. 20mph cannot be checked (AD) is trying to get the 20mph enforced.

MM: Reported that the corner of the park may be attracting the wrong type of behaviour – AH will do a sweep by.

2593: 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.
- ii) (AlexH) Pound Lane planning application - no more bonfires – planning approval discussed with the applicant.

2594: To discuss new Public Hall and PC to decide whether it wants an office up there.

This was discussed the subject of personal security for the clerk came up, as well as better parking and facilities for visitors – Cllr attending urgent council matters would have an office - the meetings could be held there as well. There would be maintenance costs but not rental. The Clerk was asked for her thoughts but replied that the Cllrs were making the decision for the role of the Clerk not personal to Karen herself. (PH) Who would take responsibility of the pavilion? obviously there are pros and cons. Once the plans go in there is no way to change mind., CIL funding could support an idea like this. Voted to relocate 4 – 1 to relocate. Formal resolution to be drawn up – no money required as this stage.

2595: To receive report from Downs Committee and appendix A. Read out

- i) **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. This was put back on the Agenda as the Chairman of the Downs was away in January.** Councillors having to spend time policing an area when contractors and taped areas are ignored is a civil matter. Councillors dont have an attendance allowance, for this to be completed the contractors to have it included in the contract or a suggestion was to have a Warden. It was felt that the Parish Council could not look into any member having any earnings and it would be discussed with the contractor. The contractors remit is to remove the timber under their own reconnaissance as part of their contract. A contractor is to be sought to weed the village (item 2590 i) maybe attending the Downs could be written into the contract with the necessary risk assessments on a three year basis. It was also noted that the contractors need to finish the work from before Christmas and this has been discussed with TDC.

2596: Playing Field Matters:

- i) **Quote considered from Mant Leisure for new pathway to the outdoor gym and new entrances for over 10 and under 10 play parks.** Quote agreed and to be funded from 106 section money.
- ii) **Fun run at Easter use of the field** – Cllrs agreed to this but with conditions Clerk please advise.
- iii) **Siting of a container on what was the second cricket practice area and possible assistance from the Parish Council** – the Parish Council requested further

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information regarding usage and for the matter to be discussed at the Sports Committee meeting.

2597: Sports Committee Meeting: No meeting. Meeting 4th April arranged 7pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting at 9.10pm the next Parish Council meeting will be 26th March at 7.00pm at the Pavilion.