

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

Apologies: Cllr M Moore

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

In attendance: K. Turner (Clerk) Alistair Dewhirst (DCC)

07.00pm: Members of the public: This item was moved to the end of the meeting as per Agenda to allow the Public to have more time to discuss village items.

07.00pm: The Chairman opened the meeting.

2598: To approve and sign minutes of the meeting 26th February 2018. Unanimous.

2599: Declarations of interest from Members: (AH) item 10 (MH) item 6i and 6ii (JC) item 6.

2600: To discuss Fore Street Car Park with representative of TDC. Firstly the representatives had been and visited the Car Park prior to the meeting and reported that not one space was available. It was confirmed that a balance is needed to help businesses and residents. The 43 spaces has a weight limit and a 48hr stay limit. The priority for the Car Park is businesses 1st Residents 2nd. (AlexH) **Generally daytime is slightly better than the evenings.** (AH) **What is not acceptable is cars parking on the pavement outside the Co op as there are no spaces available in the Car Park.** The representatives stated that costing had to be taken into consideration making it suitable for businesses, disabled and then the residents. Policed or enforcement of the free spaces is undertaken, of course warning notices can be applied of which the Parish Council thought this may be useful. 1500 kilo vehicles that are within the bays are not normally ticketed but this is not the case with Motorhomes, or storage for Caravans. The on street parking enforcement is very few during the day. (AD) **Highways have been contacted regarding posts outside of the Coop, but the Co op are not keen. Pop up cones could be considered but the traffic orders will not be considered until the next HADOC meeting October 2018. (AD) will raise the issue of hatching.**

It was left that the Parish Council would need to consult further with the village regarding schemes that would be appropriate.

The representatives stated that the Parish Council could apply to take on the Car Park from TDC as there is no income coming from the Car Park.

2601 Clerks Report

- i. Route 12 had provided more information. (PH) had attended a session and 3 gents were there and 8 Ladies it was not a money generation idea just trying to get the community engaging in interests like sewing, gardening etc and to help generate friendships. A have a go attitude. The Parish Council are keen to offer a grant towards an item. Clerk to find out if a sewing machine may help.
- ii. Letter received for assistance for Village Hall stage lighting – Clerk had received a breakdown of equipment this was dated 2017. The Parish Council asked for a up to date quote, balance sheet of the Village Hall and what Grants had been applied for. Clerk to report back to the Parish Council.

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- iii Snow plough would be useful for the village, but it is where to store it? also how often would it be used. We could hire one. (AlexH) June maybe cheaper as we were not in a rush now to purchase
It takes at least 1.5 days to clear the streets in Kingskerswell. If Highways are mindful to close the South Devon Highway, Kingskerswell becomes a car park. (AD) DCC gritted and planned for the event.

2602: Clerks Financials and approve cheques for payment:

List of cheques to be signed for 26th March 2018

2710	£ 252.00	AJS Welding Services (Downs Barrier repairs this cheque has been signed so not to delay payment on 26 th Feb 2018)
2711	£ 506.28	SHS (Water Lane Toilet Contractor)
2712	£ 63.60	Datel (Ladies Toilet lighting)
2713	£ 680.68	SW Water (Water Lane Toilets)
2714	£ 567.32	Clerks Wages (594.32 Gross)
2715	£ 27.00	HMRC
2716	£ 75.00	KKSC (Utilities)
2717	£ 642.18	Mow On (Playing Field Maintenance) & (Bearing repair to Over 10 Equipment)
2718	£ 70.49	Petty Cash

Direct Debit for BT landline: £ 128.29
Direct Debit for BT internet: £ 81.24
Direct Debit for Opus Gas £ 53.58 (Pavilion Gas)
Direct Debit for B Gas £
Direct Debit for B Gas £ (Pavilion Electric)

Total cheques/DD for March 18 = **£ 3147.66**

Income

Amount to be repaid by Sports Club: £ 81.03

VAT refund: £

Precept 2nd payment: £

CIL £

106 Section Funds £

Total income to 26th March 18 £ 81.03

2603: DC Councillors report (AD) Meeting changes please let me know. Clerk advised it was changed in December and it was on the Minutes and Agendas that are posted in the village and website. County Councillor's Parish Council Report 27th March – Kingskerswell

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Good evening.

Vulnerable and fuel poor residents across Devon are being encouraged to apply to Cosy Devon and the Local Energy Advice Programme (LEAP). This is a free advice service supported by Devon County Council and funded by energy suppliers that helps households with energy saving measures and could reduce their energy bills by up to £300 a year.

They can install a range of simple measures, provide energy efficiency advice and help look for a better deal on energy bills. These can include draught-proofing, low energy LED lightbulbs, radiator panels and shower savers. The advisor will also check if your house has uninsulated cavity walls or an uninsulated loft. If so, it may be possible to arrange for insulation to be installed for free. If your home has a boiler that's very old and doesn't meet current standards, they may also be able to help you repair or replace it.

Your energy tariff will be checked and, if you are not on the best tariff, the advisor will help you to change to a cheaper one. On average, a household can save £287 a year by switching their heating and electricity supply to the cheapest tariff.

Recycle Devon is championing the second annual 'REUSE Week' which showcases the work of Devon's many and varied Reuse organisations.

REUSE Week is a celebration of these diverse organisations and what they do. Some groups help people swap, donate and loan the things they no longer need; while others specialise in fixing, renovating or repurposing once-loved items. But they all share a common goal – to reduce waste, increase opportunities for the community and help disadvantaged members of society.

According to the Local Government Association UK households are throwing away £400 million worth of items every year that could have been reused. Throughout the week the groups host events and promotions in every corner of the county, encouraging us all to think differently about what we buy and what we throw away. The events range from creative activities for the family, Give and Take sessions and repair cafes to bookable craft workshops, clothes swaps and even an electrical 'fix fest.'

Residents across Devon are being reminded to 'wash, squash and pop the cap on' when they recycle glass and plastic bottles and jars.

Recycle Devon has been working with Devon authorities to make recycling as easy as possible for residents. Following on from industry advice, you can now leave your caps, tops and lids on both your plastic and glass bottles and jars. Simply give the bottle or jar a rinse, squash plastic bottles, put the top back on and recycle as you normally would – even it's a metal lid on a glass jar.

Replacing lids, caps and tops will not only ensure they are recycled and Devon maintains its 55.7% recycling rate but will reduce volume in recycling bins and recycling lorries. The preference is that lids are attached to bottles and jars but if this is not possible lids can be recycled according to their material, so metal lids in with cans and plastic lids in with plastics.

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I would like to thank highways and social care teams across our Division for their round-the-clock efforts to keep this Division moving and ensure that the vulnerable received the support they needed.

Despite the challenging conditions, care providers, aided by volunteer 4 x 4 drivers in some locations, and joint health and social care teams continued their support to vulnerable residents.

And highways teams worked non-stop to clear routes as quickly as possible, using approximately 7,000 tonnes of salt during the first three weeks of March. It was a good job we got another shipment of gret between the two weather events.

So far this winter over 21,000 tonnes of salt has been used on our roads – this compares with 9,000 tonnes used throughout the whole winter season last year.

Initial estimates suggest these two snow events may have cost around £1.2 million to deal with.

Devon County Council is thanking care providers for pulling out the stops these last few days. Care workers moved heaven and earth to ensure that their clients continued to have the care they need during the storm weekend.

Health and social care teams in the county worked together to deliver vital care to people at home. Examples of care workers and health staff going the extra mile to reach their clients have been in abundance.

Praise must also go to volunteers, such as 4x4 drivers and our fantastic snow wardens for the role they've played, as well as our local communities that rallied together, during this time.

District Council: Local Plan Consultation 2033. adopted 2014 (will go over the 20 years to 2033) Consultation 5th June Newton Abbot Library. Vision for district, delivering growth, jobs, homes, facilities and environmental protection.

Parish Council:

JC: Thank you to Cllr Andrew Hartley for your help in clearing the snow in the village..

AlexH: Bin gone missing from Water Lane – Google does not show one on maps. Clerk to ask TDC if one was there before.

JR: Thank you to Cllr Andrew Hartley for your help in clearing the snow in the village I would not have made it out of my road otherwise.

RJ: Thank you to Louise for getting the funding off the ground. The Go fund me raised £709.37 and the collection boxes £260.18p so a total of £969.55 for the Diesel fund for Andrew Hartley I know Andrew want to use the money for good purposes with in village. I would like to shake your hand and say you are a star.

MH: Cost of Diesel for Andrew Hartley? **(RJ)** So many parishioners have said the cost of the diesel should be paid for by the Parish Council but there is also the matter of hiring the tractor – and out of pocket expenses. **(AH)** I will think about it and discuss a way forward.

PH: School parking – people have taken to parking in peoples driveways – it is a on going problem – need to consider not allowing cars up the hill. **(AD)** We will be bringing no loading lines and other proper slows in place. Parish Council could write to the school the school has done some work. The PTA could promote parking in the Sloop. **(MH)** I collect my grandson and the Sloop is busy, a letter would be best.

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PH: We need some signs for directions to the playing field (AD) not sure if there is funding for this.

PH: Parish Council permission to cut grass

PH Steve's fun run is it still going ahead? Clerk to find out

PH This year is the 100th year for the end of World War 1, good to get the young people of the village involved maybe cut out Tommy's in the village, could look to find relatives names on the War Memorial. PH to find out more info.

AH Pending us going out to obtain quotes – Highlight a schedule of works, what needs doing from a main contractor, everyone works together. Contractor completely self contained with own insurances. I am currently driving around to get an itinerary together.

2603: Planning:

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

2604: To receive report from Downs Committee meeting (no meeting) Damaged trees as Cllr A Hartley declared an interest it was handed over to the Chairman of the Downs Committee to speak.

- i) To consider request from KNHS for assistance towards Annual Insurance Policy. £100 granted and the Parish Council appreciate the work being completed.
- ii) To update on land purchase from DCC and correspondence received. Following our last meeting of land pockets surplus – we had a year of hearing nothing – we are now in communication of section discounts which we have had a reply – and have been asked for attendance of the Navigators as they have outgrown this site at the Pavilion. We have asked them to take into consideration of a BMX Stake Park and offer us a DCC reduction. We have considered a parishioners correspondence regarding 3 possible sites and us not being transparent but when you are looking at land and uses these matters are offered with conditions and until you are successful bidder there would be no further dialogue. The Navigators have been asked if they would be interested in moving to a site and provided us with the number of young people attending at present.

2605: Playing Field Matters: Pine tree has sadly died by the muga, costing required for it to be removed.

2606: Sports Committee Meeting: Meeting 4th April arranged 7pm.

2607: Public Participation: This does not require to be minuted but bullet points have been provided.

Mr P – Skate Park concerns regarding its remoteness. 2 items in the Herald Express regarding instances with children. There were 2 other sites? Would not wish to see the Parish Council be liable for a problem as Risk Assessments not completed. The Parish Council explained that the sites had been viewed and 1 a developer is interested in and 2 had flooding issues. The Navigators have operators and we do have to cater for everyone. After consulting with the children at the school this was the preferred activity. We are taking advice regarding risk assessment from TDC. We understand your concerns and we will consider safe guarding, CCTV and security. The parishioner stated out of site out of mind. The Parish Council are still in dialogue regarding the land with DCC at this stage.

Mrs B - Village Petition re Tree Works – this was not a petition just a collection of signatures which was given to the Tree Warden at TDC. A TPO was the preferred way forward. The

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person collecting the names didn't feel it was necessary for the Chairman of the Council to visit in the evening and ask questions regarding the lists and this was intimidating. The Chairman stated he had known the person since he was young and spoke to her on many of occasions; the Parish Council had had information that persons were being steered towards putting their names forward and the person in question was not being portrayed in a good way. He apologised and said he would write to the person in question. The Chairman of the Downs explained that the list of names had been seen and a Mr Hartley and Mrs Hartley were listed the Parish Council thought it related to the Councillors of that name and they had not agreed to their names being on the list, the Chairman of the Downs could only find the Hartley's of the Parish Council on the electoral role.

The conversation returned to the Trees and that the Parish Council are not doing any work without first photographing the trees, sending to the Tree warden and asking for his permission to complete the work. Dead diseased and dying a full-catalogued report will be completed by the company completing the works.

Mrs T - Parish Meeting? – the Chairman wants the new management plan completed with a five year plan and the longer term plans by an external body. The Parishioners will then be invited and consulted with regarding any plans. The Clerk asked permission to ask a question – directly what is the problem with your Parish Council, they are voted in to make decisions on behalf of the village that is their role (SC) explained the history of the Downs that there was a big battle to save the Downs half went to the Parish Council and half to the Quarry. Trees just dwelling on trees in the Wilborough Common days, no rules or regulation, no Warden had to do the work ourselves, it is limestone, Ash trees are dying, trees that fell down – insects used. Land is cast limestone it is extremely rare limestone and it use to have sheep on it. Find middle ground a way forward sometimes you have to fell trees. The Parish Council stated the Navigators had replanted the trees and the youth were going to be looking after these trees the next generation.

Mrs D - I am new to all of this so in brief a Government Contract was completed and this was in nesting season and the Parish Council gave permission. Mrs T it is not as straight forward as that. Mrs D Thank you for dealing with the trees in your own time I am happy that if I take my grandchildren up there safety is the concern of my Parish Council, what was the meaning of a separate catalogued document. Chairman I am positively talking to one the parishioner's who asked for the independent report to be completed I have walked the Downs with him and discussed with him the concerns over the older trees. The subject came up about facebook and the use of it and ensuring nobody was rude, the clerk asked to speak to remind Councillors there is a line which should not be crossed using facebook as a Councillor or as a Parishioner when do the village know whether you are speaking your own thoughts or that of the Council. Mrs D to summarize then the items are from tonight snow blade, car park free or to consider another way forward, Sewing Machine, something for the Youth Great....

The Clerk reminded the public there was still a vacancy on the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their input and closed the meeting at 9.30pm the next Parish Council meeting will be 30th April at 6.45pm at the Pavilion this will include the Annual Parish Meeting.