

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 30th April 2018

MINUTES



This meeting has been recorded by a parishioner and may be put on Kingskerswell have your say. The minutes are typed as bullet points from tonight's contents and not word for word.

07.45 pm: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Cllr R Jones

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

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

07.45pm: Members of the public: (2) This item was moved to the end of the meeting to allow the Public to have more time to discuss items.

07.46pm: The Chairman opened the meeting.

2608: To approve and sign minutes of the meeting 26th March 2018. Unanimous.

2609: Declarations of interest from Members: (AH) item 9 as I showed the weeding contractors around the village.

2610 Clerk's Report

Contractor still needs to top dress opposite the disable ramp.

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

Alarm test completed on Pavilion

Minimum wage Cleaner 7.83 per hour from 7.50 at Pavilion

Cleaning contractor for Water Lane toilets unblocked gents

Clerks pay increase as per nalc rate 19

Mr Harding work to start this Thursday, mini digger to go into the garden from the playing field side as the fence blew down in the storms.

Gents toilet pan needs fixing at Pavilion

Letter read out relating to the proposed DCC land purchase and uses thereafter and the Parish Council replies. The parishioner had requested that they remain anonymous.

Clerk please add sites have not been identified the two other sites have restricted access, one has only pedestrian access from one end.

The Parish Council want to buy it for the village, the alternative may be someone to buy it up for building on.

AD The Ippepen skatepark has been used so much it is being replaced.

MM Teenagers have nothing in Kingskerswell, nothing has changed in 30 years.

It would be the same if it was a bowling green, tennis courts, don't want it near me.

MH The Navigators are keen to get on site as funding will be in place.

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A planning application will be submitted to prepare for the Navigators to have a building and car parking – it will need to be change of use. Councillors agreed unanimously.

CIL projects – yes, we do have CIL money around £1400.00.

AD I will support you for a skatepark, the Ipplepen one is used day and night.

Happy to offer support from my locality budget.

Vacancy on the Council – co-option will be dealt with at the May meeting.

2611: Clerks Financials and approve cheques for payment:

List of cheques to be signed for 30th April 2018

2719	£	506.28	SHS (Water Lane Toilet Contractor)
2720	£	805.83	Devon Association of Local Council (Annual Subscription)
2721	£	75.00	KKSC (Utilities)
2722	£	632.66	Clerks Wages (667.06 Gross)
2723	£	34.40	HMRC
2724	£	32.42	British Gas (Water Lane Toilets Electric)
2725	£	240.00	Mow On (Playing Field Maintenance)
2726	£	151.09	Petty Cash
2727		40.08	Pavillion Supplies 50% paid by Sports Committee

Direct Debit for BT landline: £

Direct Debit for BT internet: £

Direct Debit for Opus Gas £ 62.54 (Pavilion Gas)

Direct Debit for B Gas £

Direct Debit for B Gas £ (Pavilion Electric)

Total cheques/DD for April 18 = **£ 2517.76**

Income

Amount to be repaid by Sports Club: £ 116.92

VAT refund: £

Precept 1st payment: £23,935.00

CIL £ 722.76

106 Section Funds £

Total income to 30th April 18 £24,774.68

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2612: DC Councillors report

County & District Councillor's Annual Parish Council Report 30th April 2018 – Abbotskerswell
Kingskerswell

In May it was great to be re-elected to the County Council in this new Division and then to have the support of Cross Party colleagues to be made Chair of Scrutiny. Because of the wide nature of the County Council's activities the scrutiny role is devolved into three areas – Children's, chaired by the Leader of the Labour Party; Adults and Health, chaired by a leading Conservative Councillor and finally my over-arching committee the Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Committee. We lost no time in looking at the most pressing issues of the County Council – the Children's Directorate's move from Ofsted "Requires Improvement" to "Good"; Health and Adults looking at community hospital closures, sustainability and transformation plans and integrated services and my Committee looking at Broadband provision and Mobile coverage in Devon, Neighbourhood Policing in the light of this government's debilitating cuts to police budgets, the desperate air quality in parts of our County, the safety of our public buildings in response to the Grenfell Tower tragedy, scrutinising the Local Enterprise Partnership – an undemocratic quango set up to direct development in Devon and Somerset - and flood risk management across our County and Districts.

In addition to this work I sit on the Public Rights of Way Committee, the Devon County Farms Estate and the Corporate Parenting Board as well as being a Local Government Association Mentor to a Scrutiny Chair in another Council. Finally, I represent the County Council as a visitor to the Atkinson Therapeutic Secure Children's Home in Exeter and in that role I was pleased to join Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, Patron of Northbrook Community Trust, in formally opening the new £1.1 million extension of the Atkinson Unit. I am part of a team that includes professionals, educationalists and of course Ofsted who visit every six months – I am pleased to have been able to lobby for the many changes that have taken place at Atkinson over the last five years – not least of which are the changes to the school terms to ensure that all young people who attend are able to benefit from the inspirational teaching available at the home.

Of course the Budget is the high point of the year at Council and I took part in all three Budget Scrutiny Committees, prior to the Council ratifying the Budget in February. At Children's Scrutiny we heard that Devon continues to be one of the lowest funded Education Authorities in the Country despite a miserly addition of £7.5 million to our budget and despite years of lobbying to our MPs at Westminster. It needs repeating that our children are funded £268 per child less than the national average and yet Westminster Council who have far lower levels of SEN receive 19% more per child – quite obviously this government considers them more important.

At Adults and Health we heard that the budget of £227 million will enable the Council to commission 36,000 hours of care per week for our increasingly elderly population as well as our Public Health function. Parishioners will have heard over the last five years my great concerns about the extremely high levels of skin cancer melanomas in the County and high the level of incidents of self-harm by our young people – issues covered by the Public Health function. I

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am sure that Parishioners will be appalled to learn that Devon is the 6th worst funded local authority in the UK for Public Health and that this government is proposing to reduce that by 2.2% until 2020.

My committee scrutinised a budget of £124 million for Highways, Communities, Environment and Economy. We heard that there was a proposal for a 2.7% reduction in the Highways budget on the year before. Our Committee could not accept this level of service reduction on our sadly neglected highway infrastructure and requested the Cabinet look again at their figures. You will be pleased to know that an additional £6.5 million was found for our roads to be directed towards drainage and ditching on the highway – crucial issues in the light of the recent weather.

We finally came to the Council Budget meeting and my Group's proposals included an additional £223,00 to protect young people's mental health services, £½ million for the education of children with special educational needs, restoring the £2.2 million cuts to Devon's School Budgets made last year and proposing a £50,000 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 are paid to drive their car to work but drive less than 10 miles per week on council business). Additionally we would transfer £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.

Sadly, our amendments were lost and we saw yet another austerity budget passed through on the nod – the best we got was the Conservative Deputy Leader complaining about unfair government funding from his own colleagues in Westminster

County Councillor's Parish Council Report 30th April – Abbotskerswell Kingskerswell
Good evening.

The 1st April was the start of the new Financial Year – as a consequence I thought you might like to know where my Locality Budget has gone to.

My County Locality Budget included £190 towards footpaths in Coffinswell, £500 towards Buckland's highly successful Ladies football team, £500 towards computers at Abbotskerswell PTFA, £400 to Abbotskerswell Cricket Club, £500 towards balustrading at Combeingteignhead Village Hall, £1,000 towards Ipplepen's new school gym, £485 towards village roads signs for the ICC, £1,100 towards planning costs at the Ipplepen Hub, £250 towards Kingskerswell Fete, £200 towards Kingskerswell Community Directory, £400 towards laptops for Kingskerswell Coding Club, £2,000 towards lighting for Kingskerswell Village Hall, £321 to Kingskerswell Conservation Society for a tree popper, £150 towards the new Navigators Youth Club, £500 towards the new Shaldon Changing Rooms, £450 towards the Shaldon Festival, £258 for table tennis tables in Stokeinteignhead and £250 towards the canopy on the Stokeinteignhead Community Shop. The 2018/19 budget remains at £10,000.

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The British Horse Society has released figures highlighting a rise in incidents between horses and vehicles in Devon. Between the 2016 and 2018, incidents in Devon rose from 7 to 17, the highest figure in the South West.

There are 1.3 million regular riders in the UK, and in total 230 horses and 39 riders have been killed since 2010. Drivers are urged to be aware of the four messages to minimise the risk of accidents when they see a horse on the road:

Slow down to a maximum of 15mph

Be patient – do not sound your horn or rev the engine

Overtake only when it is safe to do so, leaving at least a car's width between the vehicle and the horse

Drive away smoothly

The safety of all those who use Devon's roads is paramount, and I hope drivers will take these messages on board to help limit the number of incidents involving horses on our roads.

A consultation has been launched on a planning guidance document for the South Hams Special Area of Conservation.

The Supplementary Planning Document is being prepared to advise the implementation of policies in statutory development plans, including Local Plans, the Devon Waste Plan and the Devon Minerals Plan.

The document relates specifically to the population of Greater Horseshoe Bats for which the site partly has its designation, to ensure that there will be no adverse effects on the population of Greater Horseshoe Bats in the South Hams Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

The document is aimed at those developing, determining or commenting on planning applications in the South Hams (SAC) Consultation Area – covering parts of Dartmoor National Park Authority, South Hams District Council, Teignbridge District Council and Torbay Council. This includes land owners, developers, planning agents, ecological consultants, council members and other organisations.

People are being asked for their comments during the consultation which ends on Wednesday 30 May the consultation can be found on the County Council's website.

Finally, the National Rural Crime Network are holding a survey – it can be found at www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net

Items raised to (AD)

Horses and horse riding in the village, the gravel is meaning the horse's sliding in Foredown Road/ Foredown Cross caused from the trucks, resurfaced twice in my time – slippery to start with, done for a very good reason resolved now – Drainage on Maddicombe Road.

Langbridge manholes sinking – Highways are aware. 600 potholes being reported daily has now increased to 800. Highways have a very long list. (PH) It is a accident waiting to happen.

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Parking Hazel Bank Bridge Underhills, Sainsburys lorries there on a daily basis – Aller Road left hand side gateway into DCC site. Parking on the pavement, the police are aware, they are drowning in the lack of resources. Parking on private land DCC are writing and are asking them to stop but they do not have any powers.

(PH) & (MM) went on a mission to record the state of the village, the lorry drivers were looked at and photographed when they returned they were gone.

Sign to Exeter? Signage is a big problem in that area, additional signs have been asked for. Trucks are getting stuck into Foredown Road – Low bridge. TDC no road signs. Cabinet had to come down to look at the signs in that area. (AD) will look into although I have asked for these signs.

Lorries Parking -Romany Jones lay by disappeared – nowhere to park at Maddicombe – Eight wheelers are ok, but I have no idea why they park there. It is all set out for pedestrians -Need to Lobby the Government like London for no parking on the pavements.

District Council: Nothing of great interest Part two Executive tomorrow morning. Planning at Fluder Hill variation approved.

Parish Council:

AlexH: Spoken to the Co-op regarding parking directly outside the shop, the land registry needs to be consulted on confirmation of who owns what pieces of land, many suggestions. The Co-op do not wish to have bollards, until the Land Registry confirms ownership this topic is still ongoing.

JR: Pass a motion to thank him (Cllr A Hartley) for the work completed on the Downs – personal comments not allowed. Seconded MM

JR: Bridge stone and rocks Quarry.

MM: Community speed watch training 2 more planned before we go out alone. Westcombe Garage towards Torquay and Southey Close both ways. Cars do slow down once they realised the Speed Watch is happening. It will be different times/days. The limit is 36 in a 30.

MM PH and myself surveyed the village regarding work required on weeding and brambles, some brambles and weeds are two feet high, some people have done work themselves. Also realised some of the old signs need repairing. PH has typed up a schedule of work, weeding, grass cutting, hedgerows and misc. Hopefully this will stop our village being referred to as tatty.

PH Route 12 cafe the Clerk had asked if a sewing machine would assist at the meeting, but one had been provided. Dinner Plates were requested. There are not too many attendee's, but it is for all ages and both men and ladies attend. Advertising and working with partners like the doctors may help. The Councillors agreed to a £100 donation and the dinner plates. Clerk please advise. AlexH I have a card for Makro which may help for the purchase of the dinner plates.

AH Attended a woodland seminar which talked about management and deceases. Ash dieback –effects, short term & long term.

2613: Playing Field Matters:

- (i) Broken Swing and Replacement – Last Sunday it was reported that the Cradle swing was broken. £125.00 plus vat for a replacement. As the chains after the inspection came back 40% worn. (AH) We can't repair it full replacement required. Clerk to order Swing and chain.
- (ii) DCC to complete the snagging list before the Parish Council is prepared to sign the land exchange from the building of the SDLR.

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2614: 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.
- ii) Boundary meeting attended by (PH) & (AH) at TDC. Public consultation from 21st May for 8 weeks.

2615: Weeding and Maintenance schedule discuss quotes:

3 quotes had been requested only 2 received. 1 was unclear if VAT was included in the quote so a phone call was made to the company to clarify.
2 weekly visits, Qualifications are a must to complete the work. The contractor will also be asked to work on Jubilee Wood. Traffic management will be required by the company. Spot checks to be completed. Down to the company to decide when and where they start. The quote is spread over 3 years with the bill divided up as a 3 year contract. Time sheets will need to be produced, listing works and covering completed works. It will take 3 years to get the whole village back on track. After which it maybe we will have had a change of Government. Clerk please advise Tree Care SW that they have unanimously been awarded the contract. £15,500 per year to be paid monthly.

2616: To receive report from Downs Committee meeting, and an update from the KNHS.

Both reports were sent out to members prior to the meeting, Clerk please put onto the Website.
DCC to complete the snagging list before the Parish Council is prepared to sign the land exchange from the building of the SDLR this includes fencing in the Car Park.

2617: Sports Committee Meeting: (MH) declared an interest.

The Cricket Club require a storage container, this will be put where the second practice area was. The Parish Council did not object to vandal proof paint but need to get the container into the area first. Clerk please advise.

2618: Public Participation: None

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual Meeting on Monday 21st May 2018.

Chairman

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