

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on Monday 24th September 2018
MINUTES DRAFT



The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Cllr W Dixon

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

In attendance: K. Turner (Clerk) Cllr A Dewhurst (DCC)

07.00pm: Members of the public: Two

07: 00pm The Chairman opened the meeting.

2675: To receive declarations of interests from Members: Planning Application at Charles Road {MH}

2676: To approve and sign minutes of the meeting 20th August 2018. (MH) TDC National Independent Group LGA independent Group please make this amendment.

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow for a member of the public to speak on the incident of the 1st oak tree branch coming down in the playing field and striking her daughter on the back of the head on Friday. {TH} I spoke to Mr Haines on my way in and yes she is ok and because she was not being sick Torbay Hospital stated it was a head injury but allowed her to return home to be monitored. She went back to the Doctors today and has severe whiplash. She only managed a couple of hours at School. I appreciate your flowers but when my husband and I looked at the branch it looked defected and very rotten. (AH) We do a visual inspection, it looked like an internal decay and the tree had shown no form of decay or weeping, the size of the hole did not show any signs of decay or was the tree weeping. The Parish Council apologised that this happened and their concern of course is with the young lady in question. {TH} I am in shock, but I would like to know when the trees are inspected and when the report is done. The information can be presented to you the Clerk will send it to you. {TH} I just feel that it needs to be looked into as god forbid if it happened again. {AH} Visual walkaround's during the year, the trees are over 600 years old {TH} yes and I understand you are dammed if you do and dammed if you don't. (MH) We do have an urgent item on the agenda this evening as the tree will need urgent attention. {TH} I would of expected that. {RJ} On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to send our apologies and wish your daughter a speedy recovery.

2677: Clerk's Report

Chased contractor regarding new path from gym to existing path and playground entrances

Instructed contractor to repair seat in Halls Lane

Notice boards to be repaired, as a matter of urgency ask contractor

Chased new no dogs signs and playing field signs

Signs for Remembrance parade arrived, requested from Chapter 8 Operative if we need anything further, awaiting reply.

No motorcycle signs purchased and put up in playing field

Alarm service booked 17th October

Thank you letter from KNHS for £100 contribution towards annual insurance policy.

Update received regarding costing to produce Community Directory

KKPC biggest concern is with the charges regarding delivery – Lots of people did not receive the directory.

Cllr J Carter I have never had one delivered and I live in the centre of the village.

So should KKPC pay towards a service that is not being delivered?

After reading through the letter £210 for advertising does not seem very much? how many businesses are in Kingskerswell, are advertisers going to want to advertise in a Community directory that does not get delivered. KKPC think people need to know where to get them from and pick them up, i.e. Doctors, Library, Garage etc KKPC are sure people would get them, although we do understand that a few more senior members that may struggle.

Councillors discussed more things are being available online. Many people ask on whats on where is the nearest club etc.

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KKPC Perhaps concentrate on the main hubs and see how that goes so no funding this time,
Cllr M Haines - Look at less copies being printed and come back to us again, maybe we could consider a small amount of funds £100. Clerk please advise.

2678: Clerks Financials and approve cheques for payment:

List of cheques to be signed for 24th September 2018

2775 £ 500.00	Kingskerswell Village Hall (Lighting donation}
2776 £ 49.00	Action Pest Control (Wasp infestation playing field)
2777 £1062.68	S W Water (Water Lane Toilets}
2778 £ 175.00	Kingskerswell Village Hall (Inflatable for Village Fete}
2779 £ 37.44	Archer safety signs (No Motorcycles for playing field }
2780 £ Void	
2781 £ 140.00	Phil Clarke (Repair to garage door at playing field}
2782 £ 584.02	Clerks net wages (Gross 606.42}
2783 £ 22.40	HMRC
2784 £ 75.00	Kingskerswell Sports Committee {Utilities}
2785 £ 506.28	SHS Ltd (Water Lane Toilets}
2786 £ 420.00	Stage Technical Services (Stage for Village Fete}
2787 £ 110.44	Petty Cash
2788 £ 550.00	Mow On (Playing Field contractor}
2799 £ 204.00	M&E Alarms (Annual Service Contract}
Direct Debit for BT	£ 215.14
Direct Debit for Opus Gas	£ 7.70 (Pavilion Gas)
Direct Debit for B Gas	£ 232.30 (Pavilion Electric}
Direct Debit for B Gas	£

Total cheques/DD for September 18 = **£ 4891.40**

Income

Amount to be repaid by Sports Club:	£ 271.93
VAT refund:	£
Precept 1st payment:	£
CIL	£

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106 Section Funds	£
Total income to 24th September 18	£ 271.93

2679: DC Councillors report County Councillor's Parish Council Report 24th September – Kingskerswell & Abbotskerswell

Good evening.

Analysis by Bournemouth University's Ageing and Dementia Research Centre has revealed that almost a fifth of over-75s in the UK go three months or longer with no one to share a meal with. This can lead to health problems, including malnutrition and chronic loneliness, as well as a higher risk of developing a degenerative illness, such as dementia – it can be as detrimental to an older person's health as lifelong smoking and alcoholism.

Devon has a higher than average percentage of older people among its population. Estimates suggest that between 15,000 to 19,000 over 65s in Devon experience intense loneliness; and that around 38,000 experience mild loneliness

The County Council, the NHS and local voluntary organisations, have launched a website called Show You Care to help celebrate community activity, and that encourages people to get involved with volunteering and being engaged members of society.

To find out more about things that you can do to make your community a better place to live, visit the Show You Care website. To find local Befriending opportunities, visit the Pinpoint website.

A clear message was sent out that suicide is a community issue because the majority of people who take their own lives are under the radar of mental health services. As part of World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), suicide prevention campaigners were telling people it's safe to ask people if they are feeling suicidal.

Stigma and discrimination is still the biggest part around suicide, as it is too around mental health. People link suicide to mental health but 76 per cent of people who kill themselves are not in contact with mental health services 12 months prior to suicide. Three quarters of all suicides are males.

Initiatives include preventive measures at notorious suicide spots and sharing a Letter of Hope written by people who have experienced suicidal feelings. We know it works if someone reads it who is feeling suicidal or is considering taking their own life because there is feedback from people who have said they would not still be here today if they hadn't read it.

The Samaritans can be reached round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need a response immediately, it's best to call them on the phone. You can reach them by calling 116 123, by emailing jo@samaritans.org or by visiting www.samaritans.org

Teignbridge Executive Councillors approved the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan document for wider consultation despite it being described at the meeting as being full of buzzwords and not addressing any of the big issues that affect this rural district, in particular the poor bus services that are not designed to get people to and from work. It had no development strategy and little in the document to back up the digital theme of the vision.

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Teignbridge Council are leading on this strategy for DCC, TDC, ECC, MDDC and EDDC. Sadly, for Teignbridge planners it was unanimously rejected two days later by Councillors from EDDC, who said it was 'simply not fit for purpose'. East Devon councillors felt it lacked any kind of detail and was 'just a PR document'.

One Councillor said: "When I read this, thought it was a bit like swallowing a camel and squeaking out a gnat. I want to see this document enhanced with information about healthcare facilities, new technology, and energy systems, so I cannot agree that this can be the document for public consultation." I guess it is back to the drawing board for Teignbridge and County.

The County Council and Jobcentre Plus are launching a campaign to encourage businesses to recruit more people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health needs. The national unemployment rate among people with disabilities is almost three times higher than the equivalent among people without disabilities.

There are currently about 21,000 adults with a learning disability in Devon. The Council's social care services know about 3,500 of them and about 8 per cent of those are in paid employment.

The challenge is not that there's an unwilling workforce – people with disabilities want to work. The challenge, which is described by many people with disabilities, is that it's very difficult for someone with disabilities to get a job. Lots of people with learning disabilities, autism or mental health needs are put off even from applying for jobs through fear of the stigma and misconceptions that can accompany disabled candidates in a recruitment process.

And that's what the Council and Jobcentre Plus are setting out to address with their Ready When You Are campaign. They want to raise awareness among the business sectors of the advantages for employers of employing people with disabilities, and to highlight the wide range of support, including financial support, that is available to employers and candidates to help them with recruitment and create opportunities for people with disabilities to live the lives they choose as independently as possible.

Finally, last Wednesday Devon County Council agreed proposals to install Average Speed Cameras on the South Devon Highway. The £285,000 scheme to reduce speeds on the A380 was unanimously backed by the County Council's Cabinet.

Local concern has been raised about speeding traffic on the South Devon Highway since the road opened in 2015. A scheme to locate cameras at four locations on the route to enforce the 50mph limit was referred to Cabinet after the Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee had approved the principle of the camera installation at its meeting in July. The average speed cameras were considered to be the most efficient way of enforcing the 50mph speed limit on the road in order to improve safety, while also tackling air and noise pollution. The cameras are expected to be installed by the end of the year.

The scheme is supported by the Devon and Cornwall Safety Camera Partnership, and Devon and Cornwall Police, who have stated that enforcement would be beneficial in reducing the traffic speeds on the new stretches of dual carriageway which opened in 2015.

District Council:

SC: Nothing

MH: Nothing relating directly to Kingskerswell.

Parish Council:

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- ALH:** Coffee Morning by my neighbour raised £405. CCTV £298.79 please can I have a cheque tonight.
We may need a monitor lead, clerk to ask contractor to run the leads through the roof of the pavilion then it can be connected up.
- JR** Thank you Mr Chairman for your prompt action regarding the fallen tree branch.
- RJ** Kingskerswell Action group has raised some funds for planters to be placed either end coming into the village. both Fermoys and Williams Hedge are keen to support.
- MM** Samaritan's stickers Clerk has to write to Torquay branch.
- PH** Lights on at the Ladies toilets, AIH Power cuts have affected the timers.

2680: Memorial Bench sightings

Mr W would like to replace one of the old iron benches in the playing field with a new bench. Clerk please supply information to Mr W regarding supplier to allow this to be ordered

Memorial bench and tree planting request in playing field, the playing field is deemed as full up. Large grass verge by Coles Lane would be far more suitable, please can we ask if this would be acceptable. Cllr Jones asked can we have a flower bed there?. The seat at the top of Halls Lane was the one being repaired, and possibility one of the metal one's was going to be for a memorial bench. Cllr Jones Benches at the Downs? difficult to fit due to the nature of the ground the ones there do need painting. Suggestion was perhaps this is something the Youth groups could help with.

2681: Speed in the village

It is getting worse through the village, suggest a letter to DCC to say it worked to start with. KKPC have people who will not use the pelican crossing as people do not stop they just do not slow down. They seem to use it as a rat run. The speed watch data does go back to the Police and the Police agreed to the road proposal. If the Police are not stepping up, we have 12 volunteers waiting to sign up for speed watch. Police have now said that we can do speed watch in a 20mph zone. The road design is a DCC scheme, it is not working. Can we not have a chicane system? {AD} We have asked another authority to do a complete audit on the road from Torquay road to Newton Road and Jurys corner. I do not know who or when it will be done. The County Council acts on evidence. If someone ignores the zebra crossing, it is a police matter not a Facebook matter. KKPC stated we had a video presentation of other systems around the country; we were assured that it would be altered and we raised our concerns at the time. There was a consultation done, and we must be able to raise issues if it is not working. {AD} This road has had work done on it, despite what people are saying the junction is working. It puts fear into people using the junction. There has been nothing reported since it has been implemented. KKPC, so if we wait for a death. {AD} Highly unlikely due to the speed of the junction. We have to operate on evidence we are having another audit on it. They will be looking at the Junction.

The Chairman stated the reason I have made this an agenda item, is we will get the blame if someone is killed. {AD} no, it is the DCC that will take the blame. I wanted a roundabout, the Highways officers all consider that the junction is safe. I cannot go against the professionals. {JR} Where is the speeding evidence, we have a snagging list, and there is a reserve pot of funds, the signs for instance to Exeter it is chaos, the manholes over the bridge to Decoy. All these Highways people need to drive along these roads; it is up to Highways to inspect their workmanship. {AD} unfortunately a change of policy will be needed before any amendments can take place. There is evidence regarding a woman being tailgated and it is on camera, {AD} tailgating and the speed is a matter for the Police. Please ask people to send evidence to the Police. DCC design the road with the Police and Police have to sign it off. This Jury's corner junction has been audited more than any other road.

Will we get a copy of the audit? {ALH} Will you get to know when the audit is taking place and by whom {AD} No. Safety audit scarf model will be at various points along the road. KKPC to send a letter to the Police to raise our concerns. The black bollards the red tape is gone, Highways are aware. {RJ} I have been listening to everyone but I have not had a problem using the crossing or crossing the road. The Chairman asked to draw the discussion to a close. {AD} I share your problems, but I need hard evidence.

2682:Playing Field Matters:

Verti draining quote was agreed from the original company £925 plus vat. The colts play on the adult pitch? By doing the whole field it helps with the whole draining of the field. Specialist machinery is required. He is more competitive than the company just down the road and it is completed twice a year, it airtates the ground.

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The Oak tree, the Chairman read a statement from Tree Care following an emergency call out on 21st Sept stating our further recommendation would be to take the tree back to its original pollard points, quote £950. KKPC need to agree to action this, and further investigation will be completed on all three trees. There is no TPO on these trees. The Pollarding was agreed unanimously, and a note to be put on the website to advise of the works. We must advise the Football Club as the fencing will be erected around the tree. Do we need to close the playing field when the work is being done? Works need to be dealt with by the employed contractors. We are trying to save the trees. Do we currently have oak trees in Jubilee Wood? we could put them in the gaps, the Chairman said yes but let's wait and deal with the matter of the first tree and continue our works from there.

2683: Update on Purchase of DCC Land

DCC have assessed the level of community benefit and would like to offer the land to the Parish Council, as a freehold transfer, as a discounted value from the 'market' rate. The 'market' rate has been assessed as £45,000, against which DCC would offer a discount of £12,150. This offer would require Kingskerswell Parish Council to purchase the land from DCC at a net value of £32,850 and use it for the purposes outlined in the proposal, or other such community benefits (with the agreement of DCC).

DCC as stated above offer us a reduction, this requires to be formally agreed by members. Unanimously, agreed by members. The planning application will need to be submitted along with a car park and landscaping plan. The first phase would be the building the first planning application would be for change of use at this stage.

2684: Report from Downs Committee

No report as no site meeting held.

KNHS Kew garden wish to collect some seeds from the Downs, us as land owners have to agree to the request.

Roger and I did a litter pick the seats that were made for the Downs are looking tatty and need painting. ask Navigators or scouts.

Winter work will need to be done, KKPC will need to liaise with Mark Waddams TDC.

Site visit date 10th November 10am.

Costings for removal of the timber at the Downs and then to removal it again = £1980.00

2685: 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 Parish Council are only consultees.
- ii) Charles Road {SC} to take to committee decision not to be made by Officers, because of the access.
- iii) Industrial estate at the Old Galliford site, no further information at this stage.

2686: Sports Committee Meeting:

- i) Cricket has asked if they can put four larger posts around the square to complete ground works. Unanimously agreed as long as they do not leave holes in the ground they would need to be covered.
- ii) Football Club requested for the pitch to be weeded to assist with the drainage, this is not included in the contractors schedule. Clerk to ask if he would be prepared to complete this as an additional task. AGM 15th October 2018 7pm.

2687: Public Comment : None

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 29th October 2018.

Chairman

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