

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

Apologies: Cllr A Huntley Cllr J Radford

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

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

07.00pm: Members of the public: Four

07: 00pm The Chairman opened the meeting.

2688: To receive declarations of interests from Members: None

2689: To approve and sign minutes of the meeting 24th September 2018. Unanimous.

2690: Clerk's Report

Dart Fire Service Annual inspection completed
Alarm service completed
Contractor completed Noticeboard repairs
List of Remembrance parade additional signs received
Contractor finished CCTV work at Pavilion
Memorial wall work Contractor met at site quotes requested
Contractor finished Halls Lane seat

i} Freedom of Information requests and the time involved: The Councillors are fully aware of the procedures but wished to advise that these requests take time away from the Clerks normal tasks. Therefore, it was agreed that if overtime was necessary to complete such a request could members please vote if they were happy for overtime to be paid to the Clerk. Unanimous.

ii} To agree headers for website: Members were sent a document prepared by Cllr Carter to look at existing headers on the website and the new suggested improvements. The Councillors agreed that this first step could be completed to add more topics into the headers, Clerk to contact website provider to arrange a meeting for the new format.

iii} Quotes regarding repairs to the wall and floor mortar cracks at the War Memorial. The Clerk had phoned three companies, 1 met on site and quote provided, 1 did not reply, and 1 did not provide a quote by tonight's meeting. Therefore it was agreed to go with AF Brown and Sons Ltd Littlehampton. Clerk to contact tomorrow to see if possible for the work to be completed before the 11th November 2018.

2691: Clerks Financials and approve cheques for payment:

List of cheques to be signed for 29th October 2018

2792 £ 506.28	SHS Ltd {Water Lane Toilets}
2793 £ 75.00	Kingskerswell Sports Committee {Utilities}
2794 £ 705.40.	Clerks net wages (Gross 768.13)
2795 £ 62.73	HMRC
2796 £4,719.98	Tree Care South West {Maintenance and emergency work at playing field}
2797 £ 1008.00	WT & RJ Jones {Playing field verti draining}

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2798	£ 126.00	Petty Cash
2799	£ 540.00	Phil Clarke {Halls Lane seat & CCTV cables in Pavilion}
2800	£6,438.00	Mant Leisure {Footpath to outdoor gym and play ground entrances}
2801	£ 340.00	Mow On {Playing field contractor}
2802	£ 31.32	Dart Fire Protection {Annual inspection}

Direct Debit for BT	£	
Direct Debit for Opus Gas	£ 11.59	(Pavilion Gas)
Direct Debit for B Gas	£	
Direct Debit for B Gas	£	
Total cheques/DD for October 18 =	£ 14,564.30	

Income

Amount to be repaid by Sports Club:	£ 50.19
VAT refund:	£
Precept 2nd payment:	£ 23935.00
CIL	£ 379.93
106 Section Funds	£
Total income to 29 th October 18	£ 24,365.12

Cheque 2799 £440 of the £540 will be repaid by Parishioner who requested the repair to the bench at Halls Lane. Cheque 2800 will be repaid by 106 Section funds {minus the VAT} currently held at TDC. Clerk to chase.

2692: DC Councillors report County Councillor's Parish Council Report 29th October – Abbotskerswell & Kingskerswell

Good evening.

Closure-threatened community hospitals in Devon should be used as health and wellbeing centres for local people, the county council told the NHS. Redundant community hospital buildings should be converted to health and wellbeing centres where it is appropriate.

It was felt that looking after people as close to home as possible is the right thing to do after there was cross-party support for a notice of motion to Devon County Council welcoming Health Secretary Matthew Hancock's commitment to community hospitals. He said "the era of blindly, invariably closing community hospitals is over".

Councillors agreed that the county council should work closely with the NHS to influence decision-making and ensure any community hospitals that were closed should be used as health centres for local people where appropriate.

As you know I sit on the County Farms Estate Committee and we have been asking aspiring farmers to explore four soon-to-be vacant farms on the County Council's estate this month.

The holdings, which will be available to rent from March 2019 on a seven-year Farm Business Tenancy. They include:

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Ten Oaks Farm, Roborough, Winkleigh

A residential starter dairy farm extending to 37.82 ha (93.48 ac)

Furze Cottages Farm, Ashreigney, Chulmleigh

A residential starter mixed livestock farm extending to 42.51 ha (105.08 acres) with an optional additional 30.56 ha (75.60 acres)

Churchlands Farm, Cadeleigh Park, Ivybridge

A residential starter mixed farm extending to 15.05 ha (37.19 acres)

Fairfield Farm, Denbury, Newton Abbot

A residential starter dairy farm extending to 51.72 hectares (127.81 acres)

Libraries Unlimited, the charity responsible for running Devon and Torbay's library service, has been named as one of the 50 most radical thinking organisations changing the UK for the better.

New Radicals is a search led by Nesta (the innovation foundation) and The Observer to find the top people, projects and organisations offering innovative ways to tackle social challenges. The winners being selected by a panel of independent and high-profile judges as well as Geoff Mulgan, Chief Executive of Nesta and Jane Ferguson, Editor of the Observer New Review.

Libraries Unlimited 'spun-out' from Devon County Council in April 2016 and is one of only four public service mutual library services across the country. In less than 3 years, the charity has opened four new libraries, a state-of-the-art FabLab (a digital making space) and Business and Intellectual Property Centre, won the contract to deliver Torbay Libraries on behalf of Torbay Council and been shortlisted for the 2018 Charity Awards.

Libraries Unlimited is also one of six library sector organisations to become an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation this year, bringing additional funding to Devon's libraries to provide high-quality arts and cultural activity across the county.

At my Scrutiny Committee three weeks ago we commended the organisation for increasing footfall in our Libraries but expressed grave concern at the reduction in book issues. We asked Cabinet to add two important Key Performance indicators that LU should report to – stock issues to children and professional hours worked by LU staff.

The County Council has been awarded £1m of EU funding to help deliver a range of energy projects which will boost Devon's low carbon energy sector and reduce its carbon footprint. The money is Devon's slice of £3m of funding from the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) initiative.

The three-year programme will consist of a series of energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transport and heat networks projects across the region. In Devon this includes reducing the running costs of 55,000 street lights by cutting the amount of energy they use by around 60 per cent. Other projects include installing solar arrays on public buildings to reduce costs and making them more energy efficient, new cycle paths for commuters and increasing the number of electric vehicle charge points in Devon.

Next week is Responsible Gambling Week and a Report I put before Cabinet earlier this month on Problem Gambling has now become policy, part of which is to promote Responsible Gambling Week. Although much of the work that Councillors do is in Committee, often it is helpful to sit down around a table and discuss a controversial topic without

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the trappings of a formal committee. To this end seventeen people joined me in August at County Hall to discuss Problem Gambling in Devon and what measures we could take to treat this addiction.

We heard from the Gambling Commission Area Manager about how he worked with District and City Council colleagues to ensure that the various laws that govern the gambling industry were enforced and they in turn explained that all premises where gambling took place were closely monitored. We were told that there were about 5,400 problem gamblers in the County and heard the effects their gambling had on their health, their family, their employers and business colleagues. The Chief Executive of GamCare - the body set up by government - explained how people with a gambling problem can be helped and how few problem gamblers receive help by comparison with those suffering from alcoholism. A Police Inspector outlined their responsibilities and the Deputy Director of Public Health explained the mental processes that drive people towards this addiction. Our final witness was a County Councillor who movingly explained the consequences of his addiction and its devastating effect on his family and how he finally conquered his addiction.

After much discussion we identified four recommendations that were pertinent to County and District Colleagues, the Police and the NHS. The recommendations included: training front line staff to recognise the warning signs associated with problem gambling; to work with the Coroner's Office to identify gambling as a diagnosable mental health condition and ensure that suicide associated with gambling is recorded as such; that we should ask government to ban the use of credit cards in on-line gambling and that we should raise awareness of GamCare and identify and promote services that offer help for people and families who are suffering from the effects of problem gambling. Our report can be found here <https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s20955/Gambling%20report.pdf>

{MM} Newton Abbot gambling venue serves food and drink all day, {AD} premises licensed by TDC.

{AD} Many people start when they are children the Cllr who suffered and was prepared to talk about it started going into a betting shop years ago with this father.

{AD} Not sure where scratch cards come into it.

District Council:

SC: Nothing

MH: Nothing relating directly to Kingskerswell. Executive tomorrow is the 3 yearly review of the Gambling policy and representatives from the gambling industry have put in some comments which are not necessary what others would agree to, and a robust reply to those, but they will be discussed tomorrow.

Parish Council:

JC Memory Café is opening on the 31st November.

WD Graffiti round the village not impressed that graffiti appearing at the new bridge at Aller, can we do anything about it. Some on concrete I can't remove, {WD} I can get it off some surfaces. Clerk we have an anti-graffiti kit but it is out of date so I will see if we can get a new one.

WD Speed watch we need to recruit more people, as soon as we have gone the speed goes back up again. The signs are helping but they are only small. I would like to see gateways, AD has had numerous meetings with Highways but this does take years and I would have to convince Officers and Government and HATOC and the village.

RJ Watch at Jurys corners {AD} we are still awaiting the results

RJ Notice boards Kingskerswell Parish Council please on the tops. Plastic Headers. Commercial advertising is not allowed I will be a monitor to check the notice boards are being used for the correct posters. Voted by members unanimously.

RJ Property at the Roundway, Ivy overgrowing onto the footpath, photos shown to members. {AD} Can you report it on DCC website report a problem, it will only take a minute.

RJ Bushes re Southey Drive, weeds can they take priority over hedge cutting? {AH} We are in the winter programme.

RJ Gentleman is interested in helping with the work on the flower planting, he designed the Riviera flower bed.

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RJ Table top sale was a huge success, car boot sale is the next event.

MM Devon Communities together courses I am interested in finding out what it is all about.

PH 11th November remembrance Sunday Councillors all give £2 each towards the wreath and numbers confirmed for attendance.

AH Difib at Library needs a new door, looking at having a third one. Ask the gentleman from the Motorhomes and we need to look at one at Yon Street. Old telephone box? I have seen them in there. Ambulance service know where everyone is located. Long Term look at Aller and Yon Street and Hare and Hounds. {AD} I will fund one next year.

AH Public participation I have been asked, can we put it back to the beginning of the meeting, as I explained we moved it to the end so we can explain items that have been discussed at the meeting and also it was not timed like the 15mins at the beginning. It was discussed there is be a strict 15 mins at the beginning and if this means that not all Parishioners have time to speak there will be a strict 15 mins at the end. Otherwise items will have to be carried across to a following meeting.

2693:Playing Field Matters:

To update on the three oak trees.

The three oak tree work at the moment, we have had work completed on the first tree, an external contractor has been instructed, we asked two other companies but this was the only one which replied. They are to come down to us tomorrow to complete a survey it takes two days it is like a ultrasound of the trees, because of their age we want to do everything for the village to save them. The results will be discussed and what we can do long term. As it is a public playing field and the field was given as use for sports facilities we are limited to fencing them off like Torquay. We will move forward once we have the results.

2694: Update on Purchase of DCC Land and confirm Head of Terms

{MH}Members have had this document circulated to them I wish to point out the last page item 9. Transferee request that the document be confidential. Point 10 legal and other costs, costs we need to appoint our Solicitor. First page 5.2 needs clarification regarding building for youth groups as this will be required. The rest of it is regarding us not selling it back to developers, without them having there cut back. The bottom line is we are in agreement with the amount, we need to instruct our solicitors, and give them a copy of these head of terms. {MM} Is the building temporary, {MH} It will be a building like a scout hut.

Propose that we instruct this – Unanimous.

2695: Downs Committee – Suspend Standing orders to allow David Poole from the Natural History Society to speak, mowing for the winter is my biggest concern {AH} I will chase them up. David Poole asked if the new website would have space for the Downs / Kingskerswell Natural History Society to add reports etc. of which the answer was yes. Any news on the other two sites from DCC, no nothing. {MH} DCC would be aware of wildlife, DCC are aware it cannot be used for development and it is prone to flooding. The other site has not got suitable access. We have a meeting arranged for the 10th November at the Downs and look forward to seeing you and your members on site. Resume standing orders.

2696: 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) Top of Fluder Hill demolish a bungalow and put two houses in its place we have no issue with this as there is loads of room.
- iii) Grant of Condition for land off Newton Road to change of use BA multi use storage, but they have listened to the Parish Council, vehicle's leaving the site must turn towards Newton Abbot. No lights from the site 7am -8pm on the Newton Road
Before they can use it planting and fencing needs to be agreed.

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2697: Sports Committee Meeting: Report from AGM

Football update, 2 games could not be played as the tree was fenced off.

Remembrance signs are at the Public Hall, originally they were in the garage restricting storage space.

Cricket their roller is there biggest problem, as a new one is several thousand pounds.

Verti draining completed

Ladies football started to gain momentum again it is volunteers to run these sessions that are required, the

Cricket has ladies already.

2698: Public Comment

Mr H asked for reports from the trees in the playing field as he was under the understanding from the Chairman that reports were done on the trees twice a year according to the Chairman. {AH} They are visual inspections. Mr H I have spoken to Teignbridge they have said in a public playing field trees would have to have a report done on them. Grid reference report, now you say you are having an ultrasound on them which is guilt, where are these reports before I take it any further. {AH} If you take it any further, I would need to stop this discussion and you would need to take it up with a solicitor. Mr H I am not taking it any further yet. {AH} We do a walk around on the playing field; we do a report on the findings. If we have to grid reference, everything Kerswell Downs will have to be shut, as it is a public place. Mr H you stated football could not play two games after the branch fell down {MH} The reason football could not play was a cordon was put round the fallen branch and the tree was left unbalanced. Football would not have had a full pitch. We report the items that need attention, we reported a metal bench when we walked last time we then came up this end of the playing field and could not see any visual problems with the trees. Mr H so there is no reports on those trees in a public playing field. The Clerk explained that an Annual Walk around was completed by as many members that could attend, a written report of items that needs actioning comes back to the clerk she makes sure the jobs are completed by the playing field contractor or if required relevant contractors. If any work is required during the year i.e. football report lower limb needs cutting back this is completed under separate invoice. Walk around report copies and copy invoices have been given to Mr H by the Clerk.

Mrs came to discuss the information which had been provided regarding the FOIA, although it was a lot of paperwork it did not really cover the question asked regarding the purchase of the land from DCC. Purchase, business plan, consultation, if and why you were going to do it. {MH} There are further documents, but they are not ours to publicise The Community Plan 2012 states what the villagers wanted to see their village vision to look like going forward, the Clerk explained that some of these items have been completed i.e. Multi use games activity centre, cycle path but as you are aware these items take time to complete and Cllr Haines would explain this. MrsT, So to find out what is going on I have to come to a Parish Council meeting and ask you what is going on surely that is not what goes on in 2018. {MH} When the bypass was being built there were meetings held here through Devon County Council and Galliford Try not us as the Parish Council and it arose there were pieces of land that would be available if the Parish Council was interested and we expressed an interest, because we were aware at that time (DCC 2013) that we need to have more land to provide the young people of the village with more facilities which came up as a result of that survey. so that is where the discussions originally took place, not in a Parish Council meeting but a liaison meeting with DCC and Galliford Try having identified that land, it has taken us this long, and we are still not there yet to even acquire it. If and when we get that piece of land we can then decide what we are going to do and plan it. Navigators it was useful to get them involved and we approached them and the Scouts, the Scouts email trail went cold and I went into the school and School Council and they have their minutes to see what the feeling was so we could submit a report so we can get a reduction for the amount we pay for this land from Devon County. Their policy is if it is used by young people you can have a discount on the amount you have to pay which was in our last minutes but we still haven't bought the land yet we have had people come along and obstruct us from buying it, so there was still a question of would we get it or not. We only heard about three months ago that we were now able to purchase it and so if we had gone to all those lengths and found out that we couldn't get the land we would have raised all those people expectations and not be able to deliver so I find it a bit rich to have to say we have got this land, without an action plan on a piece of land we have not even got yet. When we get it we can do that. There is no other spare land in this village apart from the playing field which is now completely crammed and when the Multi use games activity centre went in it meant we couldn't get a second football pitch in for the juniors as it was too small and meant restricted numbers to play on it, there just isn't any land that is flat and available for these uses so that is where we are going. MrsT so when is your plan to consult with the Parish, {MH} the documents 2008 and 2012 refer and we will be consulting again when we get the land. We can go

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back to the kids at the school and I have spoken to the people at Decoy, the BMX and skateboard there a few months ago for final notes that I have on that.

Once we have the land it will be young people we can consult with. MrsT Young people do not pay the Council tax. It's not just young people, there needs to be things for older people that was in the 2012 plan. {MH} There is a new hall going in with bigger Library facilities, a memory café that is going to be for older people. The building is for mixed use, but it seems the deal is done with the Navigators. {AH} Can I step in the Navigators are upset that all these rumours are being spread about them; it was the Navigators that allowed us to get the discount price on the land. We have saved £12000 {MH} the point is to demonstrate a use that it is in line with the Devon County's policy of disposing of land at a discounted price to other public bodies we have to come up with uses that are likely to happen. {MH} it could still be the Scouts or the Navigators at this time and there is room to have more than one organisation there or have the one building used by more than one organisation, but this is the whole point we have not got there yet but to buy the land you have to have the reasons why to get it at a better price. MrsT I am just asking you to be more transparent with your paperwork, we can't always as other organisations are stating that this needs to be confidential. Mrs T so action plans are not that difficult you are in the final stages to buy that land, as and when you do it will be used you young people in the community and you are more than happy to have approached from people who want to use the facilities.

2699: The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 26th November 2018.

Chairman

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