

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on Monday 28th January 2019
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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Cllr M Moore Cllr J Radford Cllr R Jones

Present: Councillors A Hartley, M Haines, P Hartley, J Carter, S Cook, A Huntley, W Dixon

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

07.00pm: Members of the public: None

07: 00pm The Chairman opened the meeting.

2715: Public Participation: None

2716: To receive declarations of interests from Members: None

2717: To approve and sign minutes of the meeting 26th November 2018 Unanimous

2718: Clerk's Report

Memorial wall work completed

Two memorial benches ordered to replace old iron ones in playing field {to be paid for by parishioners}

Defibrillator, Library now operational after vandalism.

St Marys Control panel ordered

Website – Thank you to Cllr Carter for her help and improvements have started

Correspondence:

Dogs in the playing field – an email was received regarding dogs on leads in the playing field all members had received a copy. The Clerk has replied to say that the signage at the playing field state that dogs should be kept on a lead. Please if you are a dog owner take time to read on the Teignbridge website - New *responsible dog ownership PSPO approved*. As a Parish Council, we will have to consider our position and what action we would need to take. This covers the whole of the District in public areas, where that applies so it gives us the opportunity to use the PSPO that is a decision we will have to make. In the meantime, yes dogs should be on a lead. When this comes into force then people would be liable for a penalty fine {PH} As we have 106 funds left and we need to use it should we not think about getting some new larger signs. Small sign by the ramp, {MH} Can it not be moved. {SC} this is not just a walking field it is also a sports field and you need to take into consideration cricket and football. {AH} As and when the laws come into force we need to readdress this topic.

Community Together Fund – Kerswella Care has been supported this time by the Parish Council they are raising funds for a vehicle. {MH} That application I understand has been successful

Gateway crest to be confirmed by Moorpark – Slow 30mph to be put on the ground and crest to be inserted where the old 30mph was on the sign. Kingskerswell Crest was agreed some time ago and the School has adopted it since 1986 and we separated from Abbotskerswell – voted unanimously. {AH} The only thing is the bollards need attention the tape is all falling off. {AD} I am aware, Highways do have it, it will need to be completed, and I don't have a time frame.

2719: Clerks Financials and approve cheques for payment:

List of cheques to be signed for 28th January 2019

2819 £ 565.52 SHS Ltd {Water Lane Toilet Contractors}

2820 £ 671.13 Clerks Net Wages {717.60 Gross }

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2821 £ 46.47	HMRC
2822 £1549.99	Tree Care SW (Maintenance)
2823	VOID
2824 £ 420.00	AF Brown & Son {Was Memorial}
2825 £ 720.00	Brown Contractor (Downs To flail areas)
2826 £ 931.98	Glasdon Memorial Seat {To be repaid by Parishioner}
2827 £5833.99	Tree Care SW (Maintenance, Playing field Two trees work as recommended by report, and private garden fir tree work that backs onto playing field)
2828 £ 75.00	Kingskerswell Sports Club {Utilities}
2829 £ 163.67	Petty Cash
2830 £ 25.00	Difib replacement control panel St Marys Garage
2831 £ 180.00	Mow on Playground Inspections
2832 £ 658.00	Glasdon Memorial Seat {To be repaid by Parishioner}

Direct Debit for Opus Gas	£ 65.09 (Pavilion Gas)
	£ 84.02 {Pavilion Gas}
Direct Debit for B Gas	£
Direct Debit for B Gas	£
Direct Debit For B/T	£ 194.51

Total cheques/DD for January 19 = **£ 12,184.37**

Income

Amount to be repaid by Sports Club:	£ 108.49
VAT refund:	£
Precept 2nd payment:	£
CIL	£
106 Section Funds	£
Total income to 28th January 19	£ 108.49

Precept the clerk had revisited the figures since the precept meeting, taking into consideration VAT refunds; it was not possible to come in at last year's precept. There are items on the precept in case of need so the Clerk had removed them from the figures giving us a spend of 52,170 This year sees us loose the support grant from TDC which means we will receive £44,430 this sees us running £7740 short. I have spoken to and got confirmed that some 106 funds could be used to secure the purchase of land from DCC therefore that means that we do not have quite as much to pay out of our reserves this year. I don't want us to be in a position that we don't have enough money to go round but we did put up precept last year for the purchase of the land and do we run with the shortfall and use our reserves? upon speaking with Jen Ash TDC most Councils are increasing their precept to cover the loss of the tax support grant. {MH} we discussed this at our precept meeting the increase would have been more like 20% which was not a comfortable position to be in. I think if we are able to use the 106 funds for half of the purchase of the land, I think that would be a very good idea. We will need to increase it by £3440 just to stand still; we will still have to do a note to explain why it is going up. We still have to pay towards the new Village hall and Library and the relocating of the office but that will not be in this financial year, hopefully CIL will support this. {PH} We may have to consider the Downs what if we find ash die back, {AH} we would need to work with the Forestry Commission and DCC. {PH} When we sign the DCC agreement we are liable for the Car park and fencing, the Clerk said again we are getting into a what if situation, it has to be factual. A 10% increase would see us closer to £52170 but still short. It was agreed unanimously to increase 10% a note would need to be prepared for parishioners explaining the precept increase. (AH) on a band D bill that would be an increase of approx. £3 per year. Unanimously agreed by members.

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2720: DC Councillors report

County Councillor's Parish Council Report 28th January – Abbotskerswell/Kingskerswell

Good evening.

High street retailers across the country might be feeling the pinch, but the latest survey of spending by community transport users in Devon is encouraging for local traders. It's estimated that more than £3.46 million was spent in local High Streets across Devon by community transport users in 2018.

Over 2,200 Ring & Ride and Shopmobility service users responded to a recent survey which asked how much they had spent on their shopping trips during the month. The feedback from passengers revealed that they spent around £210,000 during November. This means that the service users spent an estimated £2.52 million in Devon high streets during 2018.

Over the course of a year, nearly 27,000 passengers use Ring & Ride buses and more than 9,800 access Shopmobility services. These services help people who find it hard to get around, to access their local shops and facilities. For every pound invested by Devon County Council on Ring & Ride services, over £7.46 is spent in the local economy.

Representatives from Devon's Health and Wellbeing Board, which oversees the strategic delivery of health and social care services in the county, have signed an ambitious Charter to end loneliness. It's a pledge by the Board that its partner authorities, including the NHS, Public Health, and Social Care, will do all they can to tackle the issue.

The Board wants to better understand the extent of loneliness in Devon; raise awareness of it; and involve people who experience it in helping to identify ways to reduce it. It also wants 'loneliness' to be on all the authorities' agendas; making it something that all agencies think of when they're planning public services.

Information about loneliness, and suggestions for things that people can do to combat it, are available on Devon County Council's website, devon.cc/loneliness

Finally, Inspirational women who have made a difference in Devon will be recognised at an event to celebrate the county's female community champions.

Residents across Devon are being asked to nominate the unsung women in their community ahead of the event being held at County Hall on International Women's Day, Friday 8 March 2019. It follows last month's Women in Public Service Day which marked the centenary of women's suffrage.

The event will be hosted by the Chair of Devon County Council Councillor Caroline Chugg, and nominees will be treated to afternoon tea at County Hall. In her inauguration speech last May Councillor Chugg pledged to recognise 'women who have achieved' in the community.

You can nominate your 'Women of the Community' online at <https://www.devonnewscentre.info/nominate-your-community-champion/> or pick up a nomination postcard in your local library. The deadline for nominations is Monday 18 February 2019.

Work to install average speed cameras on the A380 South Devon Highway started last week. The cameras are being installed between the Penn Inn flyover and Hamelin Way, Torquay, to reduce traffic speeds.

The majority of work will be carried out overnight from 7:30pm to 6am using lane closures. However, there will be occasions when the road will need to be fully closed overnight from 8pm to 6am to enable work to be carried out on the camera gantries. Full overnight closures will be signed in advance, with the first one scheduled for the week commencing Monday 11 February. A diversion will be in place via the A381 and A385 through Newton Abbot and Totnes.

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As part of the project, speed limit repeater signs are being increased in size. Safety camera warning signs will also be provided to make road users aware of the cameras and the need to comply with the speed limit.

{PH} Concerns over the speed at Newton Road it should be 30mph all the way along the route. {AD} The road is too short to be unrestricted. {AD} I will keep on about it, will need to see how it pans out with Highways.

District Council:

MH Teignbridge propose an increase on precept of £5 on a band D likely to be voted on the details of the budget will be at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on the 4th February. Public spaces protection order – changed from allowing one person to have control of four dogs or six to allow employed dog walkers to retain their business just have to wait and see, a review group has been set up and will present its findings it is still being considered. I spoke to the correct department to allow Kingskerswell Action Grp to tidy and plant the planters at the Co-op this has now revealed that the masonry needs repairing I have mentioned this to Green Spaces to see if they will complete any work that is needed on this. The Action group wanted to tidy it up, but the Ivy was holding it in place.

SC Concerned resident regarding crossing by the shops. The laws regarding this is a foot must be on the crossing the vehicles don't always stop? monitor it and motorbikes go through in the evenings and a car with a throaty exhaust {AH} report it to 101 as the car may be already know to the police. {SC} Don't think you will ever stop it. {AlexH} The footage from the road may help {AH} This may help, {WD} what about a live cam.

Parish Council:

JC Website, Maggie made some good suggestions with putting links in, we are looking to set up an information page so it needs to be completed by us anything you do individually or as a whole please send to me so we can add it to the page. Some changes have been made it is ongoing but I have been tied up with pantomime. {AH} lets pitch in and get it sorted. Defibrillators raise awareness of where they are in the village.

JC Sub Committee – the Kingskerswell Action Grp is separate to the Parish Council if they wish to report to the Parish Council would it be a separate report like the Downs or Kingskerswell Natural History Society. {MH} Downs is a sub committee of the Parish Council. {AH} Kingkerswell Action Grp is not, so yes they can make use of public participation slot. Bulbs have been counted out and planted by them where they can be, private roads have not been planted.

JC My Speed Watch training was done yesterday, so I need to go out with Debbie a few times

SC Vans etc. parking on the verges 52 – 56 Torquay Road making it like a mud bath, also I have to walk along the road sometimes as the pavement is blocked. Can we complain to the County Council? {MH} I do think it relates to work that is going on. {SC} Maybe we should keep an eye on it then. {WD} These properties have sufficient room to park on their drives so should not be parking on the verges.

AH Kerb at the Co-op I don't think this is going anywhere at this point – DCC

WD Graffiti kit being used got some items off around the village. There is an individual that follows me around and repaints some of it back on.

WD Speed Watch – we had a rough incident as we can now speed watch in a 20mph zone, a car came down from the arch doing 40mph the driver came back and it involved being threatened. Police did not wish to support us, it is on CCTV from the Sloop, social media can be a nightmare I don't wish to put myself in that position at the end of the day we are volunteers helping the village. I was hoping AD was going to stay because at Blazey Gate they have put average speed cameras up and there are loads of roads that join this stretch, it has stopped the speeding along this route dead, so they could put it up in Kingskerswell. {MH} The problem is that is a residential A road and ours is a B road I am just trying to point out what you may come up against. {WD} I will check out the road A or B situation and also the fact that an active Policeman in the area know nothing about our problems here in Kingskerswell. {AH} We need to write to the Commissioner and explain the situation.

WD Parking in the Community Centre car park with Motor homes ? this is a church arrangement.

PH Public meeting of Kingskerswell Action Grp points were raised about overgrowth we need to find the addresses AH School dog mess posters over the next week or so the posters are going up in the village. The Primary School pupils have had enough of the dog mess. There is a small article going in one of the papers.

JC School watch – it would be fabulous if they got involved with cars parking and speeding when they are collecting or dropping off at School.

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WD Parking in a Cycle lane? It is a Highways matter but we believe that it is illegal according to the highways code questions that are asked when you know take your driving test.

2721: Playing Field Matters:

To update on the three oak trees.

Work on the trees completed.

{AH} carve three benches one related to armistice and ask the school children to come up with a suggestion.

{AH} cleaned up the garden by the ramp, her hedge needs to be addressed and is effecting her neighbours, it is a civil matter that the neighbours do need to address.

The boundary does need to be clarified.

{MH} Cricket club have asked for our help towards a new roller possible by way of a loan £3K Kingskerswell PC requested to see accounts and bar accounts what funding they were putting in themselves if they had requested funding from elsewhere – short season – what is happening to the old one Clerk to ask for further details and put back on next month's meeting.

2722: Update on Purchase of DCC Land: No further update, paperwork with Solicitors.

2723: Downs Committee – No meeting but {MH} walked around last week Brown Bros work has been well received – new meeting arranged for the 9th February 10am. {AH} Christmas we went up and did some storm damage work which has been agreed with Mark Wadhams the costing to do this would have been £2700. I can do most of this work but I do need some help so are members in agreement that I can get some help please for a couple of days. Members were unanimous that help could be sought. We are going to have to be vigilant regarding Ash dye back the National trust now have it at Dartmouth and DCC. It is not going to get better it is going to get worst. I want to keep the cost down to the taxpayer and have got agreement from Mark Wadhams at TDC to do this work the quote was purely a cost exercise. It does need to go on the website regarding the Downs in case it causes a lot of required funding we do need to talk about ash die back. It was agreed AH can complete his volunteer work at the Downs and wood can be removed people requiring wood can go through AH and this can be arranged to be dropped off. This year will be a testing year for the Downs regarding a decline in the tree population.

Oustanding DCC land exchange this has been going on for some time it is clear that DCC are not prepared to complete any further works before the Car Park becomes our responsibility. DCC stated it was a planning issue if the fencing needed to be changed therefore they would not go any further with the request although boulders have been put in to the site. It was agreed that this now must proceed there is no payment due for this purchase.

2724: 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) Lyndhurst Avenue application it was felt it was too over bearing for two properties to go into such a small space.
- iii) Galliford Try old site is going to committee if Officer is mindful to approve it. {AlexH} I will be attending.

2725: Sports Committee Meeting: No meeting until March 2019

2726: Public Comment: None

2727: Meeting closed 9.00pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 25th February 2019.

Chairman

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