

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on Monday 25th March 2019
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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Cllr M Moore, Cllr J Radford

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

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

07: 00pm The Chairman opened the meeting.

07.00pm: Members of the public: Two

Public participation:

The reason for my attendance is regarding dogs on leads in parks, Kingskerswell dog walkers are prepared to work together on making sure the park is clean as there is nowhere else to let your dog off in Kingskerswell. We fully respect the cricket and football but dogs need to run and play. Cllr Haines explained that Teignbridge are introducing a Public Spaces Protection Order which starts on the 1st April and applies to everywhere across the district of Teignbridge. This field has always displayed signs that dogs should be kept on a lead, this field was given to the Parish as a sports field that is on the deed of gift I believe. There clearly has not been a problem, but the situation has changed. It will be for the Council to decide what it wants to do. The best thing is for the Parish Council to meet with dog owners after the Election period. Teignbridge have a working group set up which is looking at aspects of this in the first year. I don't feel there is a need for us to rush into anything. The Chairman stated that all views must be considered and a way forward discussed. Dogs will chase things that is natural but common sense has to be taken especially when machinery is around. It will be discussed again after the Elections in May.

The Kingskerswell Natural History Society brought forward their report – David Poole read the report out.

Mr Poole also added:-

The boundary bench could young tree growth be reduced so that the view can be appreciated, bikes off road are gaining access?

The Council will consider these points under the Downs.

The Chairman said he would book in the contractor to spray the bracken again, and Mr Poole was grateful as it had reduced from last year's spraying.

Mr Poole said they would welcome helping out by the mast, the Chairman said he would hopefully come up at the next working party event with the strimmer to assist with the brambles.

2741: To receive declarations of interests from Members: The Chairman declared an interest in number 8, Cllr Jones number 5.

2742: To approve and sign minutes of the meeting 25th February 2019 Unanimous

2743: Clerk's Report 25.03.2019

Under 10 playground Jess the Cat vandalised, removed awaiting quote to replace

TDC looking into a different size bin at the Car Park will come back to me.

Water Lane Toilets works completed.

Skip ordered for Pavilion

Boiler in ref's room needs attention pricing part

Printer broken

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Correspondence:

Email regarding Annual Fete for financial help for stage and bouncy castle – it is around £500. The Parish Council has the invoices sent direct to recover the VAT element. The Chairman spoke about a circle of contractors through a business network he belongs too, who may be able to assist with the costing this year. AlexH This is coming back to me that last year the funds were to be put back into the pot to cover this year? RJ From my understanding the village hall needs a lot of work and as the village hall committee run the fete it was felt that the money should go towards the village hall renovations and not other charities. AlexH Indirectly then we are giving money to the village hall RJ yes. PH When we started donating to this cause we were told it was for the benefit of the village and that is why the PC agreed to support this cause, and now it has changed for the benefit of the village hall. AD I gave the initial funding to allow the fete to take place for the village residents, I was not a supporter of supporting local charities as these people could attend and make money from their stalls. The money that was made from the village hall committee element could go back to the village hall, it needs a huge amount of money spent on it. We need a village hall in the village. Cllr M Haines declared an interest due to being Chairman of the Public Hall I will speak but not vote. The Chairman stated can we find out the exact costing to run this event and funds left to ensure the event can run again this year please. PH I can remember them coming back to us saying they would not need any further funding as it would be covered by the funds of the previous year. Chairman ,well let's ask for the full breakdown.

Annual car parking schedule for Fore Street was in the paper just need to check that it is correct. Yes, free car park maximum stay 48 hours.

2744: Clerks Financials and approve cheques for payment:
List of cheques to be signed for 25th March 2019

2847 £600.00	Kingskerswell Sports Club (Utilities from Navigators}
2848 £324.00	Playsafety Ltd {Playground equipment course}
2849 £101.40	Clarke Willmott (VAT on DCC Land exchange}
2850 £ 75.00	Sports Committee (Utilities}
2851 £592.13	Clerks net wages (Gross £616.53}
2852 £ 24.40	HMRC
2853 £143.03	Petty Cash
2854 £ 546.02	SHS Ltd {Toilet Contractor}
2855 VOID	
2856 £ 120.00	SW Plumbing (2 Call Outs re Water Lane Toilets}
2857 £ 150.00	Skip Hire to be repaid by Sports Club minus Vat
2858 £ 140.00	Mow on (Playground Inspections}
2859 £ 210.00	Elmstar (Mower Hire for Playing Field Cut}

Direct Debit for Opus Gas	£ 66.43 (Pavilion Gas)
	£
Direct Debit for B Gas	£
Direct Debit for B Gas	£
Direct Debit For B/T	£ 242.42

Total cheques/DD for March 19 = **£ 3334.83**

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Income

Amount to be repaid by Sports Club:	£	95.59
VAT refund:	£	
Navigators Utilities 17/18	£	1200.00
Precept 2nd payment:	£	
CIL	£	
106 Section Funds	£	
DCC Land Exchange	£	2500.00
Bench	£	946.00
Total income to 25 th March 19	£	4741.59

2745: County Councillor's Parish Council Report 25th March – Kingskerswell , Abbotskerswell

Good evening.

Devon County Council's Leader, John Hart, has reacted angrily to the latest funding announcements from Government designed to provide support post-Brexit.

The Stronger Towns Fund only allocated £33m to the South West region and, having learnt yesterday that Eurotunnel has also been allocated £33m in an out-of-court settlement – deal or no deal – leaders are strongly expressing their concern to Government about the message this sends to 5.6 million residents and businesses in the South West.

Cllr Hart, Leader, Devon County Council and Chair, South West Councils, said: "Yet again the South West is the poor relation to the rest of the country. To only receive £33m – the same as Eurotunnel – from the Government pot of post-Brexit funding is bordering on insulting. That the Government can compare the needs of people and businesses in the South West with those of Eurotunnel beggar's belief. No consultation or communication took place with our councils prior to the funding announcement and we are bitterly disappointed that the needs of the people of the South West are being ignored.

"Despite this lack of support and recognition from Government, Devon County are doing all we can to prepare for Brexit. Work is taking place across Devon County Council and the region to prepare contingency plans for possible outcomes, to support communities and businesses. The clock is ticking on Brexit. We have consistently called on the Government to listen to the concerns of the people of the South West but so far there is little evidence that our voice has been heard, and time is running out. On behalf of the South West I call on the Government to listen, to engage and to respond."

Something that has concerned residents here have been the poor state of the pavements in Queen Street in Newton Abbot so I am pleased that overnight work has been carried out to resurface pavements. The scheme was carried out on weekday evenings between 6pm and midnight. The footpaths were open as usual during the day. The work will start at the western end of Queen Street, and it is expected to take three weeks to complete.

The sections being resurfaced are:

- East side of Courtenay Street from Victoria Place to junction with Queen Street.
- North side of Queen Street from Courtenay Street to junction with Albany Street

At the end of the Budget process at County Council it was agreed that overall, the county's spending on services will rise from £479.4 million to almost £494 million. It will be paid for by an increase of 3.99% in council tax. That's £53.10 extra on an average Band D council tax bill. It will take the annual Band D charge for Devon's services to

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£1,384.29. The rise encompasses a 2.99% increase for general services and an extra one per cent dedicated solely to adult social care.

Finally, at a time of Budgets I would like to report that under my Locality Budget I disbursed

£900.00	Abbotskerswell PTA IT Project
£300.00	Buckland Football Club Nets
£100.00	Abbotskerswell Cricket Club
£135.00	Chairs for Hearn Field Pavilion in Haccombe-with-Combe
£370.00	Combeinteignhead Village Hall revitalisation
£500.00	St Andrews PCC, Ipplepen – Clock repair
£1,000.00	Ipplepen Community Hub rebuilding fund for Architectural services
£1,000.00	Kerswella Care
£1,750.00	Kingskerswell Community Centre Windows
£200.00	Kingskerswell Action Group for planting materials
£1,000.00	Play Equipment at King George VI playing field Shaldon
£100.00	Shaldon Singers for programme printing
£200.00	WW1 Commemoration in Stokeinteignhead
£160.00	Xmas lights & electrical connection in Stokeinteignhead
£750.00	Teignmouth Pavillions
£750.00	CAB Catch Project
£911.00	Teign CVS - Tablets
£40.00	Crowdfunding - Lost Words in Devon

Speeding Limit signage I am unaware of costing and the simple fact is we have no money.

PH A few months ago you told us that another authority was coming to look at Dury's corner what are the results AD they were extremely impressed and that they are putting it forward for an award. It is not a roundabout, it is who approaches the junction first has the right of way. No incidents have been reported since it has been built. There will always be a proportion of drivers who do not drive with due care, that is an issue for the Police. The speed watch are working with the County Council and take the data and they act upon it.

District Council:

Cllr Haines nothing as it is the Purdah period. I did have a phone call today from somebody regarding the Craxford Tip filling up suggested that they phoned the County Council but said I would tell someone. Local Planning Cafes held locally very well attended and two of our Parish Councillors attended it is regarding the Teignbridge local plan review and the process has started it was to get the wider engagement so that Parishes knew what was happening, they are having a follow up. Cllr Hartley felt they were held at the wrong time as in May some members who attended the first meeting may not be re-elected to attend the follow up. When the items come up that the first attendees brought up the second attendees may wish to raise different items. Cllr Haines stated he was no alone and mentioned this to Teignbridge but the local plan team seem to be in their own bubble.

Parish Council:

{JC} Website, unfortunately our meeting of the Communications committee did not take place. Wait until Elections and start a new Committee. It needs all Councillors to be a user, would that not be the Communication Committee. It was agreed to wait until after the Elections.

{WD} Speed repeater signs they are 5K each. Solar powered maintenance free. Is it something we wish to fund Clerk it is not in this year's budget. Clerk can we not approach BMW to ask if they could help with finance to assist with the speed issues through our village. The Chairman agreed that a letter be sent to Ocean BMW to ask if they would be prepared to help with the community and this would benefit their customers to and from the garage.

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(MH) Been approached by parishioners regarding the bulb planting area signage How much have the signs cost? It seems there are more signs than flowers. (WD) It is the first year of planting. (RJ) The signs will stay for 12 months but there will be other flowers added going forward.

AH Clearing work opposite Hare and Hounds residents are worried about the clear view through the bank, I have stated we could underplant. However there is a much more serious problem as water is coming from somewhere under minding the bank, the trees are moving as they can't find out where it is coming from.

Regarding the Tip I spoke to the Manager it is a drying pile and the levels will come down.

2746: Playing Field Matters:

Two tenders are on the table for the grass cutting of the playing field basically it is cut every two weeks April to September the other months are one cut. Additional cuts are charged at the same rate but have to be agreed by the PC and invoiced separately. Then we have weekly litter picking and inspections of the play equipment and Multi Use Games Area and Outdoor Gym. Twice yearly the boundaries are cut and waste removed.

Chairman I will step down for this item I have met and explained exactly what needs doing I know both of these companies through my own line of work therefore the decision must be made by the remaining members of the Council.

One company had already sent a member of their team on the playground inspection course, and had sent in all the qualifications required to complete the work Cllr Haines said this is extremely important as they are so close.

It was felt that both tenders were difficult to call as the pricing was so similar, one company was already doing work for the village therefore the PC did not wish to over load. Company A was proposed by RJ and Seconded by AlexH so five out of six Cllrs voted for. Therefore the tender was issued to Princes Trees, Clerk please advise.

2748: Update on Purchase of DCC Land {Churchway}: No further update, paperwork with Solicitors but it is moving as the Clerk requested an update this week.

2749: Downs Committee –

Land exchange 1 from DCC {Land plan cpo reference No 51 Part of Kerswell Downs Common Land South of C161 Maddacombe Road paperwork completed} **awaiting registration at the land registry.**

Cllr Haines has emailed everyone regarding the attempted break in of the Downs Car Park and the damage to the barrier. It is upsetting that something as robust as this is damaged. The Car Park will remain closed until the PC can be sure the visitors have left the area and of course a quote for the repairs will be required, a rethink for the design of the gate is required, you will never stop break ins but if you can slow the process down they are more likely to be caught in the act, a camera system will have to be considered going forward. Cllr Dixon offered to find out more information regarding the camera. Cllr Haines before we move on please can I say a big thank you to Cllr Hartley and everyone involved in working so swiftly on the situation which could have been so different if quick thinking had not happened. Clerk please put the information on the website.

Kingskerswell Natural History Society report read out under public participation.

Items to consider further – Motor Bikes – Cllr Hartley the kissing gate needs to be put back in. PH I think they are coming through Whilborough Common.

2750: 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) Three refusals 1 Lyndhurst Avenue outline planning permission for two dwellings. A TPO 7 Greenhill Road and lastly fell one oak in 2 Greenhill Gardens.

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2751: Sports Committee Meeting: No meeting until end of football season 2019.

Cllrs had not had further information regarding a roller. H-S could hire a roller but this would need to be discussed further with the Cricket Club.

Cllr Haines I did come down on their work weekend but Mark was unwell, so I have not had a chance to speak to him yet. Cllr AlexH where will they store the hired roller? Cllr AH many of them have roll down hoops so it will fit in the garage. Cllr Cook how long do they need to keep rolling the pitch as it may not pay to keep hiring? Cllr A Hartley This is what I need to find out. More information is required.

Skip has been filled from the work weekend Clerk to telephone company to get it removed.

Chairman asked were the football club up to date with the monthly costing, the clerk advised no, the Chairman felt it was not appropriate for a Club to join in discussions until their fees are up to date.

2752: Public Comment: None

2753: Meeting closed 9.pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 29th April 2019, this includes the Annual Parish Meeting and it commences at 18.45pm.

Chairman

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