

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
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Meeting held on Monday 17th February 2020
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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Cllr S Cook.

Present: Councillors M Haines, P Hartley, M Tyrrell-Smith, W Dixon, R Jones, A Hartley, A Huntley, J Carter

In attendance: K. Turner (Clerk)

07: 00pm The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2886: Open to members of the public for questions or statement. 2 members of the public.

Mike – Two points I would like to update you on proposal from Stagecoach to stop the route 13. I've done an informal survey and chatting to people at the bus stops whether they use the 13 I have spoken to 16 people 14 from the village and 2 from Kingsteignton none of which knew about the proposed change. All but one of them uses the service to go to the hospital. None of them knew about the consultation process either. Despite what Stagecoach state the 174 is not a good alternative. Brought forward from item 4i. Chairman suspended standing orders for further discussion. It would come from the Brixham end to the Willows? Yes, that is what would happen in the future. Chairman re-instated standing orders. Concerns voiced re aging population and the need to visit the hospital, also the fact that the people that use this route will have the biggest impact on do not have access to the internet to put their comments to Stagecoach. Therefore, members agreed that the Clerk must write to stagecoach voicing the above concerns, along with the Parishioners concerns outlined in the letter. Proposed by Cllr M Haines all Cllrs agreed, unanimous.

Secondly thoughts I had about severe weather we had over the weekend, maintenance on the leat planning for these things. Not a criticism but just to make sure these things are completed. Network rail have been putting liners under the tunnels that take the leat, I'm given to believe that has reduced the space going through the tunnel as the round liner has gone through the existing tunnel. They have concreted it in around the sides. Therefore, the capacity of the tunnel is a lot smaller, I'm not an engineer but it would mean less room for the water go flow through.

Item 7.1 - we will bring forward.

David Poole – removing bramble and keeping it under control with the volunteers. Area for concern mobile phone area that was cleared 3 years ago this area has grown over with bramble. We have cleared parts, but it is beyond our scoop. Thought it would be a good idea to get some mechanical help. Beneficial to wildlife and floral and visitors. Cllr R Jones has a brush cutter through a grant to the Kingskerswell Action Grp and they have an experience operative with the necessary paperwork. He kindly offered to assist. I would supervise this work. I was enquiring what your feeling are? Chairman if it was direction from your group of works you are already doing can't see any problems with it. MTS Why is it beneficial to do this work, we normally complete meadows and glade work. When these new areas arise, we do notice wildlife does move into these areas. The flora comes up and attracts butterflies. It creates a valuable area and might otherwise develop into scrub. ALH control of the brambles stops evasion of other species taking over. Really good idea but you will need a risk assessment and all the necessary tickets given to the Clerk as someone else's services are being engaged. RJ we do have a licensed bush cutter operative. Chairman If KHNS are directing the work the details of the individuals need to be logged with the Clerk. David Poole - KNHS would carry out the risk assessment, PL would need to be produced to the Clerk.

Jake Pattie arrived sorry I am late.

2887: To open the meeting and approve and sign minutes of the previous meeting 25th January 2020 - Cllrs confirmed it was their wishes for the minutes to be signed. MTS & JC - all agreed Unanimous.

2888: Co-option of a new member – Jake is here from last month; the email was sent to everyone early this morning. Jake spoke I'm keen to be part of the village and what goes on in the village. I have lived here all my life. Chairman – has anyone have any questions for Jake? Cllr R Jones- I would like to say I know Jake and for a young person he has a lot of knowledge far advancing his years. Chairman – RJ would you like to make the proposal? RJ Propose Jake to Join the Parish Council 2nd MTS. Unanimous - so welcome aboard. Declaration of

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Office duly signed. Code of conduct given to Cllr Pattie along with the Register of Interests that will need to be completed and returned.

2889: To receive declarations of interests from Members: None at this time, Chairman reminded members if anything cropped up during the meeting please declare it.

2890: Councillors Report.

DCC Report relating to Kingskerswell – No report for this evening.

Cllr PH - Old Newton Rd where the two roads join there is a service duct – TDC contractors managed to knock the lids off. Dangerous as no lighting in that area so someone could fall. I reported it and had an acknowledgment, but still not rectified.

Langford Bridge – I reported it on the DCC website again I had an acknowledgment stating works to be completed in January 2020 – now February still no action taken. *AD we are very aware and the issues. Major problems with the manholes work it was completed by Galliford Try not to Highways standards. Will be completed next year in the budget and will involve closure of the road.*

District Councillors Reports relating to Kingskerswell – Budget coming up and the Local Plan.

Local Councillors Reports relating to Kingskerswell also include the actions you agreed to work on.

PH – Attending the TDC tree seminar and will report back.

JC - Communication concerns – how do we pull it all together, currently the Communications Committee is suspended as we do not have the correct resources and skill set.

RJ – Tour of the village today with AD. Last meeting, we discussed Christmas trees and MH & I went and looked at planting sites. AD is happy with the sites even though he is not too happy with the type of tree.

RJ – Entrance of the end of Southey Lane the hedge is not in the best of condition. MH it belongs to Crown Estate, I will email them.

RJ – I have been asked to read a statement from Cllr Wayne Dixon MH If it is a Cllrs Report and he is unable to be here. Read it at the end of the Cllrs reports.

MTS – For Jakes benefit, we are looking at a mission statement leading into a Vision.

Published the Asset Management Plan so that action is closed. We suggested phased implementation we need to put something in place otherwise this could be forgotten.

Updated the Website with the Stagecoach Consultation, it is clean for the time being.

In October I spent two months writing the Emergency Plan it is now February and we have not published that Emergency Plan, nor have we done anything about talking to somebody else. I am prepared to take this action on. Unanimously agreed that Cllr MTS can deal with the actions on the Emergency Plan.

Standing Orders – electronic copy. External participation DCC Alistair Dewhirst please send in report prior to the meeting so that Cllrs can ask questions rather than you reporting to us. (AD agreed) Are you happy for me to publish the standing orders as they stand? Unanimous. MTS take an action to publish the electronic version.

Land parcels? Four pieces either for adoption or purchase. Langford Bridge and Edginswell Lane two pieces of land that DCC currently own. MH We expressed a positive response, but DCC have not progressed it any

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further. MTS It ties around our vision could we have some land and make a commercial use from it. MH It was mostly in confidence at the time. Areas are for conservation and public amenity. MTS That information is spectacularly informative, it isn't available anywhere. MH The discussion was in confidence. It is in the minutes from the old Bypass minutes, if you can't find it that is good as we have not betrayed DCC confidence.

AH Mark and I helped the cottage opposite the Church with sandbags, raises concerns and issues we need a proper Management Plan and we need stock for the Brook issues. We need a store with a pump and sandbags. Maybe we need a central hub? MH If it is infrastructure, we may look at Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

RJ This is Wayne's words I have recently completed a survey from MTS which I found to be a breath of fresh air. Taking points from Marks list we need action in the village instead of sitting every four weeks and discussing a repetitious agenda. We need to work with KKAG and not against it. Collaborative working gets results every time. I still support speed watch in principle but the speed of traffic on the main road is increasing daily. It's only a matter of time before we have a serious related speed incident. We have talked about Speed Repeater Signs with zero action when we have funds to pay for this, regardless if we are claiming back from Devon Highways. The village needs to see the Parish Council doing things and improving life not talking about the past. The graffiti in the village is increasing I wonder if this was Lplepen would a cleaning operation be already done. The Action Grp is making a village to be proud of, yet the Parish Council sits and does nothing. I feel the Parish Council needs to change its ways with new blood and new ideas need to be put into the village otherwise we will be all sat in the same seats talking about the same old issues for years to come.

Regards W Dixon (Parish Councillor)

MH right thank you interesting section. Perhaps I should step down as Chairman obviously if that is the view someone else can complete the role. I don't view like that, but if that is the way it is viewed and viewed out there, I will happily step down. I took on the role this year to assist AH with the role and pressure, but I will step down in May. That is my response.

MTS I support the general theme and what is trying to be raised I have been saying something similar about action and activity. However, I think there is a need to concentrate what the solution looks like, rather than what's gone before. It's about looking forward and I don't think it is helpful to look at individual Cllrs or roles. This is a team and now it is not functioning brilliantly as a team. That doesn't mean it can't, there is something I would like to say that Wayne hasn't, that is there seems to be within this Parish Council a all or bust mentality a Cllr or nothing. An option in between that is co-opting of people to volunteer to put their energy into the work that we do and at the moment the constant message I have heard since I have been here for the last six months is that I don't have enough time to do my Parish Council role. If that is the case I am looking at the author as well then I think people should consider leaving their voting rights and stepping down as a Parish Councillor and co-opting their time into a committee that they can produce their time and energy into which would open

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up Parish Council spaces for new energy and new blood, but it doesn't lose the resource it appears that, that is the general consensus you're a Councillor or nothing. Cllr is only voting rights we should be looking and encouraging people to join if they don't have the time and I am looking at the absences around the table they should consider where they might want to be a non-voting member.

RJ – I think Wayne is a wonderful Councillor but is under a tremendous amount of pressure. MTS his Railway work is amazing but has no relevance to the Parish Councillor role. If you haven't got time to do it you have to give up your seat, to allow others to take it on. Can't moan about something and not do anything.

AH – Frankly it all comes down to communication within the village, why can't all the different organisations come together with a THREE-MONTH PLAN. Can't we all work together to avoid any conflict. With clear transparency aims and goals.

AD – All Parish Councils are different, but your Chairman has served this village diligently and this should be recognised by everybody.

MH Thank you

Clerk Mr Chairman you are a 10th of this Council there are other members that make up this Parish Council.

AH People cannot be singled out it is a Team.

2891: Clerk's Report and to receive financial report and approve cheques for payment.

Clerk's Report

17.02.2020

Pavilion electrical safety inspection recommended works two quotes on the table third not materialised (Quote accepted)

Dip bars removed send to manufacturer awaiting repair and return

Retro ring fitted to climbing frame by Richcraft Maintenance

Bolts received for muga suitable key needed and washers

Roundabout in under 10 needs further investigation re the bearings

Quotes for Management plan for the Down Kingskerswell third not received (AH Leave until the summer when in leaf)

Horses email re off Huxnor Road and the back of the Down as the field is in a real mess – the Cllrs do not know they think it is privately owned and possibly the stable users may know.

Cricket Club emails – request marking off the corner of the Park for advertising due to rain and flooding it would improve it for a safety aspect.

Extra mess netting may be required for the wicket area after inspection

Sandbags may be required for the front of the garage doors.

The Club has put time and effort in making the Club nice and they will be starting a 100 Club Lottery when Licenced by TDC - draw will be monthly last Friday of the month except for December.

Reply from TDC regarding financial irregularity from Kingskerswell Steering Group signatory.

Monitoring Officers only normally investigate after a formal complaint has been made, not a voluntary submission.

If we want them to act outside a formal complaint, it will cost £150.00 an hour.

A formal written complaint would be investigated without cost according to the email (MTS) I am more than happy to write that complaint and put it into the Monitoring Officer. It is for the benefit of the Council to give us a clean bill of health. MH not pleasant for a Cllr to complain about another Cllr. If it was a member of the public complaining it would be different. (MTS) The process does not work for the self-referral. MH Where are we going with the Clerks Report on this matter? MTS I will write the formal complaint I don't need anyone's permission.

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Various emails, books and magazines

- Rural Services Network
- Clerks and Councils
- The Clerk
- DALC
- CRGP

Email/letter correspondence regarding village matters either sent by email or on your table.

- i. Bus Routes being proposed for possible removal and consultation – dealt with previously please see 2886.
- ii. Speed Indicator's process, scarf process done 12 months ago – Parish Council to find out costing and put on next Agenda and copy in AD

List of cheques to be signed for 17th February 2020

2962 £ 1241.48	Wicktseed {Playground repairs}
2963 £ 610.37	Clerks net wages {gross 632.57p}
2964 £ 22.20	hmrc
2965 £ 75.00	kksc {utilities}
2966 £ 486.00	ict website {costs}
2967 £ 546.02	SHS Ltd {Water Lane Toilets}
2968 £ 498.01	princes groundworks
2969 £ 65.68	petty cash
2970 £ 269.40	dalc {course fee}
2971 £ 546.02	shs Ltd {water lane toilets jan}

Direct Debit for Opus Gas	£
Direct Debit for B Gas	£
Direct Debit for B Gas	£
Direct Debit For B/T	£

Total cheques/DD for February 20 = £4360.18

Income

Amount to be repaid by Sports Club:	£ 32.84
Repay by Cricket Club	£
VAT refund:	£
Navigators Utilities	£
Precept 2nd payment:	£
CIL	£
106 Section Funds	£
Total income to 17th February 20	£ 32.84

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2892: Further review Council's Documentation Dealt with under item 2890 Parish Councillor Reports MTS

2893: Downs and Land Asset Committee Report – No Down Meeting

- i. KNHS report – **Dealt with under item 2886**
- ii. Storm damage report – AH we have issues since the last two storms, we need to deal with the footpaths, or it could mean health and safety and it may need to be closed. I propose to hold a meeting after consulting with Torbay Council contractor.
- iii. **(AH) Can I have the Parish Councils permission to clear the footpaths?** (MH) we have a paper trail regarding the last storm, Andrew will be clearing the footpaths and wood will be left on site it will be done free of charge. Sign wording needs to be put up at the Down Unanimously agreed.
- iv. **Jubilee Wood needs new padlock.** (AH) I will get a padlock
- v. **Next meeting 29th 10am.**

2894: Media Committee – nothing further to add see 2890 under JC.

2895: Planning Committee – The Planning Committee had not met, next meeting 20/02/20 consents read out at the meeting. (Applications held online at Teignbridge Planning Online where you can view and make comments). TDC have the final say on all the planning applications for Kingskerswell. Kingskerswell Parish Council are only consultees.

2896: Sports Committee Meeting – no meeting

2897: Pavilion/Playing Field matters – Tender contents for the play parks maintenance is not going as smoothly as thought – inspections and repairs. Richcraft Maintenance who tend to all TDC playparks have agreed to complete larger repairs. This has arisen because the contractor has not been checking the soft closing of the gates as it was not fully inclusive on the inspection form it stated fences but not the word gate. The contractor advised the Clerk that a separate course needs to be completed with machinery to check the soft closing times. The Clerk phoned The Play Inspection Course who had never heard of this. Clerk to add the gates into the inspection form.

2898: Update on the Post Office – No further update

2899: Update on the Land Purchase - No updates from our Solicitor

2900: Public Questions – no members present.

2901: Meeting closed 9.06pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 30th March 2020, it commences at 7pm

Chairman

Date.....

PART TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS ONLY regarding Parish Clerk's working environment.

New Desk Assessment – To be completed (MTS)

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Objectives and Job Role – (MTS)
Appraisal date to be advised
Clerks Line manager - Chairman