

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Downs meeting held on 7th March 2020 at The Downs.

(Meeting postponed from the previous Saturday due to forecast gale force winds).

Present: Cllrs. M. Haines (Chair), A. Hartley, P. Hartley, R Jones

The Chairman opened the meeting at the car park entrance at 10.00am.

1. Car Park

There had been some fly tipping (plastic industrial barrel, vehicle part & tyre) behind the fence at the far end from the car park entrance. Karen to be asked to arrange for its removal.

The muddy area by the gate had deteriorated in the recent very wet weather. This is already on the list to do when the weather improves.

2. Inspection of Downs

Members walked along various routes to view the effects of the recent storm events. Cllr A. Hartley came equipped with a chainsaw and cleared several dangerous resting/hanging trees/branches near/across footpaths and also cleared some obstructions to footpaths.

3. Drone survey

Members viewed the condition of canopy areas and discussed the suggestion of a drone survey made by one of the consultants that had replied to the Council. A drone survey could be undertaken in April/May once foliage had appeared, and it was thought that this would be a cost-effective way of identifying the extent of ash dieback that could evidence any works needed to be done. The suggestion will be put to the next Parish Council meeting.

4. Date of next meeting: To be agreed.

Chairman Cllr. Haines closed the meeting at 11.20 am.