

KINGSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Monday 30 April 2018

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

30 April 2018

Present: Councillors A Hartley (Chairman) J Radford (Vice Chairman), P Hartley, S Cook and J Carter, A Huntley, M Moore, M Haines & DCC Alistair Dewhurst.

Apologies: Cllr Roger Jones (Holiday)

In attendance: K Turner (Clerk)

Members of the public: 3

6.45pm Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting held as an open forum for members of the public to inform and ask questions of the Parish Council. A request was made to record the evenings meeting this is allowed as long as no disruption to the meeting is caused. This may be available to view on Kingskerswell Have your say

The following is bullet points from that meeting and it is not a requirement to write word for word.

(1) Chairman's Report: *May I take this opportunity of thanking my Vice Chairman and all the Councillors for their help during the last year. I would especially like to thank Cllr Haines for the help he has given me and also for chairing the Downs Committee also Cllr Hartley for chairing the Planning Committee. Thank's must also go to Cllr Dewhurst who has kept us all informed about County Council matters and any that are relevant to Kingskerswell, thanks must also go to Cllrs Haines and Cook who likewise have kept us informed about our District Council. I would also like to thank Karen, our Clerk, who keeps the office running smoothly and all of us up to date with all the latest information that she receives. It has been a very testing year from unwelcome visitors that arrived in the village at about this time last year to the extreme weather conditions we had in March of this year. But, in all, it has shown that as a community we can all work together from the greater good. We are trying as a Council to bridge the gap between young and old to break the stigma and rift to this end the multi gym equipment which has been installed on the Playing Field as been a great success. Looking to the future we as a Council intend to improve the general appearance of Kingskerswell which is looking a bit tired and tatty around the edges, we want residents of Kingskerswell to be proud of their village. Later in the year the Council will be contacting the various groups and clubs that meet in Kingskerswell asking them if they would like to be responsible for looking after flower planters and also help with bulb planting in the autumn. Local businesses will also be contacted regarding sponsorship. There are future projects planned and for these to happen consultations will be held so that everyone both young and old can have their say. I believe it is important that we engage with the younger residents of this village as remember they are our future.*

(2) To receive new recommendations and suggestions from Parishioners regarding any matter relating to Kingskerswell that they wish to bring to the Council's attention.

Request that the Parish Council produce draft minutes – the Chairman stated that it had always been the case that the minutes were signed at the next monthly meeting – The Council will consider the request. Clerk to put on the May agenda to discuss.

What about Pockets of Land, when was this decision made? When the SDH was being built there were various pieces of land that may have become available, as the Parish Council did not own any land to expand youth facilities it was decided that this was a way

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of owning some land, as with any compulsory purchase it has to be offered back to the original owner first.

Do you not think a Neighbourhood Plan would be a good idea? or consulting the village. The consultation is still ongoing, although a newspaper article and church magazine advert explained why there was a need to increase precept.

So do you have a 5, 10 year plan? Kingskerswell Parish Council do not have a village plan as it adopted the Teignbridge Plan (dates to be confirmed). Documentation available on the TDC website.

(MH)Mr Chairman an offer has been made from DCC for the land, we have requested a reduction of price by submitting a letter to them.

Is now the time to Consult with the people of Kingskerswell to agree to purchase it? The Parish Council has agreed to purchase it.

Navigators have 80 members and increasing and have outgrown the Pavilion as a venue. Navigators wished to go ahead as they have funding in place for a building. The site is off Churchway Lane.

Do you not think it would be good to have a plan or vision for the future? It would be good for people to see what is happening by putting it on the Website.

Web site to be more user friendly like Abbotskerswell – The Parish Council are not against looking at changes but staffing it would need further consideration. The Clerk advised that certain items need to be put on the website depending on the Annual turnover over the Parish Council. (AD) stated that a dedicated Councillor updates Abbotskerswell Website. It was agreed that this would be looked at. Facebook is still a no at this stage the Chairman updates the community on What's on at Kingskerswell.

Trees : Original storing of the logs, what was the intention? value? (MH) I have spoken to (AH) to see what is stored and the estimate is that it is worth less than £1000 there will be selling and moving costs involved and they will be sold at some stage the money will then go back into the Parish pot.

Felling 70 cubic meters? dead dying or deceased ash trees, there was nothing wrong with them. The Government has the powers to step in and return the line of sight – **who gained? – what if you didn't allow it?** – please look at the Government Website – or you are welcome to take on the Government. **I can't find the legislation** (JR) I will look for it for you if you give me some time.

The question is felling the trees from topping the trees.

The trees would have grown up as bean poles and every 3/5 years the work would need repeating. This has all be minuted previously. Bio Diversity and habitat will occur and this has been fully discussed with TDC and the Forestry Commission. The Forrestrey Commission asked us to replant the trees which we have done with the Navigators.

The trees that need to be monitored for 28 days were red dotted. The Contractors catalogued every tree and they removed the wood offsite. The cost to the Council taxpayer is around £12k.

Getting any work done now regarding Health and Safety, a photo has to be sent into TDC of the tree and the proposed works and TDC agree that the works can be completed.

The West Downs the other side is old and has no problems.

(AH) I am allowed that any work I do on the Downs and I give up my time for free and therefore the agreement was I could have the wood please don't make personal accusations. The Parish Council will look for the Legislation for the parishioner, **Parishioner Factual and trueful.** The Parishioner left the meeting.

Parishioner wished to thank the Chairman for his card and flowers from a recent upset of visiting a parishioner in the evening regarding a list of signatures that was obtained.

It was discussed by the Parish Council that the live streaming should be uploaded and not edited.

(AH) Transparent – people quiz and question, this is just the day to day life of a Councillor. Personally this is a public forum. Welcome to the life of the Chairman.

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The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm and commenced with the April Parish Council Meeting.

Signed
Chairman of the Parish Council

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