

**Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 03 December 2018
in The Barn, Kingston**

Present:-

Cllr Martin (Chairman)
Cllr Osborn (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Spencer (Acting Clerk)
Cllr Pearson
Cllr Stribbling

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 19.30.

There was one member of the public present along with Martin Vye - Vice-Chair, Concern for Health in East Kent (CHEK)

- 780.** It was **Resolved** that Cllr Spencer would be Acting Clerk for the duration of this meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Stribbling. There were no objections.

781. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Wakefield sent apologies owing to sickness.

782. Reports from County and City Council members

Due to the fact County Cllr Northey and City Cllr Cook were absent, no reports were received.

Councillors enquired as to County Cllr Northey's health and expressed warm sentiments.

As Vice-Chair for Concern for Health in East Kent (CHEK), Martin Vye addressed councillors about the organisation's objectives. CHEK's vision is for the principal hub hospital for East Kent to be sited in Canterbury as opposed to Ashford. One option being considered by CHEK involves a proposal made by Quinn Estates which would see a hospital 'shell' being built in 'South Canterbury' in return for permission to build 2000 houses (exact location unspecified). These 2000 houses would be in addition to any already featured in the City's Local Plan.

There have been a series of listening events around the district and a public consultation is planned for May 2019.

CHEK is seeking the support of 'partner' organisations such as local Parish Councils in campaigning for the hub hospital to remain in Canterbury.

Given local sentiment in relation to the Highland Court proposals and the recent vociferous concerns raised, there was a degree of scepticism amongst councillors as to the

motivations and intentions surrounding the Quinn Estate proposal. A question was also asked in relation to the 'legality' of such an offer.

It was agreed that this topic will require very careful consideration over the coming months and that Kingston residents would require detailed information about the pros and cons of all options available.

Martin Vye left the meeting after giving his report

783. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest regarding items on the Agenda.

784. Public Forum

The Chair invited questions and comments from the public.

It was noted that the telephone box in Church Lane remains in situ. Councillors are expecting further communication from BT regarding its future.

A question was received via email asking why the entire village is not designated a conservation area. This was prompted by the recent changes of use to what was formerly the Stud Farm on The Street. Councillors noted that a review of the conservation area may be due fairly soon. Cllr Osborn will clarify this with City Cllr Cook and report an update in due course.

785. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 05 November 2018 were agreed to be a true reflection of all that was discussed. Proposed by Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Stribbling, it was therefore **Resolved** to accept these as a correct record and they were duly signed.

786. Matters Arising

It was noted that the abandoned tractor wheel on The Street has been removed and that the AONB sign at the entrance to the village on Bonny Bush Hill has been replaced.

Furthermore, it was noted that SERCO will be reviewing the location of litter bins and dog bins in the village. This notification came via Val McWilliams who received an email from the City Council/SERCO. Val has kindly offered to respond on our behalf since she is well acquainted with their location.

787. Planning Applications Considered

CA//18/02284 Proposed change of material for equestrian school area from grass to sand. The White House, Black Robin Lane, Kingston, CT4 6HR

This application was considered at length. Given Kingston Parish Council's recent response to the Highland Court Development and the sensitivities surrounding proposed buildings or changes that can be clearly viewed as one enters the AONB, there was a degree of reservation about these plans. It was noted how visible the site in question is from the top of Bonny Bush Hill and concerns were expressed as to the proposed change in colouring

(i.e. from green grass to sand) which would mean the land differs significantly from the surrounding area.

Of the five councillors present, one raised no objections but the remaining four felt sufficiently concerned not to lend support. It was therefore **Resolved** to reject the plans.

788. Planning Application Decisions

Cllr Martin reported that she had received notification that CA//18/00446 (Whitelocks Barn) will be reviewed by the Planning Committee on the 11 December 2011. It was agreed that councillors do not wish to add anything to the statement already submitted.

789. Finance

Five cheques (664, 665, 666, 667, 668) were approved on the basis of a full schedule of payments. Proposed by Cllr Stribbling and seconded by Cllr Pearson, it was therefore **Resolved** to sign the cheques.

In terms of the payment for trees (668), it was noted that the net cost to Kingston Parish Council is only £40.00 since a donation of £40.00 from Brian Cook was previously received and deposited. Furthermore, it was noted that a third tree was purchased and donated by Val McWilliams.

Councillors received the final version of the Half Year Statement (April 2018-Sept 2019).

It was unanimously **Resolved** that no further amendment to the Precept application is required. The deadline for submission is the 31 December 2018. **£7,500.00** will be requested.

790. Provisional meeting dates for 2019

These were circulated by Cllr Martin who will also send them to KALC. It may be that a KALC representative attends on occasion in future.

It was noted that local elections will be held on the 02 May 2019 and that as such, the 22 May 2019 would be a suitable date for the AGM.

791. Appointment of replacement Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

It was reported that one candidate withdrew on the morning of the interview and that the second candidate was deemed unsuitable. As such, a recommendation for appointment was not possible on this occasion.

It was noted that there have since been two expressions of interest from Kingston residents.

The position will be advertised in the Parish magazine, on the website and via KALC.

Following the resignation of Cllr McCord, a Notice of Vacancy for Parish Councillor has been issued.

792. Little Stour and Nailbourne Management Group

Cllr Martin attended the meeting held on the 24 November 2018. It was noted that whilst ground water levels are beginning to rise, flooding is not expected in the immediate future.

793. Emails received:

KCC: Information on Road Works/Closures (send in details)

Kent Police: Rural Transport Contact numbers – East Division 079809 78202

(Councillors were reminded to opt into the email distribution list)

NALC: Chief Executive's Bulletin

NALC: Newsletter

KALC: Local Elections (Leaflets/posters)

(these are free of charge – we shall request some)

NALC: Newsletter (digital mapping)

(software will enable us to create one for Kingston)

PCC: RJ Newsletter November 2018

Glover Review – call for evidence on future of national parks and AONBs

(Cllrs are encouraged to complete this on a personal basis)

KCC: Consultation on Libraries, Regulation and Archives Strategy

NALC: Chief Executive's Bulletin

794. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 07 January 2019 at 19.30 in The Barn, Kingston

The meeting closed at 21.00.