

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council via Zoom Monday 1st February 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

- Cllr Martin (Chair)
- Cllr Spencer (Minutes – proposed by Cllr Martin; seconded by Cllr Stribbling)
- Cllr Stribbling
- Cllr Pearson
- Cllr McWilliams
- Cllr Reeves
- City Cllr Sole

2 Kingston residents

1. **Apologies and approval of absences:** County Cllr Northey (Personal reasons) and Cllr Chatley both sent apologies.
2. **Reports from County and City Council members:** Reports were circulated in advance of the meeting giving general updates.
3. **Declarations of interest:** None
4. **Public Forum:**

Questions were received regarding:

- the removal of temporary highways signage and sandbags etc. in and around the village – please can we ensure that Highways do collect these rather than leaving them abandoned on the verges
- the status of highway repairs in Covet Lane and Marley Lane
- a litter bin appears to have disappeared from outside The Barn

5. **Minutes of previous meeting:** 4th January 2021

These were approved as correct (proposed by Cllr Pearson; seconded by Cllr Stribbling)

6. **Matters arising (if not on the agenda):**
Not discussed.

7. **Planning Applications:**

(CA/21/00154 | Change of use of land for the stationing of 1 No. shepherd hut to provide holiday accommodation. | Mount Pleasant Marley Lane Kingston Canterbury Kent CT4 6JH)

It was difficult for the Council to come to a decision given that key documents are yet to be placed on the Planning Portal and the applicants were not present at the meeting. Councillors noted previous neighbour concerns around traffic and road conditions in Marley Lane but felt unable to take a vote during this meeting. It was agreed that a site visit would be useful in due course.

8. Planning Decisions:(CA/20/02596 | Single-storey rear extension. | 1 Nailbourne Close Kingston Canterbury Kent CT4 6JA) Granted

9. Finance

It was agreed to pay invoices totally £180.00 for the maintenance of the Parish Council website.

10. Clerk Appointment:

The position of Clerk has now been advertised on our website and that of KALC, as well as in the parish magazine. CVs to be circulated to all Councillors in due course.

11. Highways and Footpaths:

Covet Lane: Highway repairs complete.

Marley Lane: Kent Highways has commenced their work on time. It is understood that this first half of the work will last 6 weeks.

Church Lane: South East water will tend to the rutted road surface when they return to Covet Lane imminently.

Trees in Church Lane: landowner spoken to. Cllr Reeves to review the situation and provide a professional opinion.

Car parking on Millennium Bridge: It was noted that the same vehicle parks there each day and that it is understood to be a visitor to Number 1. This issue should feature in the Highways Improvement Plan

12. Proposed Cycle route from Canterbury to Barham:

It was noted that this should be include in the Highways Improvement Plan (i.e. the condition of Bridle Path 274 needs addressing along with a proposed reduction in speed limit between Kingston and Barham (along Valley Road).

13. Neighbourhood Planning.

Cllr McWilliams to circulate notes having attended a recent briefing delivered by the City Council. Cllrs Spencer and Stribbling tasked with researching what is appropriate for Kingston. To report back at next meeting.

14. KALC Canterbury Area Committee AGM 14th January 2021

Cllr Pearson joined this meeting and gave a summary. This item may be re-visited next month due to the fact some councillors experienced a technical fault from this point onwards.

15. Broadband

There is some confusion regarding the status of this project. Cllr Chatley asked to give an update next month and possibly arrange for a speaker to attend in due course.

Date of the Next Meeting: Monday 1st March 2021

The meeting closed at 20.15

List of outstanding Action points

AP 031120: Cllr Martin to produce an item re the Clerk's vacancy for the Parish magazine.
– ***Completed.***

AP 041120: Cllr Martin to contact Michelle Weston regarding the road surface problem in Church Lane. See item 10 in minutes. – *Completed.*

AP 010121: Val McWilliams to contact Hazel Waters at KCC Highways re signage in passing place by Millennium bridge – *Ongoing*

AP 020121: Cllr Chatley to arrange for an update to go in the Parish magazine. – *Completed*

AP 030121: Cllr Spencer to prepare and circulate bullet points for discussion at the February meeting. – *Ongoing*

AP 040121: Cllr Chatley to obtain Facebook details from Alice. – *Completed*