



KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Monday 2nd December 2024 at 19:30

Present: Cllr Paul Chatley (Chair); Cllr Davina Martin (Vice-Chair); Cllr Jerry Cook; Cllr Val McWilliams; Cllr Steve Reeves, Cllr Richard Story; 3 Members of the Public.

1. Chairman opening remarks, apologies and approval of absences:

Cllr Chatley welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting. As the clerk was not present Cllr Chatley asked for a volunteer to record the meeting. Cllr Story volunteered. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Spencer and the Clerk.

2. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th November 2024 had one minor change in 10g. Cllr Reeved changed to Reeves. They were approved as a true record, proposed by Cllr Reeves, seconded by Cllr McWilliams, and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Declarations of interest

None were received.

4. Public Forum:

No points were raised.

5. Reports from Kent Police, County and City Council members: Cllr Soles monthly report had not been received. Also there had been no update from the Police. Cllr Cook raised the usefulness of Kent police email alerts that he has signed up to receive. He will pass on relevant items to Cllr Chatley for publication on the website.

6. Matters arising: (if not already on the agenda)

Cllr Chatley mentioned the following:-

Emergency planning – the Chairman has posted ‘Are we emergency ready?’ on the Kingston website.

Black Robin Lane will be closed on Jan 27th for two weeks by UK Power Networks for replacement of poles.

The Chairman has checked most of the salt bins in the village and all are filled apart from the one opposite Faggs alley. He has not checked the one on Turks Hill or the one on Black Robin Lane.

Cllr Reeves suggested that a salt bin at the bottom of Turks Hill would be useful. Clerk to deal.

It was noted that the St Giles church sign has been broken. Chris Wood may do this for us or the 5th trust. Cllr Chatley to investigate.

7. Finance:

a) Payments and Receipts: Bank Balance is £26,587.99 as of 27th November 2024 (Including grants and reserves) £21,813.47 in the savings account and £4,774.52 in current account of which £11,000 is reserves

Credits:

Canterbury City Council – CFF Funding - £2,386.00

Payments:

Stephanie Woods – Clerk Salary (November)

KVHT – CFF Funding - £2,386.00

Kent County Council – New Salt Bin (Marley Lane/Jesses Hill) - £450.00

The above Payments were proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Reeves.

b) Defib – New Case

The defibrillator is defective, either the case or the defibrillator itself it is not known as this stage. As we do not have a functioning one currently, an emergency purchase of whatever is need is sought. It cannot wait for approval until the January parish council meeting. Cllr Chatley said that the Clerk and himself can authorise a payment of up to £1000 and asked for permission to do this when the exact repairs/replacement is known. All councillors agreed.

8. Planning

a) New applications: None

b) Decided applications:

- CA/24/01084 - 45 The Street, Kingston - Single-storey extension to existing outbuilding for use as ancillary accommodation and garden store with glazed link to dwelling together and external alterations to windows and doors. **GRANTED**
- CA/24/01085 - 45 The Street, Kingston - Application for Listed Building Consent for external and internal alterations including single-storey extension to existing outbuilding with glazed link to dwelling, external alterations to windows and doors installation of walls to provide W.C to rear and removal of internal walls and wood store. **GRANTED**
- CA/24/01633 - The Orchard, Marley Lane, Kingston - Pergola and raised terrace to rear elevation. **GRANTED**
- CA/24/01727 - Quilters Farm, Westwood Road, Kingston - 2 rear dormers together with cladding to all elevations. **GRANTED**

9. Miscellaneous Parish Council Matters:

a) Emergency Plan: Ongoing.

b) CCC Biodiversity Grant Scheme: A brief discussion revealed that there were no grants that would benefit the parish and so it was agreed that none would be applied for.

10. Highways, Footpaths and Trees:

- a. Highways – including Marley Lane and Jesses Hill: No update on the signs for Marley Lane. The area of Jesses hill by Little Marley farm has been partly tarmacked. Cllr Reeves asked if the rest of Jesses Hill could now be tarmacked. Clerk to contact KCC.
- b. Embankment – Woodland Management Plan & Volunteer Group: Still awaiting quotation.
- c. Tree work quotations: Nailbourne Close, Bonny Bush Hill and CB275: Awaiting permission from CCC to proceed.
- d. Bushes – Black Robin PH: NO UPDATE.
- e. Footpaths within Kingston Parish. Cllr McWilliams reported that another tree on CB277 was in a dangerous position. She will report to PROW. Cllr Reeves said he had been approached by a resident who had a lot of old documents relating to old footpaths. It was agreed that he should collect them and bring them to the next meeting.
- f. PROW/CC/C446 – Claimed Public Footpath CB542 to Public Bridleway CB230. NO UPDATE.

11. Matters for future discussion

- a. Kingston Brooch refurbishment – Barham side of Kingston
- b. Sectioning off the embankment into sections to deal with tree clearing and planting so that we can deal with this methodically.
- c. Access to the embankment for machinery.
- d. To find a speaker for the next village meeting.

12. Date of next meeting: 6th January 2025 at 7.30pm in The Barn, Kingston

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 20:07.

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next Parish Council meeting on 6th January 2025.

Future meeting dates:

03/02/2025, 03/03/2025, 07/04/2025, 12/05/2025 (Annual Parish Meeting), 21/05/2025 (Annual Village Meeting), 02/06/2025, 07/07/2025, 01/09/2025, 06/10/2025, 03/11/2025 and 01/12/2025