

Kingsley Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 7.15pm at Kingsley Holt Chapel Meeting Room

Present: **Chairman:** Ken Unwin
Vice Chairman: Ivor Lucas
Parish Councillors: Martyn Hordern, John Steele, Howard Mycock, Malcolm Sales, Jean Fallows.

Public in attendance: None.

Apologies: Cllr. Elsie Fallows, Cllr. Dave Fowler, Cllr. Owen Simpson.

18.117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Lucas declared a non-pecuniary interest in all Planning Matters as a member of SMDC Planning Committee. (Abstained on all planning issues)

Cllr's. Steele declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters concerning Moneystone Quarry and any other potential commercial developments at Whiston as a member of Whiston Action Group.

Cllr. Hordern declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters concerning Kingsley Village Hall as a member of the management committee.

18.118 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2018, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

18.119 MATTERS ARISING.

a. None.

18.120 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None.

18.121 PLANING MATTERS.

1. Applications.

a. **SMD/2018/0060** – Land Adj. The Bungalow High Street. Proposed Development: Reserved Matters – erection of one dwelling on land of existing access route. **Conclusion:** *No further comment as the application has already been passed.*

b. **SMD/2018/0340** – Mr & Mrs Capewell, 3 Holt Lane, Kingsley. Proposed Development: Proposed rear extension to existing dwelling. **Conclusion:** *No objection.*

c. **SMD/2018/0379** – Mr & Mrs Chadwick, Agricultural Buildings East of Harvey's Lane, Harveys Lane. Proposed Development: Conversion and alteration of former agricultural building to form 1 no. dwelling house with ancillary residential accommodation including recladding of outbuilding and erection of link extension. **Conclusion:** *No objection.*

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2. Decisions.

Councillors were notified of decisions made on applications as follows:

1. *SMD/2018/0275 – Listed Building Consent (Whiston) – Approved on 21.06.18.*
2. *SMD/2018/0274 – Rear Kitchen extension – Approved on 21.06.18.*

3. Other Planning Matters.

None.

18.122 THE PLAIN, WHISTON.

The Application to register 'The Plain' Whiston as a heritage landmark is being processed. The unauthorised groundwork and building activity is currently being monitored by SMDC Planning Enforcement and a Conservation Officer.

18.123 CCLA, KINGSLEY TEMPERANCE HALL.

Cllr. Unwin has spoken to the two existing Trustees of the Temperance Hall Trust. He is currently making enquiries about the history, objective and status of the fund. He will report further in due course. Cllr. Unwin was nominated as the Parish Council trustee.

18.124 LOCAL BUS SERVICE.

Cllr. Lucas is monitoring the issue. Cllr. Mycock informed the Council that the bus service 'Ameys' will be attending the next Ipstones Parish Council meeting to discuss the bus routes. Cllr. Lucas volunteered to attend.

18.125 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

a. **Potholes** – Several potholes have been repaired but there are still a few that still in need of repair, (Holt Lane, Kingsley Holt), which have previously been reported. The man-hole cover on Kingsley High Street has been repaired.

b. **Gullies** – As previous. The situation remains wholly unsatisfactory.

c. Footpaths

- F10 Finger Post has not been erected. The path is overgrown. (**Clerk / Lengthsman to Action**).
- FP8 New Cemetery to the rear of the Old Smithy is overgrown. (**Lengthsman**)
- F10 – Staffordshire Way, Church Stile Farm – Cllr. Steele has spoken to the farmer, but no action has been taken. The path is blocked by an electric fence and a holly hedge is blocking the kissing gate. Clerk to write a letter to the owner and tenant farmer expressing our concerns and give them 30 days to clean it up or the parish council will have no other alternative but to rectify the situation and forward the invoice. (**Clerk to Action**).

d. **Surface Dressing** – Grit on roads at Hazlecross Road, Sunnyside, Cross Street and Chapel Street have been reported. The road sweeper has attended to all the areas, but a road cleaner is required to clean up the grit off the roads. Highways have responded to the Clerk and advised that it will get swept when the borough pick it up on route. Clerk is to recontact Highways to action as a priority. (**Clerk to Action**).

e. **Bins** – Froghall – Bin requested, reply received from SMDC saying that they have now completed their 4 week monitoring process and that Froghall did not meet the criteria for a bin to be installed despite it being a tourist area. SMDC suggested the possibility of relocating one of the litter bins from the playing field in Kingsley Holt. Councillors have

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asked the Clerk to get prices for a new bin for Froghall. (**Clerk to Action**).

f. Bus Shelters – *Bus Shelter at Whiston* – Clerk has spoken to Rhonda Gallimore at SCC regarding the Perspex replacement for the shelter. She informed the clerk that the county is currently in a tender process for securing a new contractor for shelter maintenance so was unable to give recommendations with regards to which company to approach. She advised us to contact a local engineering company that uses polycarbonate who may be able to give a more competitive price. (**Clerk to Action**). *Holt Lane Bus Shelter* – Rhonda informed us that the County had recently carried out an audit on all county shelters in the Staffs Moorlands area for maintenance purposes and said that the shelter was in a poor condition. She said that once the new contractor was in place and if its decided that the shelter is beyond economical repair then the county will need to ascertain if the shelter is well used to make a decision regarding a replacement. She was aware of the bolts which are loose.

g. Other Urgent Matters – Raised kerbs at Barncroft, Hazlecroft Junction and Glebe Road, Kingsley – previously reported.
Reference number (**4129747**). The ‘Escape Road’ on the A52 Whiston Bank is overgrown and needs maintenance. Reference number (**4129749**).
Grass verges on Hazlescross Road are overgrown, Highways normally do this routinely around August time.
h. Dog Fouling – Cllr. Hordern will obtain prices for sticky dog signs to put up around the village and will order subject to the price being reasonable. *Carried*.

18.126 ROSE GARDEN.

The main tree in the Rose Garden – Tree has several dead branches that need removing. The Clerk contacted ARB but they did not call back. Cllr. Steele said he would get in touch with an alternative Tree Surgeon. The tree which overhangs at the access entrance to the right of Rose Garden has BT lines going through them. Clerk to recontact BT to remove the branches. (**Clerk to Action**).

18.127 ALPHA AGGREGATES.

The Clerk had contacted the Pollution Officer at SMDC. They are aware of the complaints and are investigating. The scheduled stack testing is due to take place in early August and SMDC will send the results as soon as they have them.

18.128 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME.

Cllr. Unwin read out the invoice of work carried out by the Lengthsman. Cllr. Hordern mentioned some ancillary jobs that had not been carried out in the village and councillors have asked if the Lengthsman can provide a more itemised invoice of areas he has completed. Cllr. Unwin has put together a ‘Mowing Schedule’ for the Lengthsman to assist him. A letter has been received from a resident complaining that no strimming has been done in Ainsworth Avenue, grass verge opposite the Bull and the area opposite the school on Holt Lane have not been cut. Cllr. Unwin will be meeting with the Lengthsman to discuss the issues raised. (**Chair to Action**).

18.129 BURIAL MATTERS.

a. Cllr. Unwin has spoken to Kevin Stow and the mowing and strimming has been carried out to a good standard and both cemeteries looks a lot tidier.

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- b.** Cllr. Sales has asked if the 'Haven of Rest' could be weeded and tidied up. Cllr. Unwin to speak to Kevin Stow. (Chair to Action)
- c.** Cllr. Lucas informed the Councillors that he had received notification from the undertakers that letters were not sent out to parishioners stating the regulations for the cemetery. He instructed the Clerk to write letters enclosing the regulations to maintain the cemetery to the proper standard.
- d.** Cllr. Hordern has installed the new dog sign by the Notice Board, which replaced the rotten one. The total cost of £33.00. Councillors thanked him.
- e.** Notice Board – Cllr. Hordern said the Notice Board was in a poor state and could do with being replaced. He had obtained a quote for a replacement for either a two-door Iroko Noticeboard complete with brass lock, safety glass, mounted on two oak posts at £625 or a three door at £830. Councillors were generally supportive but had not budgeted for it and will need to review the finances of the parish next month. Carry to the next meeting.

18.130 RECREATION MATTERS.

- a.** Recreational areas in Whiston, Kingsley Holt and Kingsley are being maintained to a good standard. During the hot months when the grass is not growing, Kevin Stow to be asked to use his discretion whether it needs to be cut or not. (Chair to Action)
- b.** A letter has been received from a resident concerning Japanese Knotweed allegedly growing on Kingsley Rec at the rear of her High Street home. Councillors Lucas & J. Fallows agreed to investigate the issue. Carry to the next meeting.

18.131 LIGHTING MATTERS.

Nothing to report.

18.132 WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY.

Cllr. Hordern gave an update on potential Beacon options to be used on the night of the centenary. Cllr. Lucas said his son has offered to build and install one at no cost to the council. The Councillors accepted the offer and asked Cllr. Lucas to convey their thanks to his son for his very kind offer.

18.133 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SMDC Parish Assembly – Cllr Steele had attended the meeting and gave an update which included a Staffs Council for Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS), a Local Plan update, and information about the 'Beat the Cold' scheme. (Full details previously circulated).

18.134 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a.** All correspondence emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.
- b.** Whiston Village Hall – letter received asking permission to use Whiston Rec on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August for the Whiston Hall Fun Day. Councillors had no objections.
- c.** Funerary Monuments – Information read out.
- d.** SPCA - Data Protection – Parish Councils are now required to register with ICO and payment of £40.00 is to be sent to the Information Commissioner's Office.

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18.135 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (AGREED AND RATIFIED).

Name	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
Mrs. C. Giuliano-Worthington	Salary	002881	£507.00
Mrs. C. Giuliano-Worthington	Office Expenses	002883	£36.89
Malcolm Price	Litter Picker	002884	£152.31
Kevin Stow	Burial (June)	002885	£684.00
Kevin Stow	Recreational (June)	002886	£790.00
Martyn Hordern	Dog Sign (Cemetery)	002887	£33.00
Andrew Gibson	Village Lengthsman (June)	002888	£259.20
ICO	Data Protection Fee	002889	£40.00
Kingsley Holt Chapel	Room Hire for Meeting	002890	£18.00

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Name	Description	Rec. No.	Amount
J B Memorials	Memorial	1047	£84.00
J. H. Diebden	Grave	1048	£140.00
J. P. Keates	Grave	1049	£280.00
Nettlebank	Memorial	1050	£84.00
Nettlebank	Memorial	1051	£84.00

18.136 CURRENT BANK STATEMENT.

The current bank statement was read out to Councillors.

The Clerk is to provide the accounts along with precept budget figures. To be given to the Councillors at the next meeting.

18.137 MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE.

- a. **Defibrillator** – Cllr. Hordern informed the council that he has emailed all the documentation for the Defibrillator to the Clerk. One of the Defibrillators is located at the ‘Railway Pub’ in Froghall where it is stored in the cellar and as such is not on open access to the public. Cllr. Hordern did say that the previous owners of the pub were going to do some fund raising to enable them to purchase a cabinet but this never came about. The Clerk is to contact West Midlands Ambulance to inform them of our concerns and to see if there is any funding available? **(Clerk to Action)**
- b. **Memorial Bench** – Authorisation was given to a resident to replace the Hillcrest Close seat with a memorial bench, (identical to the Alan Wood memorial bench). The Kingsley Holt BKV Group have volunteered to erect the new seat. The old bench is to be removed and may be relocated.

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- c. **Parish Spending and Assets Register** – The Clerk to check insurance documents for list of assets insured in the parish. **(Clerk to Action)**.

18.138 WEBSITE.

Clerk to contact Cllr. Simpson to move the Parish Council website issue forward.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be held on Tuesday 14th August at 7.15pm at Kingsley Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone and declared the Meeting closed at 10.00pm.