

Kingsley Parish Council

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.15pm at Whiston Village Hall

Present:
Chairman: Ivor Lucas
Vice Chairman: Ken Unwin
Parish Councillors: Martyn Hordern, John Steele, Elsie Fallows,
Howard Mycock, Jean Fallows, Owen Simpson, David Fowler.

In attendance: Mike Worthington (SCC) one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. Malcolm Sales

18.71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Lucas declared a non-pecuniary interest in all Planning Matters as a member of SMDC Planning Committee.

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

18.72 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2018, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

18.73 MATTERS ARISING.

a. Kingsley Clean Up – Cllr. Hordern gave an update on 'Kingsley Clean Up' which took place on Saturday 14th April, when 30 parishioners, including Councillors, took part. In total 20 bags of soil and weeds were removed, 10 bags of litter collected, 4 bus stops and their surroundings cleaned. Cllr. Hordern said it had exceeded their expectations. Particular thanks were given to SCC Cllr. Worthington and SMDC Cllr. E Fallows for their support on the day. Cllr. Hordern said that there will be another 'Kingsley Clean Up' taking place on Sunday 20th May 2018.

Cllr. Elsie Fallows mentioned that the Bus Shelter in Froghall was full of bags filled with rubbish of which she had arranged removal.

b. Local Plan Consultation – The Clerk has informed the Councillors that the KPC views have been submitted to SMDC who have acknowledged receipt.

18.74 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None.

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18.75 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR (*and declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman*).

- a. Cllr. Unwin was elected as Chairman proposed by Cllr. Elsie Fallows and seconded by Cllr. Steele (*carried*). Cllr. Lucas thanked Cllr. Unwin and the Councillors for their hard work through the challenging year which KPC encountered. Cllr. Hordern also wished Cllr. Lucas all the best with his current health issues.

18.76 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Cllr. Lucas was elected as Vice Chairman proposed by Cllr. Mycock and seconded by Cllr. Elsie Fallows (*carried*).

18.77 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

- a. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly – Cllr. Fowler & Cllr. Steele.
- b. Kingsley Village Hall – Cllr. Steele.
- c. Whiston Village Hall – Cllr. Mycock.
- d. Temperance Hall – Clerk to clarify if a Parish Council representative is still required.
- e. Churnet Vallley Conservation Society – Cllr. Fowler.
- f. KHCF – Cllr. Unwin.
- g. Transport – Cllr. Lucas.
- h. St Werburghs School – (No representative is now required).

18.78 PLANING MATTERS.

1. Applications.

- a. SMD/2018/0022 – Mr & Mrs Griffiths, Elm Tree Farm, Hazles Cross Road, Kingsley.
Proposed Development – Listed Building Consent for proposed conversion of existing barn to self-contained annex and ancillary accommodation. **Conclusion:** *No objections subject to adequate parking and compliance with listed building regulations.*

2. Decisions.

SMD/2018/0102 – 8 Whiston Eaves Lane, Whiston-Single storey side and rear extension.
Approved on 11.4.18.

SMD/2018/0127 – 69 High Street, Kingsley. Outline permission for new dwelling with access drive. Approved on 04.05.18.

3. Other Planning Matters.

None received.

18.79 HIGHWAYS MATTERS.

- a. **Potholes** – The Clerk has previously reported a number of potholes to SCC Highways. Cllr. Worthington has spoken to Dave Greatbatch (SCC Highways) Mark Deaville (SCC Cllr) regarding Kingsley highway issues. He was disappointed to learn that Dave Greatbatch had not yet read the email(s). Cllr. Jean Fallows said Hazles Cross Road remains in a very poor condition, this has been repeatedly reported over several months. Other pressing repairs are needed in Kingsley High Street, Froghall and Whiston. Helen Fisher (SCC Highways) is aware of the state of the roads and has promised action. Cllr. Elsie Fallows informed the Council that work has satisfactorily been carried out on Ross Road, Black Lane and 90% of Holt Lane.

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Cllr. Fowler expressed his concerns with Amey Staffordshire as it has been an ongoing disaster for some time. He suggested we contact neighbouring Parish Councils to form a 'Joint Action Group' against Ameys to make them aware of the strength of feeling locally and for Ameys to take our complaints seriously. Cllr. Steele suggested that the Clerk write a letter to Ameys to thank them for the work that they have completed but to make them aware of the potholes, gullies, grids, road surfacing that remain in an extremely poor state. It was agreed to write two letters to SCC Highways, copying in relevant SCC Councillors, a) Thanking them for the work completed but pointing out other potholes which need priority attention.

b) Expressing our disappointment that we have had no response to a previous letter to the SCC Chief Executive and/or numerous emails asking for road repairs in the parish.

- b. **Gullies** - Cllr. Worthington informed the Council that Highways are creating a new database which will inform Councils of Gullies which are due to be emptied. The present situation remains wholly unsatisfactory.
- c. **Footpaths.** FP10 – The Clerk has received confirmation from the resident who resides next to the footpath to have a finger post erected. FP9 – Cllr. Steele agreed to talk to the farmer at Churchstile Farm to place hard core on the muddy section near the farm. F49 – Cllr. Fowler reported a very serious fly tipping at The Plain, Whiston, which is partially obstructing the ROW. There are huge piles of builder's waste, microwaves, washers, scrap metal and abandoned motor vehicles. Cllr. Unwin confirmed the situation was totally unacceptable. The matter is to be referred to SMDC Environmental Health. **(Clerk to Action)**.

Cllr. Elsie Fallows expressed her concerns regarding No's. 10, 12, 14 The Plain, Whiston, where there is an arch between 3 houses is of historic significance having been part of the 1805 Whiston Plate Way. Cllr. Fallows to contact SCC / SMDC in an attempt to get the arch registered as a listed historic building.

- d. **Bins** – Cllr. Hordern said he had relocated the bin on Kingsley Rec. There are requests for new bins in Froghall (by the Bus Shelter), Kingsley Bank (near junction with Spink Lane) and in Holt Lane (near junction with Hastehill Avenue). **(Clerk to Action)**.
- e. **Bus Shelters** – It has not been established who owns the bus shelter in Whiston. The Clerk has contacted SMDC and SCC who say they do not own the bus shelter. The Perspex panels needs to be replaced. The Clerk is to obtain estimates **(Clerk to Action)**. Cllr. Hordern also mentioned that the bus shelter situated on Holt Lane junction, Haste Hill Avenue, needs urgent attention, a panel is loose and could fall into the road.
- f. **Dog fouling signs** – The Clerk has contacted SMDC and SCC and they no longer supply the signs. Cllr. Steele said he had signs that he could provide but they are not the sticky back ones.

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- g. **A521 Speed Limit.** Cllr. Worthington said that residents have approached him to ask about a 30mph speed limit on the A521 through Kingsley Holt which had previously been considered by SCC. He informed the Council that he would pursue this.

18.80 TREE AT KINGSLEY ROSE GARDEN.

- a. The Clerk has contacted ARB to give a quote for removing the dead branches.
- b. The wires running through a nearby tree formerly reported to Western Power are now believed to be BT lines. **(Clerk to Action).**

18.81 ALPHA AGGREGATES.

Residents of Kingsley Parish have reported that there are fumes and a noxious smell coming from Alpha Aggregates. This has been reported to SMDC Environmental Health who carrying out an investigation.

18.82 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

We have received one application for the Lengthsman. Cllr. Unwin is to contact the applicant to discuss what the job entails and to check his public liability insurance.

18.83 RECREATION MATTERS

Cllr. Mycock reported that grass cuttings were not removed from the last cut. Cllr. Unwin and Cllr. Steele will visit the recreational grounds in Kingsley and Whiston to check. Invoices submitted to Clerk for work carried out in April.

18.84 BURIAL MATTERS.

Maintenance carried out at the Cemetery and Invoice submitted to the Clerk for April. Cllr. Lucas was concerned that there were areas which were missed and needed attention. Cllr's. Unwin and Cllr. Steele will meet up with Kevin Stow and discuss the issues. Cllr. Hordern said he had got a price for a new sign at the cemetery 'Keep Dogs on the Lead'. The cost will be £28 plus VAT. Council agreed to the purchase.

18.85 LIGHTING MATTERS.

Nothing to report.

18.86 WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY.

Ongoing.

18.87 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

None.

18.88 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

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18.89 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (AGREED AND RATIFIED)

Name	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
Mrs. C. Giuliano-Worthington	Salary	002863	£500.00
Whiston Village Hall	Hire of Hall for Meetings	002864	£18.00
Malcolm Price	Litter Picker	002865	£161.64
Kevin Stow	Cemetery	002866	£432.00
Kevin Stow	Recreation Whiston/Kingsley	002867	£530.00
BHIB Insurance	KPC Insurance	002868	£1166.11

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Name	Description	Rec. No.	Amount
J. P. Keates	Memorial	1043	£140.00
J. P. Keates	Memorial	1042	£140.00
J. P. Keates	Memorial	1041	£140.00
J. P. Keates	Memorial	1040	£140.00
J. P. Keates	Memorial	1039	£140.00
J. P. Keates	Memorial	1038	£280.00

a. Account Overview.

- i. Mazars Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018 – The Clerk gave an overview of the Annual Governance Statement which is to be reviewed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- ii. Mazars Accounting Statements 2017/2018 – The Clerk gave an overview of the Accounting Statements which is to be reviewed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- iii. BHIB Insurance Review – Invoice received and paid.
- iv. Latest bank statement and balance read out.

18.90 DATA PROTECTION.

Cllr. Unwin and Cllr. Lucas attended a Data Protection Meeting at SMDC. New Data Protection Legislation coming into force on 28th May 2018.

18.91 ANNUAL REVIEW:

The annual review of Standing Orders, Assets Register, Account Keeping and Risk Assessment to be carried forward to the next meeting.

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18.92 MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE.

- a. **Local Bus Service** – Cllr. E Fallows outlined that there is now no bus service through Whiston. The importance of a rural bus service was agreed, council considered if funding sources were available to subsidise a service once or twice a week. Cllr. Lucas said it would cost in the region of £20k plus to support this.
- b. **Parking/Traffic Issues** – Cllr. Steele said that the school related parking issues around Holt Lane, Oak Bank and Dovedale Road remain a concern. Cllr. Steele and Cllr. Fowler to bring back the Working Group who were to consider this issue.
- c. **Replacement of Bench at Hillcrest Close, Kingsley Holt.** – We have received a letter from a parishioner regarding a bench situated at Churnet Valley Road junction with Hillcrest Close which is in a very poor condition. A local couple whose son was tragically killed in a road accident a few years ago, have offered to fund a replacement bench as memorial to their son. The Best Kept Village group have said they would assist by installing the proposed bench. The Council have no objections other than the bench should be in keeping with the Alan Wood Memorial Bench (Kingsley Holt Crossroads) or the Glasdon Bench's located elsewhere. Cllr. Unwin to speak to the family concerned.

18.93 WEBSITE.

Cllr. Hordern and Cllr. Simpson had a recent meeting and discussed the Website. The preparatory work was ongoing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be held at Kingsley Village Hall on Tuesday 12th June at 7.15pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone and declared the Meeting closed at 10.15pm.