

Kingsley Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 14th August 2018 at 7.15pm at Kingsley Village Hall

Present: **Chairman:** Ken Unwin
Vice Chairman: Ivor Lucas
Parish Councillors: Dave Fowler, John Steele, Howard Mycock, Malcolm Sales, Jean Fallows.
County Councillor: Mike Worthington

Public in attendance: Les Jackson (Leek Post & Cheadle Post).

Apologies: Cllr. Elsie Fallows, Cllr. Martyn Hordern.

Cllr. Unwin read out a letter of resignation from Cllr. Owen Simpson who had served as a Parish Councillor for 12 months. His resignation creates a vacancy for the Whiston Ward. The Chair will write to Cllr. Simpson to thank him for his commitment as a Parish Councillor. **(Chair to Action)**

18.139 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.

18.140 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record. A copy of the Exempt Items Minutes from the June meeting was also signed as a true and correct record. A further copy of the Exempt Items Minutes is to be emailed to Councillors who did not receive the original.

18.141 MATTERS ARISING.

- a. The Plain, Whiston (Minute 18.122) The listing of the Whiston Plain Cottages with Historic England is ongoing. Cllr. Fowler has reported that there appears to be ongoing work on the grounds, there is a considerable amount of soil that has been moved and an excavator in use. This had previously been reported and the SMDC Enforcement Officer has written to the parishioner to stop work and apply for Planning Consent. Cllr. Fowler also reported that the number of scrap cars, metal, fridges and microwaves had apparently been removed and the situation was slightly improved. There were eight cars on the site which he did not know the use of. **(Action: Clerk to notify Enforcement Officer)**.
- b. CCLA, Kingsley Temperance Hall Trust (Minute 18.123) Cllr. Unwin reported that he had earlier sent an email to all Councillors with attached draft Constitution. He had met with the existing Trustees Hilary Corby and John Wood and had subsequently written to CCLA Investments, HSBC Bank and the Charity Commission in an attempt to put the affairs of the Trust back in order Cllr. Unwin will report back in due course. **(Action: Cllr. Unwin)**.

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- c. Local Bus Service (Minute 18.124) The Clerk received a letter from Ipstones Parish Council (IPC) regarding the Bus Service between Leek and Cheadle, via Ipstones. IPC have invited members of KPC to attend a meeting on either Wednesday 12th or 19th September to discuss the bus local service. Cllr. Lucas will be representing KPC. **(Action: The Clerk is to notify IPC of his attendance).**
- d. Rose Garden (Minute 18.126) Cllr. Steele reported that he visited the site with a Tree Surgeon who quoted £200 for the removal of the dead and overhanging branches. It was unanimously agreed to ask the tree surgeon to carry out the work. Cllr. Unwin thanked Cllr. Steele for sorting this out. Whilst on site a nearby resident claimed his boundary lay on part of the Rose Garden. This was disputed by Councillors present at the meeting.
- e. Alpha Aggregates (Minute 18.127) An email was received from Daniel McCrory of SMDC who informed the Clerk that Stack Testing was due to take place in the next week and a report would be issued at the end of August.
- f. Defibrillator (Minute 18.137a) The Clerk had contacted West Midland Ambulance Service to see if any funding was available towards the cost of a defibrillator cabinet. No funding was available, the cost of a cabinet would be around £600. **(Carry to next meeting).**
- g. Funerary Monuments Cllr. Lucas read out an email received from Joanne Brooks at SMDC regarding funds that are available to repair a listed and at-risk monument in Kingsley Church Yard. The email requested possible joint funding by Kingsley Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to make further enquires as to the level of funding required. **(Clerk to Action).**

18.142 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None.

18.143 PLANING MATTERS.

1. Applications.

- a. **SMD/2018/0281** – Land off Ashbourne Road, The Old Copperworks Whiston. Proposed Development: Phase 2 Residential Development for 11 Dwellings on the former Copperworks site, Whiston. The original application had been sent to the home of the former Parish Clerk, as a result the current Clerk had asked for and been granted an extension of time to reply. KPC received two letters from nearby residents expressing their concerns. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of the application on the following grounds:
 - *Road Safety. Inadequate visibility for vehicles accessing or leaving the site, and the speed of vehicles using the A52 at that location*
 - *Lack of infrastructure, no shops, public transport, or schools within the village*
 - *Safety of pedestrian access onto the site.*
 - *Overdevelopment: To many proposed houses on the site with inadequate parking spaces and general access.*

Conclusion: Unanimously agreed to recommend Refusal.

- b. **SMD/2018/0415** – John and Layla Allen, Wesley House, Ashbourne Road, Whiston. Proposed Development: Demolish existing flat roof garage and replace with a new plant room, garden room and store. Conclusion: **Recommend Approval**

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2. Decisions.

Councillors were notified of decisions made on applications as follows:

- i. SMD/2018/0060 – Land adj. Bungalow, High Street, Kingsley – Reserved Matters erection of one dwelling on land off existing. **Reserve Matters Approved 10.07.18.**
- ii. SMD/2018/0282 – Land adj. to 67 Shaw Park Road, Kingsley Holt – Erection of 4 dwellings. **Refused 10.07.18.**
- iii. SMD/2018/0299 – 40 High Street, Kingsley – Part two storey extension. **Approved 16.07.18.**
- iv. SMD/2018/0379 – Harvey Lane, Kingsley Moor – Conversion of Farm Buildings to a dwelling. Approved.

3. Other Planning Matters.

None.

18.144 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

a. **Potholes** – It has been reported that there are: two potholes on the A52 outside the new cottages at Whiston Leys, pot holes outside Victoria Cottages on the A52 at Kingsley Moor, two pot holes at the bottom of The Green, Kingsley, and several pot holes in Holt Lane near Kingsley Holt cross roads. (**Action: Clerk to report**). Cllr. Steele commended SCC Highways for the work recently carried out in Hazels Cross Road.

b. **Gullies** – No update. The situation remains wholly unsatisfactory, (as reported previously).

c. **Footpaths**

- F10 – Cleared by the Lengthsman. A Finger Post has now been erected.
- F7 (Staffs Way) – The Farmer has now put Bark down. Cllr. Fowler has cut the Holly Hedge back by the kissing gates. Cllr. Unwin thanked him for his efforts. The electric fence across the footpath is still causing concern.
- Footpath 7 – Residents at Bluebell Cottage have complained about an adjacent fence. Cllr Lucas and Cllr. Fallows to review. The Lengthsman will be asked to strim back along the path.

Councillor Fowler expressed his concerns with the state of local footpaths in general terms. Cllr. Unwin suggested that during the winter months we could allocate footpath maintenance tasks to the Lengthsman, which is catered for within the budget. Cllr Fowler commented that SCC may supply stiles etc and volunteer Ramblers may help with the work.

d. **Surface Dressing** – No update. (**Remove from Agenda**).

e. **Bins** – Froghall – The Clerk provided a brochure to the Council with a choice of bins to choose from for Froghall. Suitable Bin nominated. Clerk is to get prices. (**Clerk to Action**).

f. **Bus Shelters** – *Bus Shelter at Whiston* – The clerk was unable to find a company who provide polycarbonate. (**Action: Further enquiries to be made**).

g. **Other Urgent Matters** – Cllr. Fallows has said there is a Sycamore tree in Hazles Cross Road which looks like it may be dying and as such may be dangerous. Cllr. Lucas said he would have a look at the situation. It was also suggested to contact SCC Highways to have the tree examined.

h. **Dog Fouling** – No update (**Action – Carry to next meeting**).

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18.145 STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS LOCAL PLAN.

There was some discussion concerning the latest draft of the SMDC Local Plan, particularly with regard the proposed removal of the planning boundary around small villages, that previous positive suggestions have apparently been ignored and that new potential areas for development have appeared without prior public consultation. It was agreed the KPC should submit representations to the Inspector for consideration at the October hearings. The Clerk is to email the Inspectorate to inform them that KPC wish to make representations. **(Clerk to Action)**. Cllr's Steele, Fowler and Unwin to prepare a draft submission for approval at the September meeting.

18.146 LENGTHSMAN.

Japanese Knotweed – Cllr. Fallows investigated the area and confirmed that it was Bineweed, a common invasive weed. The Lengthsman will be asked to strim the area close to the complainant's garden.

Cllr. Unwin read out a list of work carried out by the Lengthsman in July.

18.147 BURIAL MATTERS.

- a. Commercial Waste – The Clerk received an email to say that they were unable to collect the bin as there was a vehicle blocking the entrance. Cllr. Lucas was unable to identify the vehicle. Hopefully this was an isolated incident. No further action.
- b. Cheques received from JP Keates £140.00 for a Grave and from Nettlebanks £84 for a Memorial.
- c. Kevin Stow has done one cut this month at the Cemetery extension with the main Cemetery being partly done.

18.148 RECREATION MATTERS.

- a. Recreation Ground – An email was received from Kingsley Holt Community Fund (KHCF), asking for outline permission from the Parish Council for them to make a bid to the Kingsley Community Fund, (funds from the sale of the Youth Club and playing field). KHCF are looking to improve the recreation ground at Kingsley Holt. Once they have more details of the desired equipment they will contact KPC. Councillors had no objections in outline terms.
- b. Kevin Stow has only cut the recreation grounds once this month due to the exceptionally hot weather resulting in no grass growth.

18.149 LIGHTING MATTERS.

Nothing to report.

18.150 WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY.

A bid for £350 to SMDC has been submitted by Cllr. Hordern on behalf of KPC and is marked as recommended for approval by SMDC. As Cllr. Hordern is away, this will be carried to the next meeting.

18.151 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No update.

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18.152 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. All correspondence emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.
- b. Historic Buildings Kingsley – The Clerk received an email from Leek & Moorlands Historic Building Trust to confirm that they have received details of the building structures and are hoping to make a site visit on 10th August to review the nominated structures.
- c. Sally Hampton – Delegated Report for Community Right to Bid - Blacksmith Arms, Kingsley Holt. Notification of Consultation period received.
- d. Commemorative Tree Planting – Email received from Karen Bradeley donating 5 trees to SMDC parishes to mark WW1 commemoration. These are available on a first come, first serve basis.

18.153 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (AGREED AND RATIFIED).

Name	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
Mrs. C. Giuliano-Worthington	Salary	002891	£507.00
Mrs. C. Giuliano-Worthington	Office Expenses	002892	£22.04
Malcolm Price	Litter Picker	002893	£160.08
Kingsley Village Hall	Room Hire for Meeting	002894	£18.00
SLCC	Membership Fee	002895	£29.40
Andrew Gibson	Village Lengthsman (July)	002896	£168.00
Ivor Lucas	Burial – Stamps/Burial Book	002897	£18.69

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Name	Description	Rec. No.	Amount
J. P. Keates	Grave	1053	£140.00
Nettlebank	Memorial	1052	£84.00

18.154 CURRENT BANK STATEMENT.

- i. The current bank statement was read out to Councillors.
- ii. The Clerk has put together a spreadsheet which provides the running total for each Month. The spreadsheet is to be emailed to all Councillors.
- iii. Assets Register – The Clerk is to contact the previous Clerk to see if he has an Asset Register and/or any other KPC documentation still in his possession. In the absence of any progress, a new up to date Asset Register will need to be created.

18.155 MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE.

None.

18.156 WEBSITE.

To be carried to next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be held on Tuesday 11th September at 7.15pm at Whiston Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone and declared the Meeting closed at 9.55pm.