

Kingsley Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7.15pm at Whiston Village Hall

Present: **Chairman:** Ken Unwin
Vice Chairman: Ivor Lucas
Parish Councillors: Dave Fowler, John Steele, Malcolm Sales,
Jean Fallows, Elsie Fallows, Martyn Hordern,
Julie Bull.
County Councillor: Mike Worthington

Public in attendance: 3 members of the public and Les Jackson (Leek Post & Cheadle Post).

Apologies: Howard Mycock (Parish Councillor).

18.157 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 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.

18.158 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th August, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

18.159 MATTERS ARISING.

- a. The Plain, Whiston (ref. M.18.141) The Clerk has received a response from Historic England regarding the listing of 10 – 12 The Plain in Whiston, (Winding House – 1805 Railway). Cllr. Unwin read out the email which stated that an assessment had been completed and it had been decided not to add the building to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest for specified reasons. (A full report of the reasons is available for download).
Cllr. Fowler reported again that unauthorised ground work is continuing at the site. The Clerk has informed SMDC Enforcement Team who are continuing to monitor the situation.
- b. Rose Garden (Ref.M18.141d) Cllr. Steele reported that the Tree Surgeon has now completed the job, (removal of the dead and overhanging branches).
- c. Alpha Aggregates (Ref.M 18.141e) Cllr. Unwin read out an email received from Daniel McCrory (SMDC Senior Pollution Officer) which gave an update of the Stack Testing carried out in August, (previously circulated). The complainant had been informed of the results. There was some variation in the views of Councillors about the degree of any problem. SMDC will continue to monitor Alpha Aggregates. The Clerk is to ask SMDC for an

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interpretation of the Redwing Environmental Report dated 16th August and to keep the Council updated of any developments. **(Clerk to action)**

- d. Defibrillator (Ref.M.18.141f) Cllr. Unwin said that KPC are currently responsible for 3 Defibrillators, one at the Blacksmiths Arms, Kingsley Holt, one at Kingsley Village Hall and one at The Railway Pub, Froghall. The Defib at Froghall is being kept in a cellar at The Railway Pub and cannot be accessed out of opening hours. Cllr. Lucas suggested that we enquire about adopting the Telephone Kiosk in Froghall for the storage of the Defibrillator. **(Clerk to Action)**. Cllr. Hordern has tried contacting Mathew Heward (WMAS) and is awaiting a call back. Cllr. Unwin has visited The Railway Pub and spoken to the Landlady who is considering fund raising. Cllr. Unwin said he would recontact her again in 2 months.
- e. Funerary Monuments (Ref.M.18.141.g) A response was received from the SMDC Regeneration Officer (Joanne Brookes), with a condition report stating the funding requirements. There was a consensus view that there were many similar monuments in the Churchyard in need of refurbishment, that funding any one may set an unwise precedent and that the money could be better spent at this time. It was also pointed out that SMDC are responsible for the Church Yard. Clerk to notify SMDC that at present the Council do not wish to make a contribution towards this project. **(Clerk to Action)**.
- f. Casual Vacancy. As requested the Chair had written to Ex Cllr. Owen Simpson to thank him for his contribution. His resignation in August had created a vacancy on the council. SMDC had advised that the vacancy needed to be advertised. The Clerk will prepare a Poster advertising the vacancy for circulation on the Council website, village Notice Boards and village Newsletters. **(Clerk to Action)**. Candidates will be interviewed at the next Parish Meeting.

18.160 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Nil. An issue was raised about whether Public Participation should be covered earlier on the agenda. There was a split vote on the issue, the Chair opted to leave things as at present.

18.161 PLANING MATTERS.

1. Applications.

- a. **SMD/2018/0511** – Mr Paul Hammonds, Kingsley Youth Club, Holt Lane, Kingsley. Proposed Development: Proposed demolition of a redundant youth club building and construction of four bungalows with associated parking and landscaping and new access.

Conclusion: Unanimously agreed to recommend Refusal due to:

- Overdevelopment.
- Outside existing village boundary.
- Concerns regarding visibility exiting the site.

- b. **SMD/2018/0561** – Mr Marc Stevens, Shires Barn, Black Lane, Whiston.

Proposed Development: Listed Building Consent for replacement doors and windows.

Conclusion: Unanimously agreed to recommend approval.

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2. Decisions.

Councillors were notified of decisions made on applications as follows:

- i. SMD/2018/0193 – Hazles Farm, Hollins Lane – Proposed side extension. Proposed Portal Frame with canopy. – **Approved 15.8.18**
- ii. SMD/2018/0281 – Land off Ashbourne Road, Whiston (Ex Copperworks Site). Application to construct 11 dwellings, access driveways and parking. **Refused by Planning Committee.**
- iii. SMD/2018/0309 – Land off, Black Lane, Whiston, Outline application for the erection of 2 dwellings including provision of car parking for 4 – **Approved 5.9.18.**

3. Other Planning Matters.

Local Plan – The Clerk has notified SMDC that there will be a representative present at the hearing. As requested, Cllr's Unwin, Fowler and Steele had met and prepared a draft policy document outlining representations which the council may wish to make to the Planning Inspector. The draft policy was agreed. Cllr. Unwin was asked to provide verbal evidence at the hearings in October. The policy document is to be forwarded to SMDC. (**Clerk/Chair to action**).

18.162 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

- a. **Potholes** – Potholes previously reported in m.18.144a have all been reported (job no. Whiston Leys 4134167, The Green 4134168, Holt Lane 4129102). A52 Church Street, junction Dovedale Road.
- b. **Gullies** – The situation remains wholly unsatisfactory, (as reported previously). SCC Cllr. Worthington said that there is now a live website for reporting Gullies. Chair to request SCC Tender Document via SCC Cllr. Worthington. (**Chair to action**).
- c. **Footpaths**
F8 – Cleared by the Lengthsman.
- e. **Bins** – Froghall – The Clerk provided a brochure to the Council with the suggested bin. The price for the bin is £267.36 plus the concrete fixing bolts which are £14.18. Unanimously agreed to purchase. (**Clerk to Action**).
Cllr. Hordern mentioned the previously discussed relocation of the Bin for the Johnson Crescent junction to a position nearer the Bus Shelter (The Green) and if authorisation is needed from SMDC. He said a Kingsley Working Party were willing to carry out this job if SMDC have no objections. Clerk to contact SMDC to clarify. (**Clerk to Action**).
- f. **Bus Shelters** – *Bus Shelter at Whiston* – The Clerk has obtained a price for 4 re placement polycarbonate side windows: 4 x 1525mm c 480mm @ £183.16 plus vat. The Clerk is to get confirmation from the suppliers that the price is for 4 and not each. Once this has been clarified then the Clerk is to order the material. Unanimously agreed. (**Clerk to Action**).

g. Other Urgent Matters

- SCC Cllr. Worthington outlined that, due to financial pressure, SCC will now only be filling Grit Bins once a year. Cllr. Elsie Fallows asked if Whiston could have an additional bin on the A52 near to the old Garage. (**Clerk to Action**).
- The Clerk has reported a blocked sewer to STWA on Whiston Bank (ref. 2003819375).

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- Cllr. Jean Fallows reported that there had been an accident outside the school, where a child was crossing the road. Clerk was asked to contact SCC to review the safety of children outside the school. Unanimously agreed. (**Clerk to Action**).
- A52 Escape Road, Whiston Bank – Cllr. Elsie Fallows said that the Escape Road was overgrown with weeds wild shrubs and was badly in need of maintenance as a priority. The Clerk is to write to Helen Fisher at SCC Highways. (**Clerk to Action**).
- Seat Whiston Bank Level – Cllr. Elsie Fallows reported that the existing seat was broken and beyond repair. The price for a replacement Phoenix seat is £416.69. It was proposed by Cllr. Elsie Fallows that the seat be replaced, seconded by Cllr. Bull. *Carried*. (**Clerk to Action**).

h. Dog Fouling – Cllr. Hordern has purchased 30 replacement dog signs which had previously been agreed. Total cost £29.70.

18.163 LENGTHSMAN.

- Cllr. Unwin read out the work carried out by the Lengthsman. Councillors were asked to consider work which could be carried out by the Lengthsman during the Winter period (within budget).
- Japanese Knotweed – Kingsley Rec: Cllr. Unwin had visited the site and spoken with the complainant. The plant was identified as Japanese Knotweed which is growing in two areas in the hedgerow between the complainant's garden and Kingsley Rec. Cllr. Unwin and the Lengthsman had visited the site to consider the problem. The Lengthsman will do some research then attempt to appropriately kill the weed.

18.164 BURIAL MATTERS.

Cemetery Notice Board – Cllr. Hordern has received quotes for a quality replacement Noticeboard. He is to obtain further quotes from local businesses. The need to replace the existing noticeboard was agreed in principle. Carried unanimously.

18.165 RECREATION MATTERS.

The wild areas of Kingsley and Kingsley Holt Recreation Grounds should be cut during October before the ground becomes too wet. This once a year cut is specified in the Tender Document. Cllr. Unwin to liaise with Kevin Stowe. (**Chair to action**).

18.166 LIGHTING MATTERS.

SOX Street Lighting – The Clerk has received an email from Aon saying that SOX (Low Pressure Sodium) lighting is to be phased out by the end of 2019, and that Kingsley Parish have one such lamps in the parish. Clerk to contact Aon for location of lamp and further information. (**Clerk to Action**).

18.167 WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY.

KPC are now in receipt of WWI funding of £350 by way of SMDC grant. Cllr. Hordern said that he would be having a meeting at the end of the month or early October to go through the events planned for 11th November. Cllr. Hordern to notify Clrs. of the meeting date.

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18.168 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No update.

18.169 CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. All correspondence emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.
- b. Email received from a parishioner with their concerns regarding speed limit on the A521 in Kingsley Holt. Their concerns have been noted.

18.170 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (AGREED AND RATIFIED).

Name	Description	Cheque Number	Amount
Mrs. C. Giuliano-Worthington	Salary	002898	£507.00
Malcolm Price	Litter Picker	002899	£167.05
Whiston Village Hall	Room Hire for Meeting	002900	£18.00
Kevin Stow	Recreation - July	002901	£264.00
Kevin Stow	Cemetery – July	002902	£342.00
Kevin Stow	Recreation – August	002903	£660.00
Kevin Stow	Cemetery – August	002904	£342.00
A. Gibson	Lengthsman	002905	£280.00
M. Hordern	Dog Signs x 30	002906	£29.70

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Name	Description	Rec. No.	Amount
Nettlebank	Memorial	1054	£84.00
J.P. Keates	Haven of Rest	1055	£30.00
Nettlebank	Memorial	1056	£84.00

18.171 CURRENT BANK STATEMENT.

- i. The current bank statement was read out to Councillors.
- ii. Assets Register – Clerk to email Councillors Register of Assets. (Clerk to Action).

18.172 MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE.

None.

18.173 WEBSITE.

Cllr. Hordern has started to put together a Website for KPC which he had previously circulated via email to Councillors. The Clerk and Councillor Hordern are to work together to progress the issue and report back in due course.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be held on Tuesday 9th October at 7.15pm at Kingsley Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone and declared the Meeting closed at 10.05am.