## Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Kingscote Parish Council Held 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 via Zoom

Members present: - Cllrs S Cooper, G Nichols, T Wooldridge, R Gale

Parishioners : P Carpenter, M Challis

Officer: -Clerk Fiona Thornton.

## 21/178. Election of Vice Chair (following the resignation of J Bowers)

**Decision:** Cllr T Wooldridge was proposed by Cllr R Gale and seconded by Cllr S Cooper. Agreed by all. Cllr T Wooldridge was appointed as Vice Chair Cllr S Cooper to write to J Bowers thanking him for his time on the council and contributions made.

### 21/179.Council Vacancy

- Council to note that no election has been called and therefore can co-opt to fill the vacancy – Noted
- Council to agree and formally adopt the draft co-option procedure
   Decision: proposed by Cllr T Wooldridge, seconded by Cllr G Nichols, agreed by all, the procedure was adopted.
- Council to set the closing date for receipt of expressions of interest to fill the position Agreed date – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- 4) Council to agree the notice advertising this vacancy Cllr S Cooper suggested the change of inserting a link to the eligibility criteria of filling a council vacancy be inserted in place of the text advising interested parties to contact CDC for information.

**Decision:** With the above amendment made to the wording, proposed by Cllr R Gale, seconded by Cllr G Nichols, agreed by all, the notice was approved and shall be displayed in the parish, Kingscote Online and on the Council website.

### 21/180 Items to report

- Cllr T Wooldridge emergency plan documents and information are all now available.
   They are displayed on the council website and will be published in the next Forerunner
- Cllr S Cooper procurement of litter picking equipment from UBICO. Litter picking has
  taken place in Kingscote with Bagpath still outstanding. The link road which runs past the
  top of Windmill Lane is particularly bad for litter. Traffic movements to the recycling
  centre are identified as a problem as litter gets blown off trailers etc on route to the
  centre.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Cllr S Hirst requesting the schedule for Glos. CC clearing of highway verges and request the frequency is increased due to this problem

- Clerk insurance renewal has been received and circulated
  - **Action:** Clerk to clarify position with phone box listing as council asset
- Snow Clearing the current contractor has resigned after 25years. Cllr S Cooper has
  written to express thanks. A replacement needs to be found. Cllr R Gale has found a
  willing contractor who also carries out the clearing in Uley and Nympsfield. However, it
  was acknowledged that Kingscote parish could be low on the list of priorities. Cllr G

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Nichols reported the procedural problems with carrying out the roles of snow warden and snow operator.

### **Actions:**

- Councillors to contact local farmers or anyone with suitable equipment to see if they are interested in carrying out the role
- Notice to be placed in the Forerunner
- Clerk to contact Cllr S Hirst and Glos. CC to establish the current procedure and contacts
- Cllr G Nichols reported the grit bin at the top of Windmill Lane has been taken out of operation and requested a replacement. **Action:** Clerk to contact Glos. CC
- Cllr T Wooldridge reported that the ditch at Hunters Hall has been cleared out but not the drain. Glos. CC Highways have advised this will be done asap.

Date of Next Meeting – 18th March 2021

signed	Date