

Minutes of the Meeting of
Kingscote Parish Council
21st February 2023, Village Hall Kingscote

Recorded by: Cllr Sebastian Cooper

Date: 21st February 2023

Meeting Commenced: 19:30

Meeting ended: 20:40

Parish Councillors:	Tony Wooldridge (Chair) Beth Calland (Vice Chair) Sebastian Cooper Graham Nichols Richard Gale
District Councillor:	Not present
County Councillor:	Stephen Hirst
Clerk:	Not present
Others:	Mike Challis, Steven Teague

Feb 23/01. To note apologies for absence

None.

Feb 23/02. To note declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011

None.

Feb 23/03. To provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the Council

Mike Challis raised two issues relating to Footpath NKS 30, specifically the stretch running from Seaton House, past Jandacott to the end of the lower lane in Bagpath. The first issue is that there is a pile of building rubble from Jandacott blocking the path and the second issue is that the height from the lower lane up to a stone stile at the top of a bank is at least six feet, which makes it inaccessible. Mike Challis agreed to send a report on these issues to the Council and ask for specific action to be taken.

Feb 23/04. To receive reports from Gloucestershire County Councillor Cllr S Hirst

Cllr Hirst stated there has not been much activity to report on apart from the de-icing of the roads. Cllr Calland raised the issue of the proposed ash dieback work at Bagpath Common. She reported that the County Council had informed her that there is no such proposed work in their diary. Instead, trees have been felled on Barn Hill Lane. Cllr Hirst agreed to investigate this. Cllr Calland also reported that, although the worst potholes on the lane to Bagpath had recently been repaired, the road was still in a poor state and asked whether resurfacing could be considered. Cllr Hirst agreed to investigate that as well.

Feb 23/05. To receive reports from Cotswold District Councillor Cllr R Morgan

None received.

Feb 23/06. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2022

The minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

Feb 23/07. To consider the appointment and terms of employment for the parish clerk

The Chair reported that Amanda Rossiter resigned as clerk for personal reasons on 20 February 2023. The Chair will arrange for PATA to pay Ms Rossiter her salary for the period of her employment. The Chair

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proposed that he, Cllr Calland and Cllr Cooper lead the process for recruiting a replacement clerk and this was approved by the Council. The Chair was appointed as Acting Clerk by the Council.

Feb 23/08. To discuss and agree any Financial Matters:

Feb 23/08.1 To note the increase in precept for 2023/24 requested from CDC

The Chair reported that he is trying to confirm that the request has been submitted to CDC. [Subsequently confirmed on 22.02.23]

Feb 23/08.2 To note the latest estimates for income and expenditure for 2023/24

Council reviewed and noted the estimates circulated by the Chair before the meeting.

Feb 23/08.3 To agree the budget for 2023/24

Council agreed the budget.

Feb 23/08.4 To rearrange payment for valuation report on village hall

Council agreed to cancel the cheque and make the payment via online banking.

Feb 23/08.5 To agree new signatories for internet banking

Council agreed that Cllr Cooper should start the process of appointing Cllr Calland as an additional signatory.

Feb 23/08.6 To agree reimbursements for payment of website hosting

Council agreed to reimburse the Chair and Amanda Rossiter for their payments.

Feb 23/08.7 To agree arrangements for bank reconciliation at end of March 23

Cllr Calland agreed to do the reconciliation.

Feb 23/08.8 To agree purchase of new salt bins for Hazlecote if agreed by CDC

Cllr Calland agreed to liaise with CDC on the siting of new bins and to report back to Council.

Feb 23/09. Planning

Council noted the following planning applications: 22/04157/FUL and 23/00024/AGFO. Both had been approved by the date of the meeting.

Feb 23/10. Asset maintenance – defibrillator consumables and service

Cllr Calland has found that two sets of replacement batteries and pads are now available at a price of £697.08. Council approved the purchase of these items.

Feb 23/11. To review preparations for the elections on 4 May 2023

The Chair reported that CDC have published an election pack on their website. It was noted that nomination papers must be signed and delivered in person to CDC's offices in Cirencester between 20 March and 4 April. Cllr Calland agreed to deliver any nomination papers received.

Feb 23/12. To review arrangements for winter snow and ice

Cllr Gale expects the existing snow plough operator (O.Toms) to act again next winter. It was noted that Council needs to discuss the refilling of the salt bins with CDC. The possibility of storing salt in the village hall was discussed and this would need to be agreed by the village hall committee.

Feb 23/13. Items to report not on the agenda

A parishioner has raised the issue of introducing some form of speed control in Kingscote at the corner by the telephone kiosk. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Calland raised the issue of planning applications that have remained undecided for long periods of time. She agreed to send details of the relevant applications to Cllr Hirst, who will investigate.

Feb 23/14. To note dates for future meetings

The following dates were noted:

Tuesday 25 April 2023. Approve year end accounts and preparations for AGM and APM

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Tuesday 16 May 2023. AGM of Parish Council preceded by Annual Parish Meeting

Feb 23/15. 15. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 April 2023 at 7.30pm
Noted.

Signed..........

Dated.....25 April 2023.....