

Minutes of Meeting of
Kingscote Parish Council
Held 7th March 18 Village Hall, Kingscote

present: - Cllrs S Cooper (Chair), G Nichols, R Gale,
Officers: -Fiona Thornton.
District Councillor R Morgan

17/027. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs B Bennett, J Bowers
County Councillor S Hirst

17/028.Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 None

17/029.Reports from Gloucestershire County Councillor on matters relating to the Parish

Cllr S Hirst reported: -

County Council Budget for 18/19.

Adult Social Services.	£133.1 mill.
Children & Families Services	£102.9 mill
Communities and Infrastructure.	£79.8mill
(includes highways, libraries, waste, trading standards, fire and rescue)	
Public Health	£24.2mill
Business Support	£27.9mill
Technical and Corporate Investment	£44.7mill
(includes cost of funding infrastructure Investment)	

Council Tax Increase.

An increase of 2.49% + 2% for extra adult's social care.

The overall increase of 4.49% is the lowest increase of any top-tier council in England.

Highlighted Items

- Highways investment of £39mill into roads over the next four years as part of the county councils £150million investment in highways and £2.74 million to support Highways England's safety improvements to the A417 (the missing link).
- Regarding the new Highways contracts, the new contracts will be broken down into a highways term maintenance contract, a highways structural maintenance contract (resurfacing works) and the highways professional services contract (works design and consultancy support)
- The new highways term maintenance contract will deliver around £20m of routine maintenance on our roads each year and covers work such as pothole repairs, patching, winter gritting, grass cutting and gulley emptying.
- Five companies have been shortlisted, Balfour Beatty, Griffiths, Ringway, Skanska and Volker Highways. The contract will be awarded in the Autumn of 2018.

The current highways provider Amey will continue to deliver highway services in the county until the end of March 2019.

The lengthsman service for minor works will continue as will the highways local scheme where an additional £10K will be given to each county councillor to spend on improving highways in their area.

The Growing Our Communities Fund will also provide each county councillor £30K over three years to spend on community projects which can include roads, giving councillors the flexibility to spend money where their area needs it.

A fund of £50K will be provided into a targeted period poverty programme working with health partners to distribute sanitary products to the most vulnerable women.

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There will also be an investment of £470K for electric vehicle charging points throughout the county.

17/030. Reports from Cotswold District Councillor

Cllr R Morgan reported: -

- CDC has held its budget to a 0% increase
- Parking charges have been frozen and the after 3pm free parking scheme has been extended
- Budget commitment has been made to building multi story car park at Waterloo car park
- Funds allocated for recharge points for electric vehicles
- Funding of £1000 is available for spend on youth facilities across 8 parishes (under R Morgan)
- CDC recycled 59.6% of its waste (Cllr G Nicholls raised the problems with fly tipping within the parish)
- Green bin collection charges have been frozen.

17/031. Reports from Parish Councillors on matters not on this agenda None

17/032. Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 9th January 2018

Decision: Proposed by Cllr G Nicholls and seconded by Cllr R Gale, agreed by all. The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting

17/033. Finance

a). Council to set and agree budget for 2018/19- to analyse reserves and earmark accordingly

	PRECEPT £	EARMARKED BALANCES £	TOTAL BUDGET 2018/19 £
Clerks Fees	1500.00	0.00	1500.00
Subscriptions	100.00	0.00	100.00
Administration	50.00	0.00	50.00
Insurance	750.00	0.00	750.00
Audit Fees	55.00	0.00	55.00
S137/Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	0.00	1555.00	1555.00
Defibrillator	0.00	1000.00	1000.00
General Fund	545.00	4856.00	5401.00
Total	3000.00	7411.00	10,411.00

Decision: Proposed by Cllr S Cooper and seconded by Cllr G Nicholls that the budget be set at £10,411. Agreed by all

b). Payment of accounts

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Gross £</u>	<u>Net £</u>	<u>VAT £</u>
F Thornton	Clerks Fee plus expenses	375.00	375.00	0.00
123 Reg Ltd	Website domain name	23.96	19.97	3.99
P Barnes	Website build	225.00	225.00	0.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance premium	717.00	717.00	0.00
GAPTC	Subscription 2018/19	73.13	73.13	0.00

Decision: Proposed by Cllr S Cooper and seconded by Cllr G Nicholls, agreed by all, the above payments were approved for payment.

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c). Bank Mandate

Online banking is now set up and working.

d.) Council to consider external audit report 2016/17 accounts

Decision: Council have noted comments made and have appointed C Jacob as internal auditor for 2018/19

17/034. Correspondence/Communication with Parish Council

- Register of Electors - Councillor Requests
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- CDC Press Release: Join the Gloucestershire 2050 Vision Big Conversation! – 1 February
- Garden waste licence campaign 2018/19
- Keep the Cotswolds Beautiful competition
- CDC Press Release: Have your say on A417 'missing link' - more information
- Cotswold District Council - Planning Enforcement Training
- CDC Press Release: Council freezes council tax, garden waste licences and car parking charges yet again
- Local Plan - Main Modifications to Local Plan 2011-2031 will be available for you to view and submit representations between the following dates:
Start date: 19/02/18 09:00
End date: 04/04/18 17:00
- Review of the COTSWOLDS AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018-2023
- Gloucestershire's 18/19 budget agreed

17/035. Planning

- a) applications for comment

18/00786/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for T.1 - Silver Birch - fell; T.2 - Maple - fell at 4 Boxwood Close Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8YR

Decision: No comments

17/036. Trees on Bagpath Common – quotations for removal

2 quotations have been received for removal of the 2 trees

Willow & Oak £1600 (no VAT) and Simon Valley forestry £1300 plus VAT

Decision: It was generally agreed that the cost of this works was high and we should explore other options. It was agreed that no chipping on site was required and we should explore the sale of the wood. Clerk to also contact the resident to see if they are willing to contribute

17/037. Council to consider membership of GAPTC

Information received from GAPTC:-

We receive no financial support from the county council or any district councils, so membership fees and income from training fees are vital to the continuation of the organisation.

Where to start with the benefits? Our aim is to provide the best advice and support to parish councils so that they can represent their communities and be active in creating vibrant communities. We do this by:

1. Providing information regarding the law and procedures. Membership can be shown in the pc's risk management scheme as a source of advice to keep the pc operating legally. We provide Legal Topic Notes on a wide variety of subjects and for any issues that are too complex for us to answer, we can ask the National Association of Local Councils for their advice on legal and financial matters. Advice can be requested by using our website ticket system, by email or by phone.

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2. We provide regular training courses specifically for clerks and councillors at reduced rates for members. We also offer training in specific subjects such as planning and the new GDPR, using external trainers. The training calendar can be accessed on our website without the need to log in, so councillors can see just what we do have on offer. We will also provide training to individual councils at their own venue on request.
3. Access to our website which has a large number of documents that can be found directly or by using the search facility. The website is constantly updated with news items and documents.
4. We can signpost parish councils to other organisations who need help on specific topics, such as employment issues.
5. A periodic newsletter sent directly by email to each council with updates on important issues.
6. An Annual General Meeting with speakers from organisations that have an impact county-wide. This meeting also gives member councils an opportunity to influence local or national policy by submitting motions for discussion and to network with other councillors. We provide an excellent buffet lunch!
7. An opportunity to engage with your local member of the Executive Committee (three per district) in order to influence the management and direction of GAPTC.

Your membership fee for 2017/18 would have been £75.47 – it will only be slightly more (assuming the electorate has not changed much) for 2018/19. The request for subscriptions will be sent out end February, early March with effect from 1st April.

Decision: proposed by Cllr S Cooper and seconded by Cllr R Gale, agreed by all that Council will join GAPTC

17/038. Council to review annual insurance renewal and cover

Decision: proposed by Cllr S Cooper and seconded by Cllr R Gale following the review no changes were made to the cover. Agreed by all.

17/039. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

- GDPR Toolkit for Town and Parish Councils now published
- NALC continues to lobby government to mitigate the implications for the sector
- Options for a national DPO service are being explored
- Councils encouraged to demonstrate they have a route map/action plan to compliance whilst waiting for final government guidance

Decision: Council to monitor advice and act accordingly

17/040. Website

a) www.kingscoteparishcouncil.co.uk

The website is now live

b) www.kingscoteonline.co.uk

Clerk to contact A Davidson and suggest a grant is sought from Council towards the cost of hosting the site

A Cooper be asked to add a link to the site for parish council information and take down their own information regarding the parish council so that search engines will go to the correct site

17/041. WWI commemorations – council to discuss

This item was deferred pending further information from CDC

17/042. Snow Clearing Facilities – council to discuss provision/replacement etc

Decision: Clerk to contact Glos Highways regarding snow warden/snow plough operators. Forms to be forwarded to G Nicholls

17/043. Items to report

(Items can be discussed but members can make no decisions)

- Potholes to be reported to Glos CC – Hazelcote Lane and B4058 where it joins A4315 back to Nympsfield

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17/044. Date of next meeting

15th May – APM/AGM 7.30pm Kingscote Village Hall
(suggested that S Bowers attends to give update to defibrillator project)

Signed

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