

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of
Kingscote Parish Council
Held 23rd September 2020 via Zoom**

Members present: - Cllrs S Cooper, G Nicholls, T Wooldridge, R Gale
Apologies: - Cllr J Bowers
Officer: -Clerk Fiona Thornton.

20/168.Council to Approve minutes of previous meetings

- 4th February 2020
- 8th June 2020
- 2nd July 2020

Decision: proposed by Cllr G Nicholls and seconded by Cllr T Wooldridge , agreed by all , the minutes were approved

20/169.Council to Approve payment of accounts

- Zurich Municipal – Insurance Premium (previous financial year) £747.78
- GAPTC – subscription £74.04
- C Jacob – internal audit fee £60
- F Thornton – first quarter clerk fee £375
- F Thornton – second quarter clerk fee £375
- ICO – data protection renewal fee £35

Decision: proposed by Cllr G Nicholls and seconded by Cllr S Cooper , agreed by all , the payments were approved

20/170.Council to Approve Accessibility Statement/Policy for Website

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We will consider your request and get back to you in five working days.

Decision: Proposed by Cllr T Wooldridge, seconded by Cllr G Nicholls, agreed by all.

20/171.Trees at Bagpath Common – update if available

Cllr T Wooldridge reported

- He has contacted CDC Estates Manager, who has advised they are currently awaiting a response from Glos CC, whose team are carrying out their own assessment of the site
- The legal decision is that there is no owner of the Common, nor was there a legal appointment of a local council to take responsibility
- We have asked the district council for clarification. As they have acted it suggests that they are taking responsibility for the site. Now that they have involved Glos CC they must feel a higher authority has responsibility too
- This is not a satisfactory situation and the parish council were surprised at the length of time taken to give a definitive answer to the legal responsibility
- Glos CC have a considerable number of trees with ash die back so are prioritising works
- Burnt tree (raised at the previous meeting) has still not been removed. Cllr R Gale to follow up

20/172.Hazelcote lane trees

- Cllr G Nicholls advised that the trees need cutting back and raised concerns about the bridge. The trees are overgrowing the carriageway so forcing traffic over
- Cllr T Wooldridge advised he has raised this matter with Glos CC Highways. There is a metre of verge wasted due to the overhanging trees, forcing traffic over using the opposite verge and damaging boundary fencing
- Cllr T Wooldridge has asked Highways for an update to all outstanding highways matters within the parish but has not received one yet
- Cllr T Wooldridge to contact landowner regarding the cutting back of the trees.
- Cllr G Nicholls has offered to carry out the cutting back of the trees with a hedge cutter if Cllr T Wooldridge can secure permission to do so.

Signed

Date