

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of
Kingscote Parish
Held 2nd April 2019 Village Hall Kingscote

Members present: - Cllrs S Cooper, J Bowers, G Nicholls, B Bennett, R Gale
Officer:-Clerk Fiona Thornton.
Members of the Public: - 9
CDC Cllr R Morgan
Glos CC Cllr S Hirst

1.Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
There were no apologies for absence

2.Confirm minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting hold 15th May 2018

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

3.Chairman's Report

Cllr S Cooper reported: -

- The Council has ordered and paid for two defibrillators for the use of the parish residents, one for Kingscote and the other for Bagpath. Thanks are due to Seema Bowers for leading the fundraising campaign. The Council will fund the spares and maintenance of both of them. Installation date 25th/26th April 2019
- The Council acquired the telephone box in Kingscote from BT for the sum of £1.00.
- The Council set its budget and therefore the precept for 2019 at £3,600. 18.7% increase on 2018. The increase from last year is in order to accumulate funds for spares, maintenance and eventually replacement of defibrillators and also to set aside funds for items such as damage to the wall surrounding the village hall (which may not be covered under insurance) and potential repairs to the bus shelter, war memorial and noticeboards
- In October 2018 the Council adopted the following: (a) Data Protection Policy, (b) Record Retention Policy, (c) Data Breach Policy, (d) Data Map and (e) Subject Access Request Procedure. All of these are published on the Parish Council website at www.kingscoteparishcouncil.co.uk, where all Council documents can now be found. There is a link to this website on the community website Kingscoteonline.
- The Council agreed to take over the hosting fee of Kingscoteonline.

4.Any other Parish Business

a) Report by County Councillor – Cllr S Hirst

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The total County Council budget for 2019/20 totals £429.6million.

Council tax will be increased by 4.99% overall this coming year 2019/20 listed on the Council Tax Bill as a 2.5% GCC increase and Adult Social Care levy of 2%. We expect Gloucestershire's Council tax to be the third lowest of any county council in England.

Despite keeping tax down, the investment increases in key areas are:-

- 2 m extra to protect older people
- 11m extra for children and young people
- Year 2 of the £150m investment into road resurfacing
- £45m for Gloucestershire schools (part of our overall £100m commitment)

Demand continues to grow in key areas

- The level of children in care has increased by 39% since 2014 (478-707)
- Since 2015 the number of children requiring an Educational Care Plan (what used to be called a statement of special educational need) has increased by 47%
- The level of older people in Gloucestershire has grown by 28% since 2007 with projections showing that the number of older people needed help with an illness or disability will increase by 41% in the next 11 years

Research in the Municipal Journal (27 Feb 19) puts Gloucestershire County Council 7th out of 150 English councils in care for older people.

The recently agreed budget provides the 2nd year of the £150m investment road resurfacing programme. In its first year, this saw 164 projects carried out across Gloucestershire with over 108km of roads resurfaced and 60km surface dressed.

Since the start of April 2018 the council has repaired almost 50,000 potholes on Gloucestershire roads with over 99% repaired on time.

This year's budget also provides every councillor with £25,000 of local funding to invest in repairing and upgrading roads and footpaths in their division.

The key route announcement for the A417 Missing Link is expected in March. Total cost £500m. Work on improving jct 10 on M5 to increase capacity with access/leave both North and South directions to continue

The £100m investment in Gloucestershire Schools continues this year, with a range of capital projects including a brand new secondary school for Cheltenham. Extra government help for Gloucestershire schools saw a further £1.35m in funding this year to help cope with demand. The County council and local MP continue to lobby for the new fairer, national funding formula to be brought in more quickly.

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Homelessness: thanks to a new £950,000 investment from Government, the County Council is opening two new centres in Cheltenham and Gloucester to support homeless people. As well as help with accommodation the centres will offer specialist support for mental health and substance abuse.

Even before the effects of Javelin Park, Gloucestershire County Council has reduced its carbon emissions by over 52% since 2008. We achieved the government emission reduction pledge years early and are on track for our target of a 60% reduction by 2021.

We are investing a further £1.4m from April into delivering fast broadband across the county. So far 97% of homes and businesses have access and work continues on the harder to reach areas.

5G – The County Council allocated £25,000 to ensure that Gloucestershire is ready for 5G mobile internet, help support county businesses and protecting jobs.

Major Planned Road Works 2019/20 – resurfacing of

- 4135 Tetbury Road (Charlton Lane to Beverston)
- A433 Church Street and Bath Road Tetbury
- A433 London Road (section 2)

Major patching work continues in Close Gardens at the junction with Charlton Road

Matters brought to the attention of Cllr S Hirst were the planning application by Valley Trading for an increase in capacity from 45 to 75 tonne (68%); queuing on the carriageway at the Tip is causing a traffic hazard.

Cllr S Hirst then took questions from the floor.

b) Report by CDC Councillor – Cllr R Morgan

- Frozen parking charges – extended from 3pm to support local businesses and shops
- Multi Story car park – short term temporary decking car park to be erected in time for Christmas
- 2 year investment of £70k to look at fly tipping and dog fouling
- 2% increase in council tax – planning for changes in government funding
- Bin collection review – increase in kerbside collecting, diversity and quantity
- £180k for new cardboard and food caddies – food caddies will be larger and collected weekly; with food and garden waste to be separated by Nov. 2019
- Publica – ahead of its target savings with other local authorities asking to purchase services which will generate further income
- Local plan has now been passed

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c) Finance report by Clerk

The yearend accounts and financial documents of 2018/19 have been subject to audit today. Council ended the year with funds totaling £7,273, of which £2000 is held as reserves for repairs and maintenance and £1195 transparency funding. Council hold £4078 in general reserves going forward into 2019/20.

All the year-end financial information will be uploaded to the website following approval at the AGM in May.

d) Public Participation

- A parishioner raised the question of public participation at council meetings and wished to lobby the parish council to change its current protocol
- Village Hall AGM held immediately prior to this meeting. The committee would welcome more help. The major planned expenditure is to upgrade lighting and timber repair/treat and paint.

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