

# Minutes of the Meeting of Kingscote Parish Council Held 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Village Hall Kingscote

Members present: - Cllrs S Cooper, G Nichols, T Wooldridge, J Bowers, R Gale  
Officer: -Clerk Fiona Thornton.  
Glos CC Cllr S Hirst

With agreement of all agenda item 9 was moved to the beginning of the meeting to allow members of the public raise matters re: planning application

19/04052/FUL Full Application for Change of use and alterations to existing agricultural buildings to dog kennels at Scrubbets Farm Scrubbets Lane Bagpath

- Cllr S Cooper stated that the Parish Council had lodged an objection to this application; the planning authority lies with the District Council and not the Parish Council.
- Parishioners were concerned regarding the gap of dissemination of information from members of the Parish Council to members of the public. This gap could be bridged by circulating planning applications in the community
- The application has attracted a wide level of objection and the Parish Council were criticised for their 'tame' comments. The Parish Council were urged to submit a further objection now the level of public objection is known
- Cllr S Hirst gave assurance that all objections would be considered during the decision making process of determining the application. The application is likely to go to planning committee in March
- Parishioners were urged to contact their Ward Councillor at CDC to request the application is considered at the planning committee and not determined by officer recommendation
- This Council agreed that if any future contentious applications were made within the parish, a meeting would be called
- Parishioners will summarise their objections for the Parish Council to make a further representation

## **19/144.Apologies for Absence**

None

## **19/145.Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**

None

## **19/146.Reports from Gloucestershire County Councillor Cllr S Hirst**

Cllr S Hirst reported:-

### Investment in tackling climate change and vulnerable children set to be agreed

At its meeting on January 29, Gloucestershire County Council's Cabinet has agreed investment of £12.9million into Children's services and an initial £1million Action Fund to help tackle climate change as part of a £31 million overall increase to the council's 2020/21 budget.

The £468 million budget for 2020/21 also sets aside more than £73.6m of capital investment for schools and children and family services, bringing total expected capital investment to around £160m by 2023. A further £49.8m has been allocated to deliver on the third year of the council's £150m Your Highways Programme.

For the past four weeks people across Gloucestershire have been commenting on the councils proposed budget plans. 506 responses were received, of which 69% agree with proposals, 77% agree we had the correct priorities.

The council continues to challenge itself to work more efficiently and effectively as a result has identified £9.58m savings for next year, helping to meet increased demand and costs.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, leader of the County Council said 'Following valuable feedback from people across the county, cabinet will now consider if our draft budget meets the priorities and expectations of Gloucestershire residents. The proposed budget for next year shows that we can deliver –

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investing in quality services now and for a successful tomorrow. Thank you to all who took the time to comment on our budget proposals – we will listen carefully to what you have told up.’

The budget proposes to raise in the region of £6.3m to help fund services through a 1.99% increase in council tax. The council is also proposing to apply the national social care precept at 2% to raise an additional £6.3m to help manage the increased demand for adult care services. In total three changes result in an increase of under £1 per week for the average Band D taxpayer. For Band D council tax comparisons Gloucestershire County Council still expects to have one of the lowest council tax levels of any county council, once the costs of delivering the Fire and Rescue are included.

## Gloucestershire County Council budget 2020/21

Total draft budget £486million, a net increase of £31 million on 2019/20

Adult Services: £149.6 million

Children's Services: £117.9 million

£73.6m for schools and children and family services

An additional £12.9m towards protecting the county's vulnerable children

Community and infrastructure Services: £91.63 million

£14.5 m into Gloucester South West Bypass, Arle Court, Junction 11 and additional cycle tracks around Gloucester and Cheltenham

£700k toward extra flood alleviation works making a total budget of £5.3m to reduce the risk of flooding

£3.1m to ensure further delivery of Broadband across the county

£5m to upgrade streetlights and traffic signals

£49.8m to deliver the third year of the local Council's road improvement programme

Prevention and wellbeing Services: £34.31 million

£1.5m to ensure that Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue has new and improved life-saving equipment and to increase the level of services prevention and protection work

Corporate Resources: £34.94million

Technical and Countrywide Budget: £39.66 million

£1 m for councillors' local investment in local highway schemes

£1m Action Fund will be set up to tackle climate change

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The County Council has carried out the annual Budget Consultation which ran until 5pm on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 19/147.Reports from Cotswold District Councillor Cllr R Morgan

None

## 19/148.Reports from Parish Councillors on matters not on this agenda

None

## 19/149.Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Proposed by Cllr G Nichols and seconded by Cllr T Wooldridge the minutes were approved and signed

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## **19/150.Finance**

### a) Payment of accounts

- F Thornton – quarterly Clerks Fee £375
- P Barnes – annual maintenance fee website £150
- 123 Reg – 2 year renewal domain name for website £23.98( gross) £19.98 (net)
- J Smith – repairs to village hall wall £180
- Community Heartbeat – defib. Signs for telephone box £33.60 (gross) £28 (net)
- Mr P Giddings – replacement of guttering to bus shelter £210

Decision: Proposed by Cllr G Nichols and seconded by Cllr J Bowers. Agreed by all.

## **19/151.Correspondence/Communication with Parish Council**

- Have your say on Cotswold District Council services
- CDC launches new recycling and waste services
- Cotswold District Council Budget Consultation 2020/21 Briefing Pack
- At last week's full council meeting, Cotswold District Council adopted a new Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme for 2020/21 that will safeguard vulnerable groups and ensure those on the lowest income are protected.
- Plans to build a new railway line from Kemble to Cirencester are back on track after councillors agreed to bridge a funding gap.  
Fundraising for a £53,000 feasibility study on the line had hit the buffers until a meeting of Cotswold District Council signalled a £13,000 cash injection to make up the shortfall.
- A parishioner has written:-  
Having been to see the film 1917, and my cousins have been asking whether anything had been done to improve the writing on The Kingscote Memorial. I would be pleased to hear from you and my offer of a donation still stands

**Decision: Cllr G Nichols to send a photo of the memorial as it was previously cleaned.**

## **19/152.Planning**

### a) Circulated between meetings

19/03925/FUL Full Application for Conversion of 2 no. attached barns and an attached stable block into 2

no. dwelling houses as holiday accommodation at Hazlecote Farm Kingscote

19/04326/FUL Full Application for Erection of a two storey side & single storey rear extension. at Alton House Kingscote

19/04052/FUL Full Application for Change of use and alterations to existing agricultural buildings to dog kennels at Scrubberts Farm Scrubberts Lane Bagpath

Comment made: As councillors we are aware that many residents of Bagpath are concerned that the narrow road is unsuitable for the additional traffic which might arise and that more accidents could result. Residents are also concerned about the noise which might occur. We believe that these are genuine concerns and should be investigated further before reaching a decision.

19/04473/LBC Listed Building Consent for Alterations and extension of threshing barn to create one independent dwelling (Retrospective amendments to consent 18/02350/LBC) at Bagpath Court Barn

19/04472/FUL Full Application for Alterations and extension of threshing barn to create one independent dwelling (Retrospective amendments to permission 18/02349/FUL ) at Bagpath Court Barn

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19/03925/FUL Conversion of 2 no. attached barns and an attached stable block into 2 no. dwelling houses as holiday accommodation at Hazlecote Farm Kingscote

## **19/153. Council to consider the purchase of an additional dog bin (near phonebox)**

Council need to request CDC to undertake an assessment to install a litter bin or dog fouling bin at the chosen requested location. The cost for the supply and installation of a bin is £210 + VAT. The assessment process takes around 1-2 weeks.

**Decision: proposed by Cllr T Wooldridge and seconded by Cllr S Cooper to pursue the purchase a bin with CDC. Agreed by all. Cllr T Wooldridge will provide a location map for CDC to consider.**

## **19/154. Possibility of a village fête next year – council to consider**

Cllr S Cooper will draft a notice for the forerunner asking for volunteers to establish the view of the community

## **19/155. Website Accessibility Regulations**

Council has **until 23rd September 2020** to either comply with these new regulations or having done an accessibility assessment and concluded that this would be a disproportionate burden on the council, explain why in an accessibility statement and provide alternative arrangements

### [Preparing to do a basic accessibility check](#)

1. Text content
2. Images, video and audio content
3. Interactive tools and transactions
4. PDFs and other documents
5. Technology
6. HTML checks

Clerk to progress.

## **19/156. Council to consider an Emergency Plan**

Cllr T Wooldridge reported: -

When we had a meeting about the defibrillators in Kingscote and Bagpath, the SW Ambulance Service gave a presentation and encouraged the parish to have an emergency plan.

The risks they mentioned were ambulances unable to access parts of the parish because of snow, and ambulance crews struggling to find individual houses on dark nights when the postcode covers many properties.

**Decision: proposed by Cllr S Cooper and seconded by Cllr T Wooldridge that they would work on a draft plan. Agreed by all**

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**19/157.Items to report**

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

- P Giddings has carried out guttering works at bus shelter at agreed price of £210
- There will be a community litter-picking on the minor roads of the parish on the afternoon of Sunday 23 February 2020. This will be followed by tea and cake in the village hall. A few more volunteers would be very welcome: please contact Tony Wooldridge on 01453 860697 or [tony.wooldridge1@gmail.com](mailto:tony.wooldridge1@gmail.com) if you are able to help.
- Tree survey at Bagpath Common. Valley Forestry do not carry out this type of work, but have suggested Charlton Abbotts Forestry Ltd
- Cllr T Wooldridge reported on the following Highways matters
  1. Drains at Hunters Hall are still an ongoing matter
  2. Spike in verge has been removed at Hazelcote Valley
  3. Highways to renew give way sign at new road junction
  4. New Kingscote signs are dependent on Highways budgets
  5. Highways have been asked to look at overhanging trees in Hazelcote Valley

**19/158.Date of next meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual General Meeting)

Signed.....

Dated.....