

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kingscote Parish Council
Held 15th October 2019 Village Hall Kingscote**

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

19/129.Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Gale

19/130.Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

None

19/131.Reports from Gloucestershire County Councillor Cllr S Hirst

Cllr S Hirst reported:-

- No update to Valley Trading planning application
- Westonbirt Arboretum suffering from Ash die back and will be carrying out works in near future
- The A417 Missing Link planning application will now be submitted following a public consultation from 27 sept to 8 Nov.
- Discussions continue regarding yellow lining in St Mary's School layby and road surrounding school
- Need for controlled parking outside St Saviours Church opposite Fire Station in order to remove risk of collision when vehicles leave the station. Tetbury TC to meet with funeral directors to discuss situation
- Resurfacing of A4135 Hookhouse Lane to beyond Beverston
- Star Lane A433 Tetbury Rd Avening resurfacing works 2nd – 16th October
- Northfield Road/London Road jct patching planned
- Plans also to resurface London Road around Tesco entrance due to excess wear
- Glos. Local Transport Plan – works started on update with formal consultation in spring 2020
- Kemble to London trains improve to hourly service before end of year
- The Council have declared a 'climate emergency' in May striving to become carbon neutral by 2030 and is identifying measures to deliver 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions across county by same date
- New public buildings will be carbon neutral throughout their entire life span
- Javeline Park is now fully operative burning rubbish from all six district authorities
- Recently modernised Heritage Hub and County Archives was reopened 3rd Sept.
- Merger between Glos. Care Services NHS Trust and the 2gether NHS Trust 1st Oct.
- Clinical Commissioning Group carrying out consultations
 - Fit for the Future will describe a future model for Healthcare in the county and consultations will occur on the way urgent care in the community is handled. GP services, pharmacies and development of local community hospitals are included in this programme.
 - Specialist hospital services and centres of excellence in both Cheltenham General and Gloucester Royal Hospital are under discussion and development are planned in a number of specialties.

19/132.Reports from Cotswold District Councillor Cllr R Morgan

None

19/133.Reports from Parish Councillors on matters not on this agenda

None

19/134.Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 9th July 2019

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

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19/135.Finance

- a) Payment of accounts – F Thornton Clerks quarterly fees £375.
Proposed by Cllr T Wooldridge and seconded by Cllr G Nichols agreed by all.
- b) Council to set precept for 2020/21

| | PRECEPT 2019/20 | EARMARKE BALANCES | TOTAL BUDGET | ESTIMATED SPEND | PRECEPT 2020/21 | EARMARKED BALANCES | PRECEPT 2020/21 | TOTAL BUDGET |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| CLERKS FEES | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 1500 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 72 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| ADMINISTRATION | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 0 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| INSURANCE | 850.00 | 0.00 | 850.00 | 850 | 850.00 | 0.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 |
| AUDIT FEES | 60.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 60 | 60.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| S137/GRANTS | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 160 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| WEBSITE | 0.00 | 1,195.03 | 1,195.03 | 200 | 0 | 995.00 | 0 | 995.00 |
| DEFIBRILLATOR | 700.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 645 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| R& M VILLAGE ASSETS | 240.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,240.00 | 600 | 640.00 | 1,640.00 | 1,040.00 | 2,680.00 |
| GENERAL FUND | 0.00 | 4,077.94 | 4,077.94 | 0 | 0 | 4,150.97 | 0 | 4,150.97 |
| TOTAL | 3,600.00 | 7,272.97 | 10,872.97 | 4087 | 3,600.00 | 6,785.97 | 4,000.00 | 10,785.97 |
| Estimated year end balance 2019/20 | | | | 6,785.97 | | | | |

Decision: Proposed by Cllr S Cooper and seconded by Cllr T Wooldridge that the precept be set at £4000. Agreed by all.

19/136.Correspondence/Communication with Parish Council

Response from planning enforcement re: St Bartholomews Church

I am emailing you in relation to the complaint received via the Parish Council relating to the erection of fencing on land adjacent to St Bartholomews Church which I visited yesterday. There are a couple of matters in relation to this fencing which I have outlined below.

I've checked planning history on the site and there is no designated parking area outside of the curtilage of the church (roughly defined as the tree line around the church's boundary) as far as I can see, and the land outside of the curtilage has always been a separate parcel of land that has never officially been adjoined to the church. As such, whilst this area may have been used for sporadic parking in association with the church previously, erecting a fence to stop this is not considered to be a breach of planning control. If there a dispute over the ownership of the land, this would be a private/civil matter between the relevant parties and not something the Council would be able to assist with. With regards to the Public Rights Of Way (PROWs), whilst any obstruction of these would be a matter for Gloucestershire County Council, I can confirm that there is a gap at the end of the fence closest to the church and all PROW routes here are still accessible for people on foot. Vehicles would be restricted from this land when the gate is closed, however, the Kingscote Footpath 39 travels through the field to the west and not along a road/ highway. As such, it wouldn't appear it was ever designated for vehicles and, as such, I don't believe the erection of the gates would be considered obstructing it.

Finally, whilst I didn't measure it, the fencing wouldn't appear to exceed 1m in height and therefore would not require planning permission.

Email from parishioner:-

I note from the minutes of the 9th July 2019 Kingscote Parish Council that Councillor Bennett was neither present nor listed as having offered his apologies and that Tony Wooldridge is listed as being present at that meeting as a councillor. The Council's web page also shows Tony Wooldridge as a councillor

I can find no Kingscote Parish Council minute nor agenda item which relates to the appointment of

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Tony Wooldridge as a councillor nor the apparent departure of Cllr Bennett.
Please will you provide details of how Tony Wooldridge became a parish councillor?

Clerk replied with copy of uncontested election results 2nd May 2019

Consultation on the new Audit Code of Practice Part Two
NALC have submitted following comment: - There is a difficulty for smaller local councils of the potentially high and disproportionate cost on a small authority when a concerted number of electors decide to raise a high number of minor / technical objections of a vexatious nature. We want to support the continued principle of proportionality (i.e. a lighter-touch for smaller bodies) and of safeguards to contain excessive fees brought about by habitual complainers.

CDC correspondence

- More money for museum
- Go ahead given to convert Cirencester pub into flats
- Council seeks specialist to take on climate emergency role
- New launch date for improved waste service

19/137.Planning

a) applications for comment - none

19/138.Parish Council to organise Litter Picking

It was agreed in principle that this is an initiative the council should be doing, ideally in the spring.
Clerk to contact insurance company to find out what cover is in place regarding volunteers working on behalf of the council.

Cllr T Wooldridge will organise such an event.

19/139. Repairs to Boundary Dry Stone Wall – Kingscote Village Hall

3 quotations received

- J Smith £180
- D Francis £572
- All Seasons £280-£360

Decision: Proposed by Cllr S Cooper and seconded by Cllr T Wooldridge that J Smith be instructed to carry out works. Agreed by all,
Cllr S Cooper or liaise with J Smith

19/140. Speed of Vehicles within the village, especially around the corner by the Church

Cllr T Wooldridge reported:

- Several parishioners have commented to me about the speed at which some vehicles come around the corner near the church. This is a danger for those coming out of Back Lane - and crossing the path of such vehicles.

Could we discuss possible ways to prevent excessive speeds through the village? One possibility would be a speed limit e.g. 20 mph. Currently there is only the national speed limit (60mph) in force.

- Traffic speed seems to be a more widespread concern, because this evening I was contacted by a parishioner in Bagpath who is worried about the speed of traffic along the road between Windy Corner and Scrubbetts Bagpath. Also, the plastic signs along the roadside marking the edge of the steep drop down to Bagpath Court have mostly been broken, and this is felt to be a safety issue.

It was noted that due to the prohibitive cost of a traffic order to change the speed limit within the village, other measures were needed.

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Council asked Cllr S Hirst (Glos CC) for

- 3 x 'reduce speed' signage at post nr Matara (post shows road narrowing); Windmill Lane junction and one by Village Hall
- White Lines at junction of Windmill Lane
- Reinstatement of plastic signs in Bagpath denoting the steep drop down

It was further suggested that Hedgehog signs could be placed near the Church, as recently such animals have been run over.

Cllr T Wooldridge is attending 'Decreasing Speed; Increasing Road Safety' will be held on Thursday, 14th November 2019 from 6pm to 8pm at the Westwoods Centre in Northleach

19/141. Painting of Phone box

Cllr S Cooper reported that the subject of the phone box came up at the council meeting on Tuesday, specifically on the condition of the paint. I have just been to check it and, although the paint is peeling in a few places, in my opinion it is not yet in such a bad state that we need to have it repainted.

I have looked back through the council's minutes and found that it was last painted by Mr Spill in early 2015 at a cost of £300. I suggest we keep an eye on it and review the situation next year, unless there is a rapid deterioration before then.

Agreed by all

19/142. Items to report

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

- Cllr T Wooldridge reported urgently required repairs to village bus shelter guttering. He will arrange asap
- Cllr T Wooldridge had drafted a brief note and delivered it to newcomers to the village following on from discussions regarding the welcome pack at the last meeting
- Cllr T Wooldridge reported that the flooding issue at Windy Corner had been dealt with by Highways and that a job has been raised to jet the drain at Hunters Hall
- Cllr T Wooldridge reported a metal spike has been pushed over at Hazelcote and requires removal
- Cllr S Cooper reported signage for Defibrillator is organised to go into the phone box. Signage is required in Bagpath to inform persons of location of the Defibrillator. Cllr J Bowers to ask S Bowers to put notices on boards
- Cllr S Cooper reported that Defibrillator training is to take place 11th November 19 6.30-8.30pm Village Hall. Emergency services also to attend to give out general advice
- Bagpath Common – tree survey and mapping required. Clerk to arrange
- Cllr G Nichols requested Snow Warden contacts within Glos CC

19/143. Date of next meeting 4th February 2020

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Signed.....

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