

KINGTON RURAL & LOWER HARPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING HELD AT THE BURTON HOTEL
20TH MAY 2021

PRESENT; Cllrs J Jones, G. Edwards, D. Sankey, N Evans, H Davies, P Watkins, D Williams
And County Councillor T James

88/21 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN P Watkins proposed Julie Jones, N Evans 2nd all in favour

89/21 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – left in abeyance

90/21 LADY HAWKINS SCHOOL – with the chair

91/21 KINGTON UNITED CHARITIES – with the chair.

92/21 APOLOGIES Cllrs E James, P Evans, R Titley and J Sankey

93/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST none

94/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20th March 2021 - all in favour

95/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES none

96/21 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Terry James explained that meetings on ZOOM for the past 12 months had been awful. He advised that the By-Pass had been cancelled and that HC would have to repay £12.5 million – when asked what had been spent – advised that compulsory purchasers etc. Mr James went on to advise the Council that the Children's Services were dreadful with the High Court Judge stating that it was the worst thing he had seen. Mr James went on to give examples of the actions of the persons in Children's Services and he also advised that he had warned the powers that be that there was a problem. £5.5 million has been put to cover the legal costs.

97/21 Adopt Code of Conduct)

98/21 Adopt Financial Regulations) taken on block

99/21 Adopt Standing Orders)
All in favour

100/21 Finance & Accounts	
Zurich Insurance	£281.41
Clerk's Expenses	£200.00
Clerk Use of Home as Office	£156.00
Esther Rolls refund from HMRC	£170.42*
Burton Hotel	£35.00
Internal Auditor	£60.00

Receipts Herefordshire Council	Precept	£4500.00
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*Clerk advised that she had had to pay an extra ordinary amount of money in tax to HMRC but during a telephone conversation, was advised that she was due a refund of £170.42. This money would be paid into the Council's bank account and therefore a cheque would be paid to the clerk. Clerk advised that she would check with the bank first before drawing on the bank.

Cllr N Evans proposed acceptance of the finance Cllr H Davies seconded – all in favour.

101/21 To approve Accounts for the year 2020-2021 and CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

Clerk had forwarded to all councillors the current up to date accounts, including the paperwork which needed to be agreed which was to be completed and forwarded to the external auditor.

Cllr N Evans proposed acceptance of the accounts Cllr D Sankey seconded – all in favour

102/21 Data Inspection Officer - Chair and Clerk* for information only

103/21 RISK ASSESSMENT – agreed no risks

104/21 A4111 SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION REQUEST

Clerk advised that the request for an extension of the speed limited had to come from the Council with a minuted discussion. Various comments were made, and it was agreed that there had been accidents and deaths on this piece of road and Councillors could not understand why the speed limit had not been extended – starting from Lilwall Farm, up to and including the Doctor's Surgery. Comments were made about how difficult it could be at times getting from the Surgery. It was agreed that the Council would request that the clerk would write to Richard Ball and ask for the situation to be reviewed.

105/21 PLANNING

Certificate of Lawfulness

Woodbrook Farm Kington – Barns at Woodbrook Farm Kington – certificate of Lawfulness to proposed change of use of barns from agriculture to 3 no. private residential dwellings

REFUSAL

P210224/FH DANCING DOWN, FLOODGATES, KINGTON HR5 3NG

PERMISSION

210168 GREYSTONE, BEECHGROVE, KINGTON HR5 3RH
PROPOSED TWO STOREY EXTENSION

AWAITING DECISIONS

P210593/FH THE MARSHES FARM HOUSE, THE MARSHES FARM, BULLOCKS MILL, KINGTON HR5 3SD
Erection of a single storey link room, and conversion of garage into habitable accommodation to create an annex.

210254 BEECHGROVE BUNGALOW, BEECHGROVE, KINGTON HR5 3RQ
PROPOSED EXTENSION

PLANNING 210694 HERGEST COURT COTTAGE, HERGEST COURT, KINGTON HR5 3EL

Proposed works by unblocking existing opening to allow the entire house to be occupied by single family as originally designed.

PLANNING P210316/F UNIT 7 HATTON GARDENS IND ESTATE, KINGTON HR5 3RB

Proposed single storey extension to existing industrial unit for forestry and agricultural machinery repairs and fabrication.

P211830/AM Non material amendment

Green End Cottage, Barton Lane, Bradnor, Kington HR5 3RE Proposed first floor double dormer extension to replace existing garden shed with office/studio building and single storey porch/boot room. Modifications No comment required for Council but County Councillor T James thought that might be an oversight and advised that a comment should be made. No objections.

106/21 CORRESPONDENCE

ICO Certificate

Numerous emails Lara Balfour Beatty

Balfour Beatty Notification of road closure B4362 Knill to Powys Boundary Knill

23/6/2021 BT Openreach

Zero Carbon Herefordshire Great Collaboration

Census the response has exceeded all expectations

HC Leader's newsletter

Email from Ros Tarrant regarding state of road Chickward Lane – complaint made to BB

HMRC queries regarding PAYE for 2017.

Dorcas Wedmore Blocked Footpath – this email was discussed and Giles Edward said that he was the only farmer that had oil seed rape up there, he had thought he hadn't gone over the footpaths, but would check again. Cllr J Jones said that the footpath that had an electric fence over it was owned by Knill Garaway a Mr B Davis and clerk advised to give them a ring.

David Wilkinson re Rock Cottage

107/21 Back Brook & By-Pass – Issues regarding landslip and access from by-pass

Clerk advised that she had at long last heard from the new enforcement officer David Wilkinson who advised that he had a meeting with the owner of the site and would get back to us in due course.

108/21 ROADS

Cllr J Jones reported that the road from Walton to the Womaston turn which was in Powys was in excellent condition but from the Womaston turn up and through Lower Harpton there were potholes etc. Clerk asked if the subsidence had been dealt with and Cllr Jones said no.

Cllr P Watkins reported potholes in Dunfield Lane

Cllr D Sankey reported that from beyond the Bullocks Mill Farm and down to the river there were potholes, but where the road runs up and beyond the bridge towards Lyonshall there were no potholes!

Cllr H Davies reported that the salt bins were broken in Barton Lane and needed replacing – also that there were potholes in Barton Lane.

109/21 Reports from Councillors & Officials

Cllr P Watkins reported the increase in parking charges in Mill Street - originally at Kington Primary School where the children are dropped off there were no car parking charges and that the charges only started at 9am after school had started and then stopped at 3pm. Now the charges are starting at 8am and there is chaos dropping off the children for school. The matter is not helped by the warden being present.

County Councillor T James advised that we send a letter to John Harrington of Herefordshire Council advising that we are appalled by the time change and that there are child safety issues.

110/21 NEXT MEETING TBA

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

Signed _____

Dated _____