

KINGTON RURAL & LOWER HARPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING HELD AT THE BURTON HOTEL
22nd September 2022

PRESENT; Cllrs J Jones, B Evans, P Evans, N Evans, H Davies, D Sankey, P Watkins & County Councillor Terry James

A MINUTES SILENCE WAS HELD FOR OUR LATE
QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Cllr J Jones announced the death of Cllr Elwyn James

209/22 APOLOGIES Cllrs G Edwards

210/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST none

211/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16th May, 2022 - all in favour

212/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Drains had been reported as needing cleaning out and members of the council confirmed that the work had been done.

213/22 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr James – nothing to report – all is going well (tongue in cheek!) HC is in a mess – yesterday they had the OFSTED report – it is dire -2 persons in our Parish have had their lives destroyed - HC employees have concocted stories etc and even had the matter go to the High Court with fabrication of evidence – it appears that there is a vendetta against certain people. Mr James went on a length into the matter – a grim situation.

214/22 Finance & Accounts	
Clerk's Expenses	£200.00
Burton Hotel	£35.00
RECEIPT	
HC Precept	£4500.00

All members of the Council were in favour of the Finance and Accounts

215/22 RISK ASSESSEMENT – NO RISKS CONSIDERED

216/22 KINGTON BY-PASS

County Councillor T James was asked for his help in this matter. Two or more cars are parked almost continuously on the side of the Kington By-Pass where there is no access. Mud is dragged onto the road, and any vehicle coming off the By-Pass will be driving slowly onto a major road where the speed limit is 60mph.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Herefordshire Council and ask for a NO PARKING action to be taken.

All in favour.

217/22 SPEED LIMIT ON THE KINGTON BY-PASS

Clerk advised that she had had an email from a company in Bristol who were looking into the possibility of changing the speed limit along the by-pass after the deaths of 2 people (at the crossing where Offa's Dyke passes over the road). Clerk advised that she had requested as part of their consultation a speed limit of 40mph but understood that they were going to suggest 50mph. Clerk had received several emails from residents along the By-Pass who thought it should be 40.

218/20 EXTERNAL AUDITOR

An email was received of JKLlittlejohn asking if Kington Rural & Lower Harpton wished to employ their own external auditor at their own expense. Clerk advised that she had replied NO.

219/22 BUS SHELTER ARROW VIEW

Clerk advised that the seat in the Bus Shelter at Arrow View had broken and needed to be replaced. Councillors were ask if they would pay for the seat to be replaced.

All in favour.

220/22 NOTICE BOARD AT FLOODGATES

Clerk advised that there were some minor problems with the Notice Board and requested permission to have them dealt with.

All in Favour.

221/22 PLANNING

REFUSED

222288 Land to adjacent Ashfield House, Kingswood Road, Kington HR5 3HE
Proposed construction of fully accessible bungalow

Permission

221328 Clearwell, Stanner, Kington HR5 3NL – Annexed accommodation

214273F Rushock Farm, Rushock, Kington HR5 3RZ

220813/L Hergest Court, Kington, HR5 3EL

222242 Upper House Farm, Lower Hergest, Kington HR5 3EN

PRIOR APPROVAL

221970 Agricultural Building 170m west of Kingswood Road, Kington HR5 3HF

Prior Approval

222994/PA7 Lower House Farm, Huntingdon, Kington HR5 3PU

221905/FH Dingle Cottage, Stanner, Kington HR5 3NL – we responded NO OBJECTIONS

Not yet determined

222/22 CORRESPONDENCE

External Auditor Company querying if we want to employ our own External Auditor - NO

SENT report to BB re loss of dog gate on a footpath

Reply BBHER being dealt with

SENT Highways re drainage issues in Rushock Lane

HC Remittance advise £4500

EMAILs from Paul Hunter regarding roads

Environment Westmids – this email went to Kington Town and NOT Rural – I responded that this was in our area

SAAA response – accepted our accounts x 2

SLCC re Her Majesty the Queen

Karen Jones HC – asking about PRECEPT for 2023-2024

EMAIL to planning re 2 Ferndale

EMAILS regarding speed limit on A44

West Mercia Women's Aid request for displaying their material on our notice boards

223/22 BACK BROOK AND BYPASS Item earlier in the meeting.

224/22 ROADS & LITTER

Cllr P Jones advised that A4111 from Quebbs Farm would be closed for 2 weeks.

Cllr D Sankey asked if the River Arrow could be cleared of trees and rubbish from Mill Farm

Cllr P Watkins was concerned at the loss of water in various pools and wanted a letter sent to Welsh Water to query their original licence. The levels have dropped considerably.

Cllr J Jones asked if BB could be advised again of the subsidence along the road to Lower Harpton.

225/22 NEXT MEETING TO BE ADVISED

Meeting closed at 8.33pm

Signed _____

Dated _____

