

KINGTON RURAL & LOWER HARPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING HELD AT THE BURTON HOTEL
12th DECEMBER 2024

Cllrs P Evans, D Williams, H Davies (briefly), P Watkins, Brian Evans, and County Councillor Terry James

404/24 APOLOGIES Cllrs N Evans

405/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

406/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th September 2024 - all in favour

407/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - all items on the agenda

408/24 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr James advised that the Rural Grant from the Government had been taken away but that it would not have too much impact on the County. Children Services were reported to have improved by OFSTED but some media comments did not echo this. Council Tax will be increasing.

409/24 LOCAL POLICE REPORT Not present

410/24 Finance & Accounts	
Clerk's Expenses	£500.00*
Burton Hotel	£35.00

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

411/24 RISK ASSESSEMENT – NO RISKS CONSIDERED

412/24 PRECEPT

Clerk handed round expenses spreadsheet and after discussion it was agreed that the precept for the year 2025-2026 would be the same as previous year - £9000.00

413/24 BARCLAYS BANK

Clerk advised that she had spoken at length with Barclays Business Section and had received signatory mandates for Councillors to complete. Clerk suggested that all Councillors become signatories as not all signatories were present at each meeting leaving cheques unsigned. Discussion followed and papers were handed out to all present with the view that once completed they would be returned and the clerk would advise further. Agreement that all Councillors would be (if possible) a signatory on the bank account.

414/24 PROPERTY ALONG THE BY-PASS

Clerk advised that the planning application for the property ROCK COTTAGE entry and exit and new bridge across the brook was REFUSED. Clerk advised to ask for an enforcement and also to contact environment agency regarding all the rubbish.

415/24 PLANNING

TO BE CONSIDERED

242779 ASHFIELD BUNGALOW, KINGSWOOD ROAD, KINGTON HR5 3HE
Proposed change of roof structure to include first floor extension
NO OBJECTIONS

PERMITTED & LB 233321 LISTED BUILDING CONSENT GRANTED

233320 & 233321 PARK STYLE MILL MAHOLLEM, KINGTON HR5 3PT

Proposed extension to existing listed building & proposed extension to existing listed cottage

GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

233727 Barn West of Mount Pleasant Farm, Kingswood Road, HR5 3HF Proposed passive house dwelling and detached garage

NO DECISION

242019 Land at Newburn Farm, Kington HR5 3HD

Proposed erection of five dwellings in lieu of an extant Class Q permission for five dwellings, ground mounted solar panels (relocated from roof; creation of phosphate credit bank; and ancillary works

CONSIDERED

241946 Homelands, Kingswood HR5 3HJ

Proposed new detached garage & alterations to convert existing garage space into a new bedroom

NO OBJECTIONS

416/24 SNOW CLEARING AND ROAD ISSUES

County Councillor T James said that there were no changes to the contractors handed out to farmers to clear the snow etc. Cllr B Evans advised the local resident that the outcome of the complaint to Balfour Beatty.

Discussion followed about the various road issues that had been brought to the attention of Balfour Beatty, namely the road subsidence on the road between Walton and Lower Harpton (response from BB not an issue at present) – would all works that had been requested of BB be forwarded on to the new Contractors when BB's contract was finished – County Councillor T James said that they would.

Clerk handed round photos of that lay-by at the bottom of Newton Lane and advised that BB had been informed following a complaint from a member of the public.

417/24 CORRESPONDENCE

BB Roads etc

BB Replies re requests for road works etc to be carried out.

Email complaint from a member of public re the bottom of Newton Lane – see photograph. BB informed and replied they had lots of work and would get round to it in the future

Elections office re New Voters register – applied for.

Barclays bank email and paperwork for new signatories.

Back Brook Representative nothing to report

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419/24 ROADS & LITTER

Cllr B Evans requested that the potholes in Mahollam Lane were filled in

Cllr P Evans advised that a pothole above the crossing near the Doctors' surgery was in fact filled in – he said that he had received a complaint from a member of the public and was pleased to let them know that the work had been done.

420/24 NEXT MEETING TBA

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed _____ Dated _____