

KINGTON RURAL & LOWER HARPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING HELD AT THE BURTON HOTEL
13th July 2023

Cllrs, B Evans, P Evans, N Evans, J Jones, D Williams, H Davies, County Councillor Terry James

291/233 APOLOGIES Cllr P Watkins, Cllr G Edwards

292/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

293/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17th May 2023 - all in favour

294/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None

295/23 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr James advised that the Council is moving the Library to the Shire Hall. The question was asked about the Crown Court by Cllr Jones and Cllr T James advised that the Crown Court was moving to the Magistrates Court. HC is looking for funding from Better Towns Funding. Shire Hall is the 2nd oldest court in England and there are photographs of the Judge with a black cap on during the sentencing of Herbert Armstrong convicted of poisoning his wife (from Hay on Wye). The current library is going to become a bigger museum which is a big project and it is going to house the Herefordshire Hoard.

296/23 LOCAL POLICE REPORT Not present

297/23 Finance & Accounts

Clerk's Expenses

£350.00

Burton Hotel

£35.00

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

298/23 RISK ASSESSEMENT – NO RISKS CONSIDERED

299/23 COUNCILLORS – VACANCIES discussion followed and the members said they would see if they knew anyone interested in becoming a Councillor

300/23 Clerk's Pay Rise – it was agreed that the clerk's wages would increase to £500 per month.

301/23 PLANNING

230581 Bramleys, Barton Lane, Bradnor, Kington HR5 3RE

NO DECISION YET

230324 Mickeys Orchard, Kington HR5 3EZ

NO DECISION YET

220479 Sunset Cottage, Sunset, Kington HR5 3RF

No decision yet

230828 & 230903 MILLERS HOUSE, HERGEST ROAD, KINGTON R5 3EL

No decision yet

230132 Mill House, Floodgates, Kington HR5 3NE

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

PRIOR APPROVAL

2312017/PA7 Downfield Farm – Agricultural Manure Store

TO BE CONSIDERED

230961 Park Style Mill, Mahollem

Proposed extension to north west elevation

231462 Park Style Mill, Mahollem

Proposed extension to existing listed cottage

The paperwork for these 2 applications appear to be the same, one however, being listed building application – There is a very long design and study survey and also a flood survey which would suggest that there is a 1 in 10 likelihood of flooding.

Councillors had no objections but would comment that the application was not in keeping with the listed building

231167 Land west of A4111 Kington

Proposed commercial development site (for Class B1 Light Industrial Use)

This application is not within the boundary of our Parish but close to – but for information purposes we can put in a comment – it is adjacent to the recycling unit and close to Arrow Plant with an exit onto the A4111 almost opposite the Doctor's surgery.

Councillors would request that the speed limit on the A4111 be reduced to accommodate extra vehicular useage – nearly opposite Doctor's Surgery.

302/23 CORRESPONDENCE

PFK Littlejohn confirmation of receipt of Audit Papers

PFK Littlejohn confirmation that they are still our external auditors until 2026-2027

HC 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review

Minerals Review needs an answer

Mr Trumper – Back Brook OK

HC road info weekly.

EMAIL from David Wilkinson – see below

Email from Ben Macleod Needs re item in our minutes – checked with David Wilkinson of HC Enforcement and advised that this matter not for appeal as mentioned in our minutes. Application still waiting for decision.

223150 Rock Cottage, Broken Bank, Kington HR5 3NE

We objected – *this application is going to appeal*

303/23 BACK BROOK Mr Trumper advised that all was ok with the Back Brook – a bit grey after rain

304/23 ROADS & LITTER

Cllr J Jones reported that there was rubbish on Montford Road and that the verges at the bottom of the road onto the by-pass needed cutting as the visibility splay was impaired

Cllr J Jones reported that along the A44 (going towards the Welsh Border) just on the access point to a small holding a big dip had occurred and needs filling, drivers are required to go to the middle of the road to avoid it and traffic coming the other way presents a danger.

Cllr H Davies Barton Lane potholes

Cllr J Jones the road between Walton and Lower Harpton at the bottom of Dunfield Road is breaking up.

305/23 Councillors reports NONE

306/23 NEXT MEETING 21st September 2023

Meeting closed at 8.16pm

Signed _____

Dated _____