

KINGTON RURAL & LOWER HARPTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING HELD AT THE BURTON HOTEL
20th February 2025

Cllrs D Williams, P Watkins, Brian Evans, Julie Jones, N Evans, T Bounds, G Edwards, Dean Sankey, and
County Councillor Terry James

001/25 APOLOGIES Hattie Davies, Peter Evans

002/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

003/25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th December 2024 - all in favour

004/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - all items on the agenda

005/25 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr James advised that the council tax would be 4.9% and that nothing much had happened in the Council apart from the normal workings. Huntington Caravans has gone to appeal. The Council is in a reasonable financial state in comparison with their neighbours. Children's Social Services are still horrendous – and just giving a family some help would be better than some of the decisions that have been made to take children away from their parents.

006/25 Finance & Accounts

Clerk's Expenses	£250.00
Mrs C E Rolls (clerk paid for hire of room for last meeting on her debit card and this is reimbursement)	£35.00
Burton Hotel	£35.00
Herefordshire Tree Warden Network	£30.00

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

006/25 RISK ASSESSEMENT – NO RISKS CONSIDERED

007/25 BARCLAYS BANK

To be held over to the next meeting

008/25 PROPERTY ALONG THE BY-PASS

Clerk advised she had asked for an enforcement notice to be placed on the property, but had an email stating that the applicant was appealing. Councillors discussed the dangers that the cars parking can cause and questioned whether a letter to Hereford Police could sort the problem out.

009/25 PLANNING

NO DECISION

242019 Land at Newburn Farm, Kington HR5 3HD

Proposed erection of five dwelling sin 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

PERMISSION

241946 Homelands, Kingswood HR5 3HJ

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

242779 Ashfield Bungalow, Kingswood Road, Kington HR5 3HE

Proposed change of roof structure to include first floor extension.

242768 Hostel at Dunfield House, Dunfield Farm, Dunfield

Replace existing asbestos slate tiles with natural slate on the north roof slopes only and renew lead valley gutters affected. Renew existing rooflights.

NOTE this application did not appear on the website for our consideration.

010/25 SNOW CLEARING AND ROAD ISSUES

Clerk advised that she had had a call from one of the 'snow clearing operatives' advising that he had not received the contract to undertake the snow clearing for the winter, and therefore locally villages had no snow clearing. He further advised that in fact BB had held back the contracts, and County Councillor T James advised that the matter was under review.

011/25 CORRESPONDENCE

BB Roads etc

To be noted Bullocks Mill Road Closure – work should be carried out on 25th March

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

Email from Tittley PC asking if we used a lengthsman – theirs is retiring and they are looking for someone else.

Barclays bank various correspondence re changes in the terms and conditions unfortunately not printable.

Back Brook Representative nothing to report

B Trumper – Mr trumper has managed the webpage for some time and has now decided to retire. I sent an email back thanking him for his work

TO BE NOTED

It will be necessary to have a new webpage for Kington Rural & Lower Harpton. Also Clerk will have to bill council for Faster Broadband as it has become a necessity and one that she can no longer fund. Item to be on the next agenda.

012/25 BACK BROOK nothing to report

013/25 ROADS & LITTER

Cllr J Jones reported that the hole outside the farm had been mended in 4 days. She also reported that there was still flooding and she thinks that the hedge clippings went into the river and that could be the reason. Cllr J Jones also reported that there was litter in the lay-bys along the Stanner Road.

Cllr B Evans reported that the potholes in Mahollam Lane had not been repaired

Cllr P Watkins that there was a big pothole in Church Bank in Kington

Clerk advised that she had had a call from the residents of Piccadilly regarding the stone washed down the hill.

Photographs and copy letter sent to BB were on the table. County Councillor T James advised that there was a difficult situation in Piccadilly - an impossible situation as the road is like a watercourse and he mentioned that the farmers were not in a position to be approached due to dementia.

Cllr T Bounds mentioned that the heavy traffic – lorries etc were using Barton Lane day and night and mentioned that the road being narrow was making it difficult for walkers to use it.

Cllr N Evans reported that there was a large pothole at Barton Farm and also said that the extra traffic could be from the golf club as it was doing well

014/25 NEXT MEETING TBA

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed_____ Dated_____