

Minutes for Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Kingstone. DRAFT

Present:

- 09.11.01 APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES - Cllr A Cummings not in attendance. 4 members of public in attendance. Cllr Hall did not respond to invite.
- 09.11.02 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR Mrs Rachel Rushton introduced herself to the council after submitting interesting in becoming a councillor. Councillors agreed to co-opt Mrs Rushton on to the Parish Council. Mrs Rushton signed the acceptance of office.
- 09.11.03 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER REQUESTS DISPENSATIONS. The Clerk confirmed that she had made contact with ESBC for clarification regarding discussions taking place regarding KCS as many councillors have an interest. In order for councillors to take part in discussions then ESBC advise that you put a request for a dispensation in writing to The Clerk and then this can be agreed at this section of the meeting. This dispensation could be just of that meeting or for a longer period of up to 4 years.
- 09.11.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*
- Mr Knight as if the Parish Council could recognise the work that all the parishioners have done to help with the planting. Cllr Bellenie confirmed that this would be done via the newsletter. Mr Knight looking for approval in details, possible 1000m² at the top of the playing fields. Councillors to decide exactly where they want it to take place. Cllrs Grey and Jennings to visit the site. Mr Knight explained that the plan is to invert the turf rather than using pesticides. Mark out with spray paint. Grant has been received so no extra funding is required.
- Mrs Val Laflin as if the gate be opened up for Mr Knight to drive up on to the field. Cllr Grey confirmed gate will be opened an hour beforehand. Blythe bank, needs mowing, go via Philip Atkins. Mrs Laflin mentioned Church Lane, walking with a lady that has a zimmer frame, car came down fast and when she asked for the driver to slow down she was abused.
- Mr Adam Farrington Horsefall – gave background on the Gigabit broadband scheme, government giving away vouchers. Only being given to areas that aren't going to be upgraded. Register an interest, 15 people sent back a response and said that they would be interested. At the moment it is just fibre to the cabinet. £1,500 voucher per household, £95,000 quote to install. No commitment at this stage. Businesses can get £3,500 grant. He said that it would be necessary to get involvement from the whole community.

Mrs Val Laflin said that Marchington and Marchington Woodlands have already done this, surveyed the village and have already actioned – Clerk to contact the Parish Clerk for Marchington. Happy to work with the PC.

Mrs Laflin has a copy of the survey for Marchington. Cllr Green/Rushton to work on with Mr Farrington-Horsefall.

09.11.05 TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON 21st September 2021 ARE A CORRECT RECORD – approved – Cllr Green and second by Cllr Bellenie

09.11.06 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Loxley Junction

The Clerk confirmed that the new illuminated sign is now on order. Once received the PC will need to agree what flashes up on the sign. There is limited choice with the pre-set options so the sign may need to be programmed. Cllr Bellenie gave an update on the current situation including proposal for the staggered junction. Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council also involved in working group and another meeting has been proposed with the working group. County Council Highways are currently assessing actions that can be taken.

- Defibrillators for Parish

Installation of a unit in Gratwich is being progress. The Parish Council is still looking at the Blythe area, however there needs to be a power source,

- Removal of concrete plinth

The Clerk reported that the contractor will be removing the plinth shortly and putting in the new fence. The fence will be made and painted before the plinth is removed so that it can all be done at the same time to ensure that the site remains secure.

- Flag Pole.

The Clerk provide the 3 flags that the Parish Council owns; Union, St George & Staffordshire flag.

RESOLVED: *that these would be the flags flown in the Parish.*

- Football parking

Councillors reported that there had been no issues with football parking for the last few matches and agreed take off the agenda for now.

- Community Speed Watch

The Clerk reported that volunteers had now been trained. Abbots Bromley PC has agreed to part fund a new speed monitoring device if Kingstone can part Fund - £240 per PC.

RESOLVED: *Councillors agreed to cover the cost.*

- Fencing on green near village entrance/additional white posts by school

Clerk reported that she has been in touch with Highways and confirmed that the green area at the entrance belongs to Highways. They have confirmed that the wooden posts can be replaced by the PC but they won't have any budget to put towards it. This could be white posts or the traditional wooden ones. If white posts they could be ordered at the same time as the additional ones for outside the school. Councillors agreed to replace the wooden posts with the white plastic posts.

RESOLVED: *Cllr Grey to pace out and let me know how many posts.*

- Wildflower Planting-Bulb Planting – this was covered as part of the public session
Bulb planting is taking place around the village. PC to mark out area for the wildflower planting to be done. Ground will be prepared early next year once PC has marked it out with posts.
- Newsletter
The Clerk reported that several articles had now been received and she now needed to work on format ready for distribution towards end of November. Deadline of 19th November for all copy for the newsletter.
- Maintenance of Kingstone Sign – The Clerk reported that a quote had been requested to clean the stone sign. Mr Durose to look at the sign on the way in to Kingstone.
- Parking at Shrewsbury Arms
Councillors discussed the issued. It was agreed that when rules change the marquee should be taken down. It is believed that it is currently allowed to remain in place until 2nd January 2022.

09.11.07 FOOTBALL STORAGE

Letter received from the football club with a request to install a storage unit. Formal application now received to put in a shed. Shed to be located just the other side of the new fence. Dark green metal storage shed. Need an agreement that they remove it if the club folds. Keep an eye on the upkeep of the shed.

RESOLVED *Cllr agreed that the shed could be installed, Cllr Grey to contact the club and confirm.*

09.11.08 SUPPORT FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS- put an article in the Newsletter to find out what village organisations are doing. Val to send the schedule of event.

09.11.09 FOOTPATHS – Clerk and Cllr Jennings to do another walk to assess which stiles still require work.

09.11.10 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS- apps on website. No objections received to date for the applications circulated.

09.11.11 TO RECEIVE ORAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

09.11.12 TO CONSIDER & AUTHORISE PAYMENTS OF LIST BELOW AND TO RECEIVE
FINANCE UPDATES:

Ref/Cheque No	Item	Amount - £
18/1426	Buxus Green (made at previous meeting)	£750.00
19/1427	Kingstone Village Hall (made at previous meeting)	£24.00
20/1429	Sarah Meads, Salary & expenses	£516.98
21/1430	Buxus, Grounds Maintenance	£750.00
22/1431	W H Durose, erecting flagpole	£247.20 (£41.20 VAT)
RECEIVED		
	NatWest Interest – 0.22p 30.9.2021	0.20p
Bank Account	Date of statement	Balances
Account Ref: 467	30/09/21	£24,920.39
Account Ref: 443	30/09/21	£14,136.69

RESOLVED: to make the above payments, proposed Cllr Grey, Seconded Cllr Green

BUDGET PLANNING – agree items to be include in budget planning. All councillors to email ideas for the budget

REVIEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – increase limit to £1000 for requirement of two quotations. Resolution to up the lower limit to £1000. Proposed, Nick, seconded Karen.

09.11.13 CORRESPONDENCE

- SPCA weekly newsletters
- Weekly Covid Updates received from Cllr Atkins
- Email from ESBC regarding Forum – circulated to councillors
- Email from Mr Knight regarding wild flower planting
- Email from Rocester FC regarding storage unit
- Email from Officer Lieutenancy regarding Jubilee Celebrations – beacons
- Emails from Mrs Laflin regarding bulb planting
- Confirmation for annual playground inspection

- Email from Mr Bill Bailey regarding mowing on Blythe Bridge Bank – further emails send to Highways
- Email re Uttoxeter master plan consultation
- Nick – has received an email from a resident regarding a street light near The Shrew as it seems darker than it used to be. No removal of street.

09.11.14 CLERK'S REPORT

Bollards for School Verge, - Reports have been received from councillors that a vehicle is still parking on the grass verge. Mr Durose briefed to put in extra bollards. New bollards may need to be purchased could order at the same time as those for the green area on the entrance to the village.

Flags – 3 flags already purchased

Hollington Stone Sign – Quote requested from Buxus

Hedge by the playground – Met with Cllr Bellenie to discuss hedge and getting a farmer to cut the hedge back. Cllr Green to liaise with farmer regarding cutting back of the hedge.

Auditor – Auditor, Toplis Associates to visit in November for internal audit. Date agreed as 9th November. Latest finance spread sheet providing along with several other documents that are required by the auditor. Meeting to be held on 9th November. Budget prep to be worked on.

Flag Pole – Confirmation finally received that planning permission not required for poles under 4.6 metres. Mr Durose asked to put up the flag pole but to shorten it so that it fits to these measurements.

Toilets – land after removal – Chased again as no progress from ESBC

Plinth removal – DSK have been briefed to remove the plinth and provide fencing. Awaiting confirmation of date.

SCC Footpath Log – Cllr Jennings and Clerk agreed to meet up to assess repairs already done

Loxley Crossroads – Clerk has spoken to the supplier of the sign and this has now been ordered. Awaiting delivery. Need to check display as programmed messages are limited. Need to agree with URPC. Not progress to report on the other changes to the junction although Uttoxeter Rural is looking at public loans to fund the staggered junction. Regular updates with URPC Clerk.

Newsletter – Compiling articles ready for publication later in November.

Councillor Vacancy – Email sent to interested resident and invited to meeting

Community Speed Watch – liaising with AB councillor regarding purchase of speed gun. Volunteers now trained so hopefully should be in place soon.

09.11.15 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

09.11.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Parish Council meeting will be held on 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting was formally closed at 9.32pm

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