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#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### HELD ON MONDAY 13th September 2021 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT KINGTON LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.45PM

**Present:** Cllr G Trickey (Chair), Cllr. C Armor, Cllr. M Sealy, Cllr. S Pattemore, Cllr. L Reynolds, Cllr G Tayler, County Councillor H Greenman, Mrs. Sue Hart (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

**MINUTES**

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| **54.21** | **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr A Lawer (appointment). |
| **55.21** | **Minutes**  The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th August 2021 had been circulated to all councillors. On a proposal from Cllr. Pattemore, seconded by Cllr. Amor, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Chairman, Cllr. Trickey, sign the Minutes as a true record. |
| **56.21** | **Declarations of Interest**  There were no declarations of interest. |
| **57.21** | Matters Arising from Parish Council meeting on 9 August 21Minute 34.21: Enforcement issue opposite Lipgate (rubble / high fencing) ACTION: Clerk to follow up status. UPDATE: email received from Allan Brown saying he would review it on his return from holiday at the end of August and an update saying he planned to visit the area the following day (14 September).  **ACTION:** Clerk to report outcome at next Council meeting. Minute 34.21: Cattle escaping onto Byway34/34A from Lypgate Farm ACTION: Cllr Trickey to follow up whether any further Police action had been taken.  UPDATE: Cllr Trickey said the Countryside Officer had only just returned from holiday but no cattle have been reported as escaping over last month. **Item Closed.** Minute 106.21: Large tractor bucket left on the verge opposite the Lypgate Farm. ACTION: Clerk to follow up status. UPDATE: Response from David Arnup, WC Highways, confirming letter sent to farmer however trailer with obstruction on top still blocking view around corner plus bales 4 high have now been stacked on the verge. A follow-up e-mail has been sent to David Arnup informing him that the trailer is still there.  **ACTION:** Clerk to report outcome at next Council meeting.  **Minute 29.21:** Himalayan Balsam in bank by village pond / **Minute 36.21:** Village Pond water flow & clearing self-seeded trees. UPDATE: Cllr Tayler reported that the balsam has probably all now been pulled out plus more has been cleared including the hazel tree. He has received offers of help from villagers for the next clearing day. 3 species of fish had been found inhabiting the pond – minnows, tench and sticklebacks. Some concern was expressed about the sticklebacks as they can attack the pond’s amphibians so these will be closely monitored. Thanks were expressed to both Cllrs Tayler and Armor for their work. **Item Closed.**  **Minute 39.21:** Dead Elm Tree on school ditch (and responsibility for its removal)  A reply had been received from Langley Fitzurse school saying the matter was now with Bristol Diocese as Wiltshire Council were not confirming it is the school’s responsibility to remove.  As villager Mr Edward Buchan represents the Bristol Diocese on the Bishop’s Council the Clerk had been asked to explore the situation further with him. UPDATE: No e-mail contact was available for Mr Buchan so a letter written to explain the situation and ask for Mr Buchan’s advice / involvement.  **ACTION:** Clerk to report outcome at next Council meeting  Cllr Armor also reported that there would be a working party on **Saturday 25 September** to clear around the big tree in front of the school on the Common to enable the grass cutters to keep it maintained.  **Minute 52.21:** Hit or Miss Deterioration plus bonfire smoke at Lower Common. ACTION: Cllr Trickey followed this up directly with the resident who raised the issue.  UPDATE FROM CLERK: Neighbours at Whiterails have expressed concern about interior ceilings and that a buddleia is now growing out of a window and have provided pictures of the rear of the building plus the overgrown areas. Councillors agreed that an internal inspection was needed.  **ACTION:** Clerk to put together a letter to the owners plus an update to the Conservation Officer. |
| **58.21** | **Clerk’s Report – Sue Hart**  The following items for monitoring were carried forward from 12Jul21 Parish Council Meeting:  **Traffic Survey** – Cllr Reynolds will continue to monitor this in conjunction with Kington St Michael Parish Council and will report to the Council with any updates. **Item Closed.**  **Days Lane Ditch to be cleared.** The owner has been approached and is aware of the problem. No further updates. **Item Closed.**  **Overhanging trees along Plough Lane**. There are some ongoing areas still for review and Cllr Tayler said that there are dead trees along the wall at the top of Plough Hill so he would follow up what action may be needed. **ACTION:** Cllr Tayler to report outcome at next Council meeting  **Untidy Ditch** – Residents have agreed that the ditch adjacent to Old Chapel Field will be maintained when they have the equipment. **Item Closed.**  **Days Lane seeded patches.** Cllr Sealy agreed to assist with rolling as soon as the trailer has been cleared. Once done Cllr Pattemore to ask grass contractors to include this area on their contract.  **ACTION:** Cllrs Sealy and Pattemore to report if still outstanding by next Council meeting  **Drain in Parkers Lane in need of attention**. Parish Steward aware. **Item Closed.**  **Car parking on grass opposite Greathouse.** Now only an intermittent problem. **Item Closed.**  **Car parking overnight at Kilvert’s field.** Councillors were not aware that this was an ongoing issue. **Item Closed.** |
| **59.21** | **Planning**  **(a) Wiltshire Council Decisions**   * **20/09635/FUL** Sundial House, Swindon Road – Proposed internal & external alterations incl addn of ensuite / roof-lights, reconfiguration of ground / first floors. Adjustments to gable – APPROVED with Conditions * **20/11364/LBC** Sundial House, Swindon Road – Proposed internal & external alterations incl addn of ensuite / roof-lights, reconfiguration of ground / first floors. Adjustments to gable – APPROVED with Conditions * **PL/2021/05753 Whitelands Farm – variation of conditions – APPROVED with Conditions** * **PL/2021/05777** Old Chapel Fields Plough Lane – Hedge & conifer tree work – No Objection * **PL/2021/06893** Highfield House, Parkers Lane – Fell 1 ash tree – No Objection   **(b) Applications for Consideration**   * **PL/2021/06653** The Stable, Middle Common – Erection of a garage. **It was resolved to OBJECT to this application.** * **PL/2021/07858** Highfield House, Parkers Lane – Erection of freestanding greenhouse behind garage. **It was resolved to SUPPORT this application.** * **PL/2021/07875** Middle Common – Change of use of existing building to a separate dwelling. **It was resolved to OBJECT this application but councillors agreed to visit the site for further review following a request by the applicant before giving feedback to Wiltshire Council.** * **PL/2021/08418** Upper Lease House, Parkers Lane – Proposed works to trees: fell diseased silver birch / fell sycamore / reduce silver birch height. **It was resolved to SUPPORT this application.** * **PL/2021/08588** Works to trees in Days Lane. **It was resolved to SUPPORT this application.** |
| **60.21** | **Chair’s Report – Cllr Trickey**  Cllr Trickey encouraged councillors to come up with suggestions for use of the £6,000 grant money - to be discussed in the Finance item (reference Item 9 on the agenda). |
| **61.21** | **Wiltshire Council Report – Cllr H Greenman**  Cllr Greenman noted that Wiltshire Council has had an underspend of some £1.7 million. In addition the Government is giving Wiltshire Council a grant of £20,301 million as a Hardship and Emergency fund.  Cllr Greenman drew attention to the current shortage of planning staff meaning that some employees were managing more than twice their usual number of applications. |
| **62.21** | **Finance**  **The Finance Report had been circulated to councillors.**   1. **Receipts since 30th July 2021**  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | July 2021 | No receipts | £0-00 | |  |  |  | |  | Total | **£0-00** |      1. **To approve the following payments since 9th August 2021 meeting**  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Chq No.** |  |  | | 1944 | Clerk Salary – September 21 | £668.13 | | 1945 | Bawden Grass Cutting Monthly Invoice 24569 | £769.37 | | 1946 | Clerk – Stationery / stamps | £13.95 | |  |  |  | |  | **TOTAL** | **£1,451.45** |     Invoices for the above cheques were inspected by the signatories. On a proposal from Cllr. Reynolds seconded by Cllr. Sealy **IT WAS RESOLVED** that cheques 1944-1946 be approved for payment.  **Defib Account**  There were no credits or payments from the account during the month.  **Direct Debits Paid**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Direct Debit – 6 monthly** |  | | 1 Sep 21 | Public Works Loan Board | £994.87 |   **(c ) Bank Account Balances as at 31 August 21:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Deposit account No. 7020575 | £13,053.37 | | Current Account 0218248 | £15,593.92 | | **Total** | **£28,647.29** | |  |  | | Defib Account 61503568 | £212.60 |   Note- Balances include £6,000 grant money.   1. **To consider disposition of £6,000 grant money**   The £6,000 grant money comprises £5,000 from the Area Board plus £1,000 from Tesco Bags of Help fund. The original plan had been to spend this on school parking and a discussion took place on the congestion around the school and how to communicate with parents the need for more courteous parking. The need for parking hasn’t gone away.  **ACTION:** Cllrs Sealy and Armor agreed to draft a leaflet in conjunction with the school for putting on parked cars.  Alternative suggestions for the money were put forward. Cllr Armor suggested a contribution to a new classroom at Langley Fitzurse School. Cllr Pattemore suggested that areas of the byway are badly in need of maintenance following water erosion.  **ACTION:** Councillors were asked to submit their ideas to the Clerk prior to the next Council meeting in October to establish whether an Agenda item is needed. |
| **63.21** | **Correspondence Received**   * From Cllr. L Reynolds – an updated CSW Report including large number of speeding vehicles * Notice that St Modwen Developments construction work would be starting on Unit 6 from 30 Aug 21 – forecast finish April 22. * From Wiltshire Council Highways – the Clerk has forwarded to councillors a large number of notices for projected roadworks over next 18 months * From Union Chapel – a thank you card for the Parish Council annual donation |
| **64.21** | **Exchange of information**   * Whilst not within the Parish boundary it was noted that the footpath from the Plough to Morrisons was deteriorating. Cllr Greenman said this would be a CATG request. It was also noted there was a lot of overgrowth that needed to be cut back. * Speeding on the Kington St.Michael road needs to be raised again. Cllr Reynolds has been checking when the equipment can be installed to measure the number of vehicles and their speed but unusually hasn’t yet had a reply. The whole road is getting increasingly dangerous. * Cllr Sealy has had a meeting at St Modwens and an invitation has been extended to the Parish Council to view the finished building. Unit 6 is just starting and is already pre-let. Landscaping was following the “Park Code” and access will be made onto the road. Cllr Sealy has raised the need for cycling access which he thought fell within the Park Code. * The Clerk noted that BT telephone lines had been disconnected following the telegraph pole fire at Days Lane opposite Cradley on Bank Holiday Monday 30 August resulting in no landline or broadband access for approximately 20 houses in the area. There was still no commitment from BT / Open Reach to a reconnection date even though it has been categorised as a “Major Outage”. |

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE -** Monday 11 October.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 21.31 PM**