

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT THE UNION CHAPEL, MIDDLE COMMON, COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM

Present: Cllr G Trickey (Chair), Cllr. C Armor, Cllr. Lawer, Cllr Pattemore, Cllr. Sealy, Cllr Tayler, County Cllr H Greenman and Mrs. Sue Hart (Clerk)

Public Participation

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Unitary Councillor Update – County Cllr Howard Greenman said that Wiltshire Council Local Plan's current consultation (Regulation 19) was under review. There had been a reduction in the housing requirement of almost 9,000 houses as the county was doing well on meeting its housing supply. With reference to the requirement for 'large villages' to meet specific housing supply targets, he explained that the definition of a large village was one which was 'sustainable' as in having amenities like a shop, school, place of worship, etc. He also noted that the Christian Malford Speed Indication Device had recorded a top speed of 116 mph.

058.23	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. G Watson (holiday abroad), Cllr L Reynolds (family member sickness). On a proposal from Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr. Tayler, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the councillors' apologies.
059.23	Declarations of Interest: In accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council's adopted Standing Orders – To receive declarations of any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda. There were no declarations of interest.
060.23	Minutes – To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 August 2023. On a proposal from Cllr Lawer, seconded by Cllr. Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record.
061.23	Planning Applications - Clerk New Applications for Consideration: PL/2023/06779 Grafton, Plough Lane – Extensions & alterations to existing dwelling including additional vehicular access (Deadline for comments extension granted to 13 September 23) Discussion centred on the impact of the large side extension on the neighbouring property and the justification for needing a second exit onto the highway. On a proposal from Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr. Armor, IT WAS RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application. Planning Updates: None Wiltshire Council Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement Updates: PL/2023/04784 Highway Verge, Plough Lane Proposed works to trees in conservation area Decision: No objection PL/2023/05689 Yew Tree Cottage, Days Lane – Proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Decision: No objection PL/2023/05820 The Cottage, 1 Church Road – Proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Decision: No objection PL/2023/06485 Chedds Cottage, Upper Common – Proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Decision: No objection PL/2023/05016 – Kington Farm, Kington St Michael – Replacement office building Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/06222 Pound House, Ashes Lane, Upper Common – Proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Decision: No objection

062.23	Matters Arising from 10 July 23 Parish Council meeting (carried forward from 14 Aug 23 Meeting) 025.23 Matters Arising from 2 May 23 Parish Council meeting - 008.23 The Stables at Lime Tree Farm ACTION: Cllr Greenman was asking Planning Enforcement to assess the site regarding the unresolved enforcement issues. The new Enforcement Officer was Sean Williams who had assigned Nick McCamphill to undertake a review. 027.23 Clerk's Report - Mobility scooters' footpath access ACTION: Cllr Trickey to check with Wiltshire Council whether there was a specification for slopes built from a footpath to a road for pushchair and mobility access. Cllr Pattermore noted that in the interim tarmac had been laid over the holes by the Parish Steward. 033.23 Correspondence sent / received Overgrown hedge and patch of grass verge near the bottom of Silver Street ACTION: Clerk following up with Wiltshire Council and Green Square plus the electricity board as the large shrub was now growing through the power cable. 044.23 Footpaths & Rights of Way Update The Clerk had spoken to the Rights of Way officer regarding whether the bridleway route from the old Plough Inn to the A350 had been moved. The owners of the site were recommended to follow up directly with the Rights of Way officer. ITEM CLOSED. 050.23 Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Vegetation overgrowing the road on both sides of the bend by St. Peter's Church. The Clerk said that the slow sign by the church, which had still not been painted, was on Highways list but it would need traffic management so was waiting to be scheduled with other work in the area. This may also apply to cutting the sides of the road. ACTION: Clerk to check with Highways.
063.23	Chair's Report • Red Barn Solar Farm Proposal: Cllr Trickey had received an e-mail from Eden Renewables saying they would soon be starting trial trenching for archaeology at the solar farm site on the fields west of the A350. The Parish Council has also been informed that the site of the allotments has been moved further away from Kington St Michael (an updated plan is on their website). • Cllr Trickey had also received a call from Eden Renewables explaining that the possible entrance / exit routes that the Parish Council had proposed directly onto the A350 were not considered to be safe. • Kin House Speed Reduction to 30 mph: A site visit had been made by Kirsty Rose, Wiltshire Council's Principal Engineer Manager, the Chair, Cllr Lawer and the owner of Kin House. A very comprehensive and useful report had been produced and a traffic survey is currently being carried out.
064.23	Clerk's Report • The Clerk had received and agreed under delegated powers on behalf of the Parish Council use of Middle Common on 10th August for parking associated with a charity raising event, to place stalls on the Mound in front of St Peter's Church on 16th September. She had also received notification that an event for Mission Area Wild Church on 17th September meant that groups of people would be walking round Middle Common following a trail from the church to the common, then the pond, then to the school and back to church. • She had received an acknowledgement from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the rough sleeper at the A350 bus stop saying he had asked the neighbourhood inspector to investigate further. • KClimate change - as Cllr Watson was on holiday he had produced an update for councillors, specifically: ○ An email had been sent to Sutton Benger Parish Council asking whether councillors would be interested in extending the scheme to their parish ○ Cllr Watson had reviewed options for handling the No Mow Areas - to be covered separately on the agenda.
065.23	Community Speedwatch and Speed Indication Device Updates - Cllr Trickey

	Community Speedwatch report. Cllr Reynolds had reported that the Neighbourhood Watch team were rained off quite a lot during the month of August. From 31st July – 19th August the team was roadside for 6h 55m. During that time, they recorded 1,321 vehicles with 39 speeders (36+ mph) of whom 4 were travelling at over 40 mph. Middle Common Speed Indication Device Update: Cllr Trickey said that the police are now taking data from the approximately 85 locations across Wiltshire where SIDs were installed, and it would provide them with input to follow up with more focused policing. Some 5,855 Speed Awareness Courses had been undertaken in the county, with 769 fines and 79 summonses.																	
066.23	Footpaths & Rights of Way Update - Cllr Sealy Cllr Sealy reported that work had been done by St Modwen contractors on clearing the Right of Way by the St Modwen Industrial Park. He was still discussing with them the provision of help regarding clearing Byway 34A.																	
067.23	Grass Cutting - No Mow Areas - Cllr Trickey Cllr Armor reported that his experience of strimming one of the No Mow areas on Middle Common had been that it was beyond the capacity of a normal domestic strimmer. However, if the grass cutting contractor could cut the areas, it was not that difficult to rake them. He noted that there were mixed reactions regarding the No Mow areas. Following discussion, on a proposal from Cllr Armor, seconded by Cllr Pattemore, IT WAS RESOLVED to: 1. Ask Bawdens to cut all the areas at their next (September) visit and to do a second cut at their last (October) cut of the year. 2. Ask Cllr Watson to propose which areas should be raked, if necessary, following the second cut and which areas to leave. 3. Cllr Watson to inform villagers of the No Mow experience for year 1 at the end of the season. ACTION: Cllr Pattemore to review item (1) with the grass cutting contractors. ACTION: Cllr Watson to provide feedback to councillors on items (2) and (3).																	
068.23	Dennis Gill's Legacy - Cllr Trickey Cllr Armor had obtained quotes on various commemorative stones which it had been previously suggested could be placed at either end of Byway 34A in recognition of Dennis Gill's substantial legacy to the Parish Council. It was suggested that this should be limited to a budget of about £800 and Cllr Armor agreed to do further research. Cllrs Tayler and Cllr Lawer said they would also see if they could come up with other stonemasons' names. ACTION: Cllr Armor, Cllr Tayler and Cllr Lawer to follow up.																	
069.23	Finance Report – Clerk (a) Transactions since last report on 14 August 2023: Receipts (to Current Account): None Direct Debits made from Current Account: None Transfers from Deposit Account: None Receipts (to Deposit Account): No interest reported at time of meeting. (b) To approve the following payments to be made online to: <table><tr><td>11 Sept 23</td><td>Union Chapel – Donation for use on 11 Sept23</td><td>£21.00</td></tr><tr><td>11 Sept 23</td><td>Bawden grass cutting – Invoice 28565 (30 Aug 23)</td><td>£1,149.00</td></tr><tr><td>11 Sept 23</td><td>PFK Littlejohn LLP: Payment of external audit (Includes VAT of £63.00)</td><td>£378.00</td></tr></table> Defibrillator Account – There were no payments or receipts. (c) To review bank account balances on 11th September 2023 <table><tr><td>Current Account 0218248</td><td>£1,380.13</td></tr><tr><td>Deposit account No. 7020575</td><td>£15,714.11</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£17,094.24</td></tr><tr><td>Defib Account 6150356</td><td>£712.60</td></tr></table> On a proposal by Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED that the online payments and	11 Sept 23	Union Chapel – Donation for use on 11 Sept23	£21.00	11 Sept 23	Bawden grass cutting – Invoice 28565 (30 Aug 23)	£1,149.00	11 Sept 23	PFK Littlejohn LLP: Payment of external audit (Includes VAT of £63.00)	£378.00	Current Account 0218248	£1,380.13	Deposit account No. 7020575	£15,714.11	Total	£17,094.24	Defib Account 6150356	£712.60
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	Financial Report be approved. (d) Report from External Auditors - Update The Clerk reported that she had received the External Auditor's Report and Certificate for the 2022/23 Accounts which had been signed off without any points for attention. (e) 2023/24 Precept - mid-year update (draft review for councillors) Councillors had been sent copies of the 2023/24 budget at the 5 month point for review prior to the 6-month Half Year Report. Minor points were noted for revision, namely the budgets for the Tree Inspection and the amount to be allocated to the purchase of a Christmas Tree now that the local nursery's supply of large trees was nearly gone. ACTION: Clerk to finalise the 6-month position for the next Parish Council meeting.
070.23	Parish Council Meetings - Review of Meeting Location for Autumn / Winter 2023 and 2024 In view of the fact that it had been really cold in the Union Chapel for the Parish Council meetings held during the previous winter, it was agreed that as the move from the Village Hall had primarily been made to accommodate the extra space needed for COVID 19, it would now be more appropriate for Parish Council meetings to return to the Village Hall given the better acoustics plus the availability of Wi-Fi and display screens. On a proposal by Cllr Armor, seconded by Cllr Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED that the village hall committee room would be booked starting from November 2023. ACTION: Clerk to book the village hall for November and December 2023 and to inform Mr Tony Shepherd, Union Chapel, of the change. ACTION: Clerk to propose dates for Parish Council meetings throughout 2024 for the next meeting.
071.23	Correspondence sent / received The clerk had received an e-mail from a villager concerned that Himalayan balsam was making its way up the Days Lane ditch almost as far as Wayside Close. Cllr Pattemore had contacted the grass cutting contractor to ask if he can take action to treat it. ACTION: Cllr Pattemore to inform the Parish Council of Bawdens' response.
072.23	Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting - A councillor pointed out that ivy is now damaging the roof of the old Plough Inn which is starting to suffer. However, the Chair pointed out that as the building was now in private hands the Parish Council would not be able to follow up. - Councillor Greenman said that - He was following up the report from Cllr Tayler regarding litter in the A350 layby. - The next Chippenham Community Area Parish Forum would be held in the Kington St Michael Village Hall on 18th October starting at 7 pm . - He had feedback from Hullavington Parish Council to say that moving their SID had resulted in getting extra data. - It had been reported that Wiltshire Council's accounts hadn't been fully audited for some years. This was because Deloitte's had found points they had not been prepared to sign off. However, Wiltshire Council's accountants would need to go back to 2015 to resolve the historical issue and that as new auditors have been appointed it was likely that they would start from a new baseline from now on. - Cllr Pattemore reported that the pond was starting to look very overgrown. Cllr Tayler said he would follow up. ACTION: Cllr Tayler to report back to the next meeting.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 9th October 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Union Chapel.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 22:00 pm