

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023 AT THE UNION CHAPEL, MIDDLE COMMON, COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM

Present: Cllr G Trickey (Chair), Cllr. Lawer, Cllr Pattemore, Cllr. Sealy, Cllr Tayler and Mrs. Sue Hart (Clerk)

Public Participation

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

Unitary Councillor Update – County Cllr Howard Greenman was unable to attend the meeting.

073.23	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C Armor (school meeting), Cllr. G Watson (sickness), Cllr L Reynolds (family member sickness). On a proposal from Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr. Pattemore, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the councillors' apologies.
074.23	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.
075.23	Minutes – To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 September 2023. On a proposal from Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr. Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record.
076.23	Planning Applications - Clerk New Applications for Consideration: PL/2023/07481 Mole End, Parkers Lane, Middle Common Proposed works to trees in conservation area Decision: Awaited (Info only – past deadline) Planning Updates: None Wiltshire Council Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement Updates: Appeals: Planning appeal decision – Appeal Ref APP/Y3940/W/23/3315601 - The appeal was Allowed, and planning permission granted for use of site for stationing of 44 statics for holiday purposes at Plough Lane Caravan Site, Plough Lane, Kington Langley SN15 5PS in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref PL/2021/06167, dated 16 June 2021, subject to the conditions set out in the schedule attached to the appeal decision. Decisions: PL/2022/09407 The Stables, Lime Tree Farm Removal or variation of a condition – 19/09467/FUL. Decision: Approve with Conditions It was noted the Officer's Report associated with this application had been particularly thorough and comprehensive and Cllr Greenman was asked to pass on the Parish Council's appreciation. PL/2023/04626 8 Plough Lane – Alterations and extensions to existing building. Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/05566 Heathlands, Malmesbury Road – Proposed storm porch, detached garage, first floor rear and side extensions. Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/07023 Ivy House, Middle Common Proposed works to trees in conservation area Decision: No objection

077.23	Chair's Report • Red Barn Solar Farm Proposal: Cllr Trickey said the Red Barn Solar Farm planning application had not yet been received therefore it would be on the agenda for the November Parish Council meeting. • LHFIG Update: ○ Plough Lane crossroads: There were two sites proposed for consideration of funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy and the A350 Plough Lane traffic lights pedestrian crossing was one of them. If that fails, financing will be sought from the Substantial Project Fund. ○ Kin House Speed Reduction and Planning Application: <i>Results of the Traffic Survey were only received after the meeting and so will be discussed at the November meeting.</i> Cllr. Trickey had discussed at the LHFIG meeting the desire of the Parish Council for a 30-mph speed limit around that area and informally this was supported by many of the attendees and the Chair. It is anticipated that the traffic improvements recommended by the Principal Highways Engineer (Kirsty Rose) will be included in the planning application by Kin House for their café and shop. Cllr. Trickey also discussed with LHFIG additional measures that could be taken to try to reduce the speed of traffic and a bid for joint funding of this additional work from LHFIG could be submitted for implementation from next year's LHFIG budget. The Highways Department do have a separate group that are responsible for reviews of Planning Applications (Highways Development) from a highways perspective, and it is recommended that the Parish Council should include them in any responses to Planning Applications involving changes to Highways. Kirsty Rose's (LHFIG) report can be included in any Parish Council response to the Kin House planning application when it is submitted. Kin House is soon moving to the next stage of the café / shop application at which point they will be likely to launch a social media campaign in conjunction with the Parish Council to gain support from villagers for the proposed traffic calming measures. ○ Resident Feedback: An e-mail had been received from a resident in the vicinity of Kin House expressing disappointment that the reduction in speed limit had not been supported. Additional suggestions, including traffic calming were made plus the additional point that it was not just crossing at Kin House which should be considered but also more focus given to entry to the village from the Draycott Straight and the bends in front of Manor Cottages. • A350 Bus Stop - Rough Sleeper: There had been quite a lot of activity in the past month by Wiltshire Council. The rough sleeper had been given notice and once he had left and removed all his personal belongings Wiltshire Council then did a complete collection of all the remaining rubbish, so it was briefly back in use as a bus stop. However, within days the rough sleeper was back and Wiltshire Council have advised that as they do not own the bus shelter, they will not be able to move on the rough sleeper again. Wiltshire Council had suggested boarding it up but councillors felt that the shelter does need to be available for its intended purpose. Locking it at night was suggested but would be difficult to manage. • ACTION: Clerk to investigate the history of the bus shelter and who paid for and erected it given Wiltshire Council say they don't own it. To be put on the agenda for the November Parish Council meeting.
078.23	Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from 11 September 23 Parish Council meeting 025.23 Matters Arising from 2 May 23 Parish Council meeting - 008.23 The Stables at Lime Tree Farm Cllr Greenman was asking Planning Enforcement to assess the site regarding the unresolved enforcement issues. ACTION: Clerk - A letter should also be written to Enforcement. 027.23 Clerk's Report - Mobility scooters' footpath access 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. A specification had been received from LHFIG and this will be compared with the Planning Permission already given for a new house on land behind Old Chapel Field when it is carried out. ITEM CLOSED. 033.23 Correspondence sent / received Overgrown hedge and patch of grass verge near the bottom of Silver Street. ACTION: Clerk - ongoing. 067.33 Grass Cutting - No Mow Areas - Cllr Trickey. Actions covered by item on the agenda. 068.23 Dennis Gill's Legacy - Cllr Trickey. Actions covered by item on the agenda. 070.23 Parish Council Meetings - Review of Meeting Location for Autumn / Winter 2023 and 2024. Actions covered by item on the agenda. 071.23 Correspondence sent / received. Himalayan balsam was making its way up the Days Lane ditch

	and grass cutting contractor contacted to take action to treat it. Cllr Pattemore reported that the plants have now been sprayed. ITEM CLOSED. 072.23 Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting. The village pond was starting to look very overgrown. Cllr Tayler has already done some clearing and could do with 2-3 helpers to carry on with the work ACTION: Cllr Tayler to report back to the next meeting.															
079.23	Community Speedwatch and Speed Indication Device Updates - Cllr Trickey Community Speedwatch report: There was no Community Speedwatch Report for September. Middle Common Speed Indication Device Update: Cllr Trickey said numbers had been consistent with the average except that there had been an increase in the number of vehicles during the month (1400 eastbound and 1044 westbound). There had been several incidents on the A350 and surrounding area which had resulted in high volumes of traffic coming through the village. Maximum speed on Wednesday 27th September at 16:00 eastbound was 61 mph and on Wednesday 4th October at 20:00 westbound at 56 mph. It was noted that during the A350 dual carriageway incidents there was 2-mile stretch where emergency vehicles could not get through.															
080.23	Footpaths & Rights of Way Update - Cllr Sealy Farmer Phil Greenhill has cleared ash trees along Byway 34. The Clerk had received an email from a walker who had given detailed descriptions of KLAN11, KLAN12 and KLAN13 (footpaths near Kin House) saying they were very neglected and as they had no signposts had proved hard to find . The walks are listed in the '13 Walks Around Chippenham'. ACTION: Cllr Sealy to follow up.															
081.23	KLimate Change - Cllr Trickey (in Cllr Watson's absence) Cllr Watson had e-mailed an update for the Parish Council meeting and said he would draft an article in time for the November Parish Council meeting about experiences of the first year of reduced mowing. ACTION: Cllr Watson to circulate to councillors prior to the November meeting. Cllr Watson suggested in his e-mail that the No Mow areas that should be raked. However, it appeared likely that after the grass contractors' second mow of the areas this would not be necessary as the remaining grass would be sufficiently well spread across the areas to not need picking up.															
082.23	Dennis Gill's Legacy - Cllr Trickey (in Cllr Armor's absence) Cllrs Tayler and Cllr Lawer said the stonemasons they knew of in the past were either not in business or not suitable. It was generally felt that stone was turning out to be an expensive option and either engraved finger posts at either end of Byway 34A or a commemorative bench on the byway were suggested as alternatives. ACTION: Cllr Armor to follow up.															
083.23	Finance Report - Clerk (a) Transactions since last report on 11 September 2023: Receipts (to Current Account): <table><tr><td>12Sep23</td><td>From Deposit Account</td><td>£2,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>12Sep23</td><td>From Deposit Account</td><td>£1,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>22Sep23</td><td>Wiltshire Council – Precept Part 2</td><td>£11,743.09</td></tr></table> Direct Debits made from Current Account: None Transfers from Deposit Account: <table><tr><td>12 Sep 23</td><td>To Current Account</td><td>£2,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>12 Sep 23</td><td>To Current Account</td><td>£1,000.00</td></tr></table> Receipts (to Deposit Account):	12Sep23	From Deposit Account	£2,000.00	12Sep23	From Deposit Account	£1,000.00	22Sep23	Wiltshire Council – Precept Part 2	£11,743.09	12 Sep 23	To Current Account	£2,000.00	12 Sep 23	To Current Account	£1,000.00
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	Transfers from Current Account to Defibrillator Account: None (b) To approve the following payments to be made online: <table><tr><td>9 Oct 23</td><td>Union Chapel – Donation for use on 9 October 23</td><td>£21.00</td></tr><tr><td>9 Oct 23</td><td>Bawden grass cutting – Invoice 28720 (30 Sep 23)</td><td>£1,149.00</td></tr><tr><td>9 Oct 23</td><td>To Cllr. Reynolds for Daffodil bulbs</td><td>£48.00</td></tr></table> Defibrillator Account – There were no payments or receipts. (c) To review bank account balances on 9 October 2023 <table><tr><td>Current Account 0218248</td><td>£13,852.62</td></tr><tr><td>Deposit account No. 7020575</td><td>£12,728.79</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£26,581.41</td></tr><tr><td>Defib Account 6150356</td><td>£712.60</td></tr></table> On a proposal by Cllr Sealy, seconded by Cllr Lawer, IT WAS RESOLVED that the online payments and Financial Report be approved. (d) 2023/24 Precept - midyear update (6-month final position (Circulated)) Several minor changes had been made to last month's draft position resulting in a slight increase in reserves. On a proposal by Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED that the Mid-Year final position be approved. The internal auditor noted that the reserves were dropping year on year and that the Parish Council would be well advised to put together a 2-5-year plan.	9 Oct 23	Union Chapel – Donation for use on 9 October 23	£21.00	9 Oct 23	Bawden grass cutting – Invoice 28720 (30 Sep 23)	£1,149.00	9 Oct 23	To Cllr. Reynolds for Daffodil bulbs	£48.00	Current Account 0218248	£13,852.62	Deposit account No. 7020575	£12,728.79	Total	£26,581.41	Defib Account 6150356	£712.60
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084.23	Parish Council Meetings - Review of Meeting Dates for 2024 The Clerk had circulated a list of proposed Parish Council meeting dates for 2024. The Parish Council will move back to the Village Hall for the winter and the Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr Tony Shepherd for all the help he had given in making the Union Chapel available for the Parish Council each month. On a proposal by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Trickey, IT WAS RESOLVED that the new dates be approved. ACTION: Clerk to confirm dates with the Village Hall and confirm at the next Parish Council meeting.																	
085.23	Correspondence sent / received Cllr Armor had sent the Clerk an e-mail saying that a villager had sent him pictures of a tree on the south side of Plough Lane near Moors Close that is of concern as it could be starting to fall towards the road. ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways.																	
087.23	Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Cllr Pattemore said she would remind the grass cutting contractor that they do need to clear the path to the playing field. Cllr Sealy reminded the Parish Council that there was still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Cllr Sealy also asked whether a different format for the Annual Parish Meeting might be considered in order to get more villagers to come along. ACTION: Clerk to review what alternative formats can be considered given it is a statutory meeting.																	

NOTE: NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE AND CHANGE OF VENUE

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 13th November 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Road**

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:00 pm