

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGTON LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2024 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, KINGTON LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM

Present: Cllr G Trickey (Chair), Cllr Lawer, Cllr Pattemore, Cllr. Reynolds, Cllr. Sealy, Cllr Tayler, Cllr Watson, Mrs. Sue Hart (Clerk), Peter Giles (RFO)

Public Participation

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Unitary Councillor Update – Cllr Howard Greenman tendered his apologies as he was in London and unable to attend. He did however note he was pleased to report that Michael Gove has now dispensed with the five-year-housing-land supply metric. Cllr Greenman had an exchange with Michelle Donelan’s secretary at the last Strategic Planning committee (29th November - still on YouTube) and urged her through him to unite with the four other Wiltshire MPs to engage with Michael Gove as a matter of urgency to secure the four-year-housing-land-supply which he felt was more appropriate, and which as an authority Wiltshire has already met. He was very pleased to say that this has now happened and was reported just before Christmas. He would provide more information at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Greenman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

117.23	Apologies for absence: There were no apologies submitted. Cllr Armor was absent from the meeting.
118.23	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. Cllr Sealy declared a personal and pecuniary Interest in the planning application PL/2023/09891 Land North of St Modwen Park. Stayed but did not participate in the discussion and did not vote.
119.23	Minutes – To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 December 2023 On a proposal from Cllr Lawer, seconded by Cllr. Pattemore, IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record.
120.23	Planning Applications - Clerk New Applications for Consideration: PL/2023/09891 Land North of St Modwen Park – Erection of 2 units falling within Use Class B8 (storage and distribution) Deadline: 11 Jan 23 Councillors considered a number of areas where there was a lack of clarity in the application which needed to be addressed including: • Building heights • Sustainability, Design and Access Statement • Landscape and visual appraisal • Building external finishes / cladding and visual impact • Traffic It was noted that a Section 106 agreement had been made for the original development therefore Cllr Trickey recommended that a request should be made to Wiltshire Council to establish whether a Section 106 agreement would be appropriate for this application. There were two specific capital projects in the village to which the funds might be applied, namely, better pedestrian access at the A350 traffic lights and / or speed reduction improvements to the B4069 to the east of the village. On a proposal from Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr. Lawer, IT WAS RESOLVED to Object the application. Planning Updates: PL/2021/05822 –The Barton, Upper Common – Erect single storey wooden stable block / change use to mixed equestrian & agricultural / demolish small domestic garage and replace with similar for domestic use. Withdrawn by Applicant. Wiltshire Council Decisions, Appeals and Enforcement Updates:

	Decisions: PL/2023/07917 Greathouse, Swindon Road – Removal of condition 2 PL/2021/09764 – to allow for an updated layout to landscaping masterplan Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/08171 Limetree Farm, Middle Common – Retrospective permission for erection of shed to store essential machinery and tools for ongoing maintenance of private vineyard Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/09097 Chapel Ground, Church Lane – Proposed additional 4 roof lights to front of property Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2023/09883 Brightside, Middle Common – Proposed works to trees in conservation area. Decision: No Objection PL/2023/09529 Stocks Cottage, Middle Common – Proposed works to trees in conservation area. Decision: No Objection
121.23	Chair's Report Cllr Trickey said that he had received an e-mail from the new Internal Auditor, Chris Timbrell, saying that he would be willing to waive his annual audit fee. He had forwarded this to Councillors suggesting the Council accept Mr Timbrell's kind offer and move the current budgeted amount of £125 to another budget line. Councillors agreed with this suggestion. ACTION: Cllr Trickey to write to Chris Timbrell agreeing to his kind proposal.
122.23	Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from 11 December Parish Council meeting. The Clerk had nothing to report. Matters Arising: Dates for February and October Parish Council meetings had changed. The Clerk had updated the Village Magazine editor regarding the changed dates. ITEM CLOSED. 077.23 Chair's Report - A350 Bus Stop - Rough Sleeper Cllr Trickey said the matter was still a police issue so it was agreed this should be raised with the PCC. The Clerk had drafted a letter. To monitor. ITEM CLOSED. 087.23 Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting Added to Agenda. ITEM CLOSED. 097.23 Dennis Gill's Legacy Cllr Trickey and Cllr Armor to follow up the order and suitable signage. Added to Agenda. ITEM CLOSED. 103.23 Correspondence sent / received: Flooding in the Village. Participation in the Operational Flood Working Group North. Clerk and Chair to decide on how to participate more actively. ITEM CLOSED. 115.23 Correspondence sent / received. Received: 9th December Duke of Edinburgh award litter pick. Letter of thanks written to young villager. ITEM CLOSED. 116.23 Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting The owner of Church Farm has agreed to pay for the cost of the Christmas Tree. The Clerk had written a letter of thanks to the donator. ITEM CLOSED.
123.23	Community Speedwatch and Speed Indication Device Updates - Cllr Trickey Community Speedwatch report. There was no Community Speedwatch Report for December. Middle Common Speed Indication Device Update: Cllr Trickey noted a significant decrease (down 14% on the last 12 months average) in the number of vehicles in both directions during December. He thought this was because of the School and Christmas Holidays. The maximum speed eastbound was up by 5 mph on the previous month - on Saturday 23rd December at 17.21 at 57 mph - but the maximum speed westbound was down 6 mph - on Monday 11th Dec at 11.59 (lunchtime) at 56 mph.

124.23	Footpaths & Rights of Way Update Cllr Sealy said that recent storms had resulted in issues with fallen trees – two since the last meeting. The Byway 34 work that had been completed last year was holding up although Byway 34A and the byway known as Badger Way (opposite Kin House) are almost too boggy to be walkable. He was pleased to note the number of people walking the byway over the Christmas holiday period. A meeting would be held with Kin House during January to agree on what needed to be done to clear KLAN11.
125.23	KLimate Change Looking to the future, Cllr Watson said the Council should start taking action regarding planting more trees in the village and take the opportunity to ask residents how they would feel about trees being planted on Lower Common. Cllr Watson was asked if he would come up with a landscaping design for possible trees in areas of the commons. ACTION: Cllr Watson to suggest some designs.
126.23	Dennis's Legacy Cllr Trickey had circulated to councillors suggested signage for the Byway 34A signpost. However, following discussion it was decided that more work needed to be done on wording especially as the long citation was resulting in a rather higher payment – a quotation of £375 + VAT had been received - as it would need a bigger post. ACTION: Cllr Trickey to review reducing the wording and therefore the cost.
127.23	Annual Parish Meeting 2024 – Revised Format – Cllr Sealy A lot of discussion took place regarding the character of a possible revised event, how to communicate to villagers and how to get buy in. Suggestions included: • Encouraging village organisations to take the opportunity to display information about their activities. • Getting local business support for refreshments. • Making the event an opportunity to welcome newcomers (and even not so newcomers) to the village. It was agreed that Cllr Sealy would write an article for next village mag outlining when and where the event would be held, how the format would be different and how it would be an opportunity for village organisations to participate. ACTION: Cllr Sealy to draft article for village mag. ACTION: Cllr Trickey to put on the Parish Council website. ACTION: Clerk to cancel Union Chapel. On a proposal by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Sealy, IT WAS RESOLVED that a revised format for the Annual Parish Meeting will be implemented for the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 21 May 24.
128.23	Clerk & RFO Job Descriptions Revised job descriptions for the separate roles of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer had been circulated to councillors. On a proposal by Cllr Trickey, seconded by Cllr Reynolds, IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk's revised job description be approved. There were several minor changes suggested to the Responsible Financial Officer job description (which was a newly defined role) therefore Peter Giles was asked to produce a revised version to be finalised at the next Parish Council meeting. ACTION: Peter Giles to review the RFO job description.
129.23	Finance Report – Responsible Financial Officer (Peter Giles) (a) To note receipts since last report on 11 December 2023: Receipts (to Deposit Account):

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130.23	Correspondence sent / received. Sent: None Received: The Clerk had circulated to councillors an e-mail and attachment from idverde regarding the Great British Spring Clean which this year will be from 15th - 31st March. The initiative has received mixed responses from the village in past years. ACTION: Clerk to follow up with the villager who organised a litter pick in December to see if he would be interested. ACTION: Cllr Trickey to put separate note about the event in the village mag.																				
131.23	Exchange of information and Any Items for Consideration at Next Meeting - Cllr Pattemore raised concerns, unanimously shared by other councillors, about the unsatisfactory response to the Enforcement issue at Lime Tree Farm. The Clerk said she has submitted several requests to Enforcement over the past year and didn't believe she could add to what had already been requested. In view of the unacceptable precedent set by enforcement issues not getting dealt with when on the market It was agreed that the Chair would follow up. ACTION: Clerk to send all correspondence to Cllr. Trickey to follow up. - Cllr Pattemore raised concerns regarding the Moors Close drainage which during the recent storms had caused major flooding. The Clerk had already raised with Highways including a request to investigate whether it was caused the ditch overflowing on the neighbouring land. Councillors thought it might result from a bigger issue requiring work done underneath the road. ACTION: Clerk to chase with Highways.																				

	The Clerk said that dip in Church Lane had turned into a pond during the recent storms in spite of the two drains being there and queried why this hadn't solve the problem. It was noted that in the past there would have been ditch all down Church Lane which would have drained away storm water. Councillors thought the drains were probably silted up and would need the gulley tanker to clear it. ACTION: Clerk to submit a request for the gulley tanker and Cllr Pattemore to raise with the Parish Steward.
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NOTE: NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Committee Room at Kington Langley Village Hall, Church Road. NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE TO TUESDAY FOR THIS MONTH ONLY.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:17.