

**KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Hunters Hall**

Present: Graham Nichols (Chairman), Ben Bennett (Vice Chairman), Doug England, Brian Hillam, Richard Gale and Anna Davison (Clerk).

Guests: Mike Challis and Sue Black

Apologies: None

**Sue Black from 'People For You'**

Before the meeting was officially opened, Sue Black from 'People For You', was introduced. She gave a short but interesting introduction to the free volunteer service befriending older people in Tetbury and the surrounding area. The organization started in 2008 and is aimed at people who may be becoming isolated particularly in the rural community. Volunteers can confidentially visit and help bring the community to them as well as provide opportunities for visits out and about.

For more information contact, **Sue on 07810 630167**. Leaflets will also be available on notice boards and the Village Hall.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were read, and signed as true and accurate. Additionally, the minutes from the Extraordinary meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were signed as true and accurate.

1. i. Matters Arising:

Graham Nichols fed back with the latest information on the Anaerobic Digester at Chavenage. There was a meeting with Highways and other interested parties at the junction of Chavenage Lane with the A46. This is within the boundaries of Kingscote Parish, and there has been ongoing concern regarding road safety at this point. The application goes to Stroud District Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The Planning Officer has recommended refusal.

A letter is to be written to Stroud District Council explaining the reasons for concern.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Pot holes: It was highlighted that potholes have been on the agenda continuously for many years, yet the problem is no better. There is also on going visibility problems with the '50' signs entering the village. A letter is to be written to Richard Gray and copied to Gill Portlock and Tony Hicks. See Highways below.

**ACTION: CLERK**

ii. Matters Arising from the Parish Assembly:

**Phone box:** Ben Bennett provided quotes for the painting of the phone box in Kingscote. Keith Spill of Charfield has quoted £300 all inclusive. Ben is to give contact details to the Clerk. Work is to commence as soon as convenient, bearing in mind the winter weather.

**ACTION: Ben Bennett**

**Defibrillator:** Brian gave information from the Community Response Manager. The Clerk had details from a National Charity, Community Heartbeat Trust. The wide distribution of Parishioners brought to question how realistic investing in a defibrillator would be. It was also clear that there were other unanswered questions; ongoing running costs and the degree of training necessary in order to operate it safely had to be considered. It was decided that more information was needed; Clerk is to contact Sherston Parish Council to discuss their experiences

of purchasing a defibrillator. It is proposed to find someone knowledgeable to give a presentation at the next Parish Assembly.

**ACTION: CLERK**

2. Clerks Update:

**Footpath signage.** Mike Barton has visited the Parish and was able to immediately replace three footpath signs. Where there was no post it was not considered economically viable to send a team, so this sign may be erected in the future.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**Bagpath Common Tree Safety:** John Lloyd has visited and assessed the road leading to Scrubbetts and in fact the whole boundary of the common. His quote for the work needed was £760.00 inclusive.

The Parish Council voted to go ahead with the work.

**ACTION: CLERK**

See Highways

3. Finance:

The balance stands at approx £6,293.13 as of 4<sup>th</sup> Sept '14

Audit has been returned from Grant Thornton, nothing significant reported.

The Precept was set at £3,000 unchanged from previous years.

4. Highways:

Pot holes again, as usual, cause concern. Windmill Lane was recently assessed and substantial white markings showed where the work was to be targeted. However, now the markings have worn away and no work has been done. This is a waste of Tax payer's money and Highways time. Additionally, the '50' speed limit signposts are still hidden behind vegetation. Kingscote fought hard to get the '50' speed reduction, but now it is too difficult to read the sign.

See matters arising.

A report was made about the deteriorating 'KINGSCOTE' sign. Gillian Portlock to be contacted re cleaning / replacing it.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Clerk to contact Gillian Portlock re safety of the trees on the top side of the road leading to Scrubbetts as this is possibly the responsibility of Highways

**ACTION: CLERK**

5. Planning:

**[14/02087/FUL](#)**

**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date:** 01 July 2014

**Location:** Newington Barn, Newington Bagpath, Kingscote, Gloucestershire, ,

**Proposal:** Installation of a small scale 48kWp ground mounted solar PV array

**[14/02669/FUL](#)**

**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date:** 09 July 2014

**Location:** Clements House, Bagpath, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8YG,

**Proposal:** New extensions & garage. Amendments to Planning Permissions  
12/02468/FUL, 12/03406/FUL & 12/03994/FUL

**[14/01305/OUT](#)**

**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date:** 18 July 2014

**Location:** Scrubbets Farm Buildings, Scrubetts Lane, Bagpath, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8YG

**Proposal:** Outline application for siting of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling

**14/03494/TCONR**

**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date:** 06 August 2014

**Location:** 4 Boxwood Close, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8YR

**Proposal:** T.1 - Cherry Blossom - remove

**14/02669/FUL**

**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date:** 14 August 2014

**Location:** Clements House, Bagpath, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8YG,

**Proposal:** New extensions and garage. Amendments to Planning Permissions

12/02468/FUL and 12/03994/FUL

**14/03823/FUL**

**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date:** 16 September 2014

**Location:** Calcot House, Calcot, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8YH,

**Proposal:** Erection of garage and part change of equestrian land to domestic curtilage

**14/04780/TCONR**

**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date:** 29 October 2014

**Location:** 1 The Walled Garden, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8YP,

**Proposal:** Spruce 1 - Fell

The above planning notifications were observed.

6. Correspondence:

Mrs Cooksley has been reassured about the site of the old Windmill following her phone call. The war memorial is being assessed for Listing following a unanimous application to English Heritage. More information needed. **ACTION: CLERK**

Matara: Matara produces a newsletter and is offering a pop up cafe.

**Open Session:**

The meeting was temporarily closed to discuss the recent Broadband offer from DICE. Mike Challis raised his concerns about managing the risk to residents and it was agreed the Parish Council would write to DICE. It was considered that depending on the outcome that the Parish Council or similar responsible group should oversee the legal contractual agreements that need to be put in place. **ACTION: CLERK**

**Meeting was then re opened:**

7. AOB.

The Village notice board no longer opens.

**ACTION: BEN**

8. Next meeting:

The next meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at the Village Hall at 8pm.