

**KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at the Hunters Hall**

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

Guests: Sebastian Cooper and Mike Challis

Apologies: Doug England

Before the meeting was opened, Sebastian Cooper was thanked for taking the time to attend and give feed back on the legal issues surrounding the installation of satellite communications with Voneus. Sebastian was happy with the terms and conditions of the free trial offered by Voneus. Mike Challis was concerned about the offer and the consequences to the community as a whole. Sebastian felt it was not deemed realistic for each household to negotiate individually and for those not happy it is an opt in situation so each household should assess individually the pros and cons. Doing nothing would mean nothing would change for that household. The Clerk raised concerns over responsibility for equipment, it was explained that it was no different from having a sky satellite on your property. The t and c's may change or become more specific after the trial, at which point each household would again have to reassess the merits and costs.

Sebastian is to look at paper work supplied by Mike Challis to confirm that there is no need to have a committee to oversee the operation of the internet system.

Mike Challis aired his concern re the safety of the A4135 following recent accidents

**The Meeting is opened**

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were read, and signed as true and accurate.

1. Matters Arising:

**Highways:** Graham Nichols summarized the meeting with Lianne Butler that took place in the Parish on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Potholes and frustrating management issues were the main concern. Lianne stressed that the take over process had taken longer than wished, but everything was looking positive now. Graham explained the Parishes frustrations with ongoing potholes, lack of action with hedge trimming and poorly co-ordinated snow plough inspections. He stressed that poor management was wasting money – potholes that were marked for repairs were fading before the repair work was done, requiring it all to be marked again. Lianne said she would look in to cause of breakdown in communication, but felt this had now been resolved.

**Defibrillator:** Anna gave feedback from communications with Sherston Parish Clerk. Sherston have been pleased with the installation of their Defibrillator. It is operated by calling 999 who then give a number to use as a pass code to open the case should it be needed. Community Heartbeat who installed it provides training and volunteers are needed to provide ongoing management, this includes battery checks and updating a register. It was felt that the whole Parish should be involved in making the decision to purchase or not. It was difficult to decide who should provide unbiased information. Brian is to give the Clerk details of the Community Response Manager.

**Parish Notice Board.** There have been difficulties opening the door due to swelling of the wood. Ben Bennett has arranged a repair for which he was thanked. A volunteer is needed to paint the notice board once a year to keep it in good working order. It was proposed this should be done at the AGM.

**Clerk:** Action- to add to the AGM agenda.

2. Clerks Update:

**Bagpath Common Tree Safety:** John Lloyd will start work shortly.

3. Finance:

The balance stands at approx £5,740.13 as of 11<sup>th</sup> Nov' 14

4. Highways:

See report above. Lianne Butler is confident that the service from Amey will improve. Kingscote Parish Council wait to be convinced. Anyone with any concerns regarding Highways should contact Highways direct or the Clerk

5. Planning:

Kingscote War Memorial has now been listed Grade II

**Application:** [14/05077/TCNR](#)

**This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation.** No initial alert would have been sent.

**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date decided:** 11 December 2014

**Decision:** No objection (County)

**Location:** 22 Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8XY,

**Proposal:** Sycamore tree (Tree A) Prune as previously; 3 sycamores in adjacent wooded area overhanging garden – fell

**Application:** [14/05204/TCNR](#)

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**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date decided:** 26 November 2014

**Decision:** No objection (County)

**Location:** Kingscote House, Kingscote, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8XY,

**Proposal:** Fell 3 x declining fruit trees and replant

**Application:** [14/04780/TCNR](#)

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**Ward:** Grumbolds Ash

**Date decided:** 19 November 2014

**Decision:** No objection (County)

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

**Proposal:** Spruce 1 - Fell

The above planning notifications were observed.

6. Correspondence:

There has been more concern regarding 'dog fouling' on Windmill Lane. Again Parishioners are urged to contact the Clerk with any information that could lead to a conviction. All communication will be handled in the strictest confidence.

7. AOB.

Brian Hillam notified the Parish Council of his intent to stand down. Brian was thanked for all his hard work, in particular his perseverance in achieving such a lasting and significant achievement with the renovation work of the War Memorial. He has also worked tirelessly in his efforts to resurface Windmill Lane and it is hoped that this will be achieved before he leaves office.

8. Next meeting:

The next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Hunters Hall at 8pm.