

KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 14th April 2015 AT THE HUNTERS HALL

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

Guests: Sebastian Cooper

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting 27th January 2015 were read, and signed as true and accurate.

1. Matters Arising:

To be covered by Clerk's update.

2. Clerks Update:

Defibrillator: Brian Hillam highlighted that Minchinhampton had recently installed a defibrillator. He read a passage from their village magazine describing how it is to be used when the need arose. This showed the potential down side of the system and need for a security code before the unit could be operated. Richard Gale expressed concern over the very small number of people who would potentially benefit from the defibrillator, taking in to account the recommended time in which the defibrillator would be statistically beneficial. There was also concern that for its successful use a number of helpers would have to be with the patient and capable of giving CPR and someone else would need to retrieve the unit. There were concerns that only a very small part of the village would be within range wherever it was cited and further concerns that if Kingscote had one installed then one should also be installed in Bagpath. The Clerk summarised her updated research from the Community Heat Beat trust. There recommendation was that a defibrillator should be fitted if it was thought it would be used once in two years, the overall opinion was that this was unlikely. However, there was perhaps a case for installation if ambulance times were slow. The conclusion was that now information was available that it should be discussed at the AGM in May

Phone Box: A quote has been received from KDS Painting and Decorating for the sum of £300. The phone box is to be prepared and re painted in the same colour. Work should commence in the next few weeks. Thank you to Ben Bennett for arranging. Residents close to the phone box to be notified of impending work. **ACTION: CLERK**

3. Finance:

Audit: The audit was discussed and documents studied. Graham Nichols and the Clerk signed the risk assessment, internal controls and audit documents where appropriate.

The balance stands at £4,442.66 as of 31st April 2015

Godfrey Ainsworth is to be asked if he would be kind enough to provide his services again and complete the internal audit for the Parish Council.

Election: The results of the nominations means Kingscote is uncontested, there will not be a Parish election. Following the General election on May the 7th all Parish Councilors will step down. After due process the nominated candidates will take office. They will be Graham Nichols, Ben Bennett, Doug England, Richard Gale and Sebastian Cooper. The paper work necessary will be sourced by the Clerk. **ACTION: CLERK**

The invoice from John Lloyd is expected shortly following the completion of the safety work on Bagpath Common.

4. Highways:

The Chair, Graham Nichols, expressed the ongoing frustration of poor communication between Amey and Highways. Work on the A46 has caused unnecessary road closures, when work could have been scheduled to be done at the same time. Pot holes remain high on the agenda, but Kingscote Parish Council is grateful for the recent work on Windmill Lane and thanks Highways for their efforts.

Brian Hillam expressed how keen he was for the Horsley road to be repaired; it has been nearly 4 years of delays and inconvenience for local residents using this road.

Residents have shown concern about the deterioration of Scrubbetts Lane and possible confusion on how far Highways adopted this road. Highways have been contacted, but no response has been received. There is also concern for the road from the village to Binley. Worries over the closure of the recycling depot have been raised. This causes unnecessary traffic which adds to congestion and pollution as well as the risk of increased fly tipping. Clerk to investigate who is responsible for the closure. **ACTION: CLERK**

5. Planning:

Works to trees in conservation areas for Ash Leaved Maple a reduction of 25% - 30% over the whole canopy at Cedar House Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XZ

Erection of first floor extension and a porch and erection of single storey garage - Folly Cottage 9 Kingscote Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8XZ

The above planning notifications were observed.

6. Correspondence:

A parishioner has expressed concerns over the appearance of the bin outside the church. Can a new one be installed? **ACTION: CLERK**

Community Emergence Contact details have been re submitted. Thank you to those who are happy to be a point of contact in a community emergency.

7. AOB.

Brian Hillam was officially thanked following 16 dedicated years in office for Kingscote Parish Council. He will now be standing down after May 7th. Brian's noticeable achievements include steering the fund raising and restoration project which so successfully returned the War Memorial to its former glory. Also his very recent success in his ongoing fight to get Windmill Lane resurfaced.

Agenda for AGM: Volunteer to paint the Notice board. Invite guest; this year Councillor Tony Hicks and Lianne Butler from Amey are to be invited. Planning to include Anaerobic digester. Highways: Scrubbetts and Binley roads.

Summary of Defibrillator info to Graham **ACTION: CLERK**

The woodland approach to the village to be tidied? **ACTION: CLERK**

8. Next meeting:

The next meeting is the Parish Assembly and AGM on the 19th May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.