

KINGSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th APRIL 2016 AT THE HUNTERS HALL

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

Apologies: Doug England.

Parishioners: Tony Wooldridge

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting 26th January 2016 were read, and signed as true and accurate.

2. Matters Arising: As per agenda

3. Clerk's/ Chairman's Update:

Doug England has given his resignation. Doug was unanimously thanked for his tireless commitment to Kingscote Parish Council and the community; 'he has been a loyal servant and a true gent'. The vacancy will now be notified to CDC and the post advertised accordingly.

The First Aid course run by Barry Hathaway was a big success. The course was attended by 6 adults and 2 children, raising £98. The Parish Council subsidy totaled £70 (One adult was not from the Parish). The cost invoiced by B and T training (Barry Hathaway) is £144. The cost of hiring the Village Hall is £15. The money received has been banked, the invoices will be paid. After the subsidy there was a 'profit' of £9.

The second part of the First Aid course will be organized at the start of the holidays. No subsidy is to be given. Part II can be taken in isolation, or on completion of both courses the adults will have the recognised qualification of 'First Aid at Work'.

Preparations for the Queen's birthday celebrations are well underway. The beacon will be lit at the Hunters Hall on Thursday 21st at 8.30. The Village Hall party will be held on the afternoon of 23rd April. Vida Sutton is to plant the commemorative tree at 4pm.

The tree has been purchased by Seema Bowers for £45. The Parish Council is to refund the cost.

ACTION: CLERK

The Kingscote Website has generously been privately funded by Alice Cooper since it's outset. Kingscote Parish Council is to repay these historical expenses of approximately £575, and take over future payments. K.P.C. is legally bound to provide a website to give free access of Parish Council affairs to the public. K.P.C. will now own and run the website with the continuing administrative support of Alice Cooper.

Alice and Anna are to meet to discuss the hand over and arrange the transfer of billing to K.P.C.

ACTION: CLERK

4. Finance:

Balance at 31st March 2016 was £4,536.96.

Copies of Year End Accounts 2016 were distributed and will be available on the website.

The Annual statement, Explanation of Variance, Risk assessment and Internal controls documents were circulated prior to the meeting and were signed off by Graham Nichols (Chairman) and where appropriate Anna Davison (Clerk). All documents will be available to view on the community website: www.kingscoteonline

Richard Gale raised the point that the Risk Assessment needed further updating to be more specific with recording dates and nature of assessment. Clerk to further update the documents. **ACTION: CLERK**

The Bagpath Common Risk Assessment book is to include a section to record safety checks to the War Memorial and Bus Shelter. Ben Bennett is to carry out these checks and email the Clerk so a record can be kept.

ACTION: CLERK

5. Highways:

There continues to be problems with pot holes. Ben Bennett raised his concerns over condition of the junction of the A4135 with B4058 junction. The Clerk has reported this and Highways are to assess within 5 days.

Gillian Portlock has replied to emails from the Clerk supporting the concerns of John Newman of Hazlecote: It was stated that Hazlecote carriageway is on the list for patching, but no date as yet has been given.’’ The Clerk is to monitor, but because of the grade of road repairs are not going to be as prompt as for the main roads. Pressure will however be maintained.

White lining has been carried out, but stopped before the double white lines were repainted in front of the Hunters Hall. This is the main area of concern due the dangerous action of some cars over taking. A new report is to be made for this work to be done.

ACTION: CLERK

6. Planning:

There had been some concern over a housing development on the outskirts of the community. There is no substance to this matter. The situation will be monitored.

7. Correspondence:

As per emails discussed above. Doug England and John Newman

8. AOB.

Continuing frustration over poor broadband speeds exist. There is super fast fibre broadband to Uley, but no plans to take it beyond this point. Fastershire aims to provide better broadband to rural communities. Alice and Bella have offered to do some research. **ACTION: SEBASTIAN**

9. Next meeting:

Parish Assembly and AGM will be at 7.40 and is to follow the Village Hall AGM on 18th May.

The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm