

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: of the virtual Meeting of Council on 17 September, 2020 commencing at 8.07 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Walker (Chairman), Buckenham, Jolly, Kenning, Masson and Wetherell.

- 66/20 **Welcome** – Cllr Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 67/20 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Joyce. District Cllrs Bower and Chapman.
- 68/20 **Urgent Matters Arising** - There were no urgent matters.
- 69/20 **Declarations and Dispensations of Interests** - Further to declarations held in the Register of Members Interests, in the interest of openness, Cllrs Kenning, Masson and Walker declared membership of Kingston Gorse Estate and Cllr Jolly declared membership of West Kingston Residents Association.
- 70/20 **Public Opportunity** – No members of the public were present.
- 71/20 **Minutes** - The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 23 July, 2020 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to noting that Cllr Masson had not been present at the meeting.
- 72/20 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – There were no matters arising.
- 73/20 **West Sussex County Council:**
- a) **County Cllr Elkins** had not sent a report to the meeting.
 - b) **Operation Watershed:** Clerk to circulate new scheme to Members.
 - c) **Highways and Footpaths:** Council noted that complaints from various members of the public relating to a wall being erected around land along Peak Lane and impinging on BOAT 3623, were still being considered by County and District Planning Compliance.
- 74/20 **Arun District Council:**
- Report of District Councillors** – District Cllr Bower had given his report on District matters earlier in the evening at a meeting of the Planning Committee.
- 75/20 **Policing** – Cllr Jolly reported that there had been no recent police recorded crimes in the Parish, although it had been reported locally that plums had been stolen from a tree! Cllr Wetherell drew attention to press reports that Sussex Police, in line with other forces and agencies, had cracked down on ‘county lines’ drug dealing activities.
- 76/20 **Planning Committee** – Council noted the Minutes of meetings held on 23 July, 2020 and a verbal report of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 September, 2020 and agreed the recommendations contained therein.
- 77/20 **Finance and General Purposes Committee** - Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on the on 23 July, 2020 and a verbal report of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 September, 2020 and agreed the recommendations contained therein.
- 78/20 **Lost Kingston Chapel Commemorative Seating Stone:**
- Council noted that the base for the seating stone had been laid in August and the seating stone was placed in its position along the greensward on 4 September, and that Council’s insurance policy has been updated. An article had appeared in the Littlehampton Gazette and would be followed up with a report in the ‘All About’ magazine in October. Members were delighted that several residents/members of the public had contacted Council to express their appreciation of the seating stone. The Chairman thanked everyone involved and Cllr Masson thanked the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for providing champagne at the socially distanced unveiling of the seating stone.
- 79/20 **Conserving Water Supplies** – It was agreed to write to Southern Water to raise concerns that new building in the area and extreme weather conditions are affecting water supplies and urging that there needs to be more investment into protecting this vital necessity. In addition to ask Southern Water about water lost to leaks and plans for renewing out of date pipework.

80/20 **Standing Orders Review** – Deferred

81/20 **Next scheduled meeting of Council and its Committees:** Thursday 19 November, 2020 at 7pm. This would again be a virtual meeting. Agenda are published 3 days before Meetings on Council’s website <https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/>

The meeting concluded at 8.22 pm.

Chairman:

Date: