

## KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES:** of the Meeting of Council on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 commencing at 7.40 pm in East Preston and Kingston Village Hall, Sea Road, East Preston

**PRESENT:** Councillors Walker (Chairman), Buckenham, Jolly, Joyce, Kenning and Wetherell.  
Val Knight (Clerk)

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01/22 **Welcome** – Cllr Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02/22 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Masson. District Cllrs Bower, Chapman and Kelly.

03/22 **Urgent Matters Arising** – None.

04/22 **Declarations and Dispensations of Interests** – Further to declarations held in the Register of Members Interests, in the interest of openness, Cllrs Kenning and Walker declared membership of Kingston Gorse Estate and Cllr Jolly declared membership of West Kingston Residents Association. Cllr Buckenham declared an interest in relation to seeking the installation of a Fire Hydrant in Peak Lane that he would talk about under the Public Opportunity Agenda Item.

05/22 **Public Opportunity** –

Cllr Buckenham gave an update to Minute 116/21 and said that on behalf of residents in Peak Lane he would be getting a quote from a civil engineer for the installation of a Fire Hydrant. The quote would be used to determine whether residents could fund this themselves before going back to County to pursue the matter.

06/22 **Change of Council Meeting date** – It was noted that due to the usual venue for meetings becoming unavailable on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 and the shortage of alternative venues on that date, the Clerk in liaison with all Members of Council agreed to bring the meeting forward to the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. Other meeting dates will need to be kept under review.

07/22 **Minutes** – The Council approved Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

08/22 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None.

09/22 **West Sussex County Council:**

- a) **Report of County Councillor Elkins** – No report available.
- b) **Highways and Footpaths:** Council noted that a further meeting with East Preston and Angmering Parish Councils and County Highways to discuss the Roundstone crossing layout has yet to be arranged. The Clerk to liaise with the Clerk of East Preston Parish Council re a follow up meeting.
- c) **Operation Watershed:** Council noted that 3 quotes for the works in Peak Lane have been requested by the Clerk.

10/22 **Arun District Council:**

**Report of District Councillors** – Council noted a written report that District Cllr Chapman had provided in advance of the meeting (circulated to Members).

11/22 **Policing** – Cllr Jolly advised the following:

- PCSO Raju hopes to attend the next meeting of Council.
- There had been no recorded incidents of crime in Kingston over the last month.

12/22 **Planning Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. All present had been present at the committee meeting held earlier in the evening thus a verbal report was not necessary but the proceedings were noted.

13/22 **Finance and General Purposes Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. All present had been present at the committee meeting held earlier

in the evening, thus a verbal report was not necessary but the proceedings were noted and the recommendations agreed, including setting the Precept for 2022-23 at £9,090.

**14/22 Rampion 2**

- Council noted that the Rampion 2 website shows that the formal application is expected early in 2022 but no date is given.
- Council noted the petition to Government <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/594733> that says “Do not give consent to the Rampion2 windfarm extension off the coast of Sussex” and that Council has publicised this in noticeboards, on the website and in the All About magazine
- Council noted the report of the Clerk on a telephone call received from Cllr Dr C Hayes a member of Middleton-on-Sea (MOS) Parish Council (also Chairman of Protect Coastal Sussex) about the content of a letter written by his Council. It was agreed it was up to MOS Parish Council to formally contact this Council if it would like support for the letter.

**15/22 West Sussex Association of Local Councils (WSALC):**

- Council noted that a meeting to discuss the future of ADALC (Arun District Association of Local Councils) is due to be held this evening – 19<sup>th</sup> January and that apologies had been tendered and support for the continuation of ADALC expressed.
- Council noted that NALC are drawing together a response to the OFCOM’s review of postal service regulation and would welcome comments from Parish Councils by 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

**16/22 South Strand Community Toilets (SSCT) – Cllr Buckenham referred Members to the latest SSCT newsletter that had been circulated in December.**

**17/22 Replacement Flagpole – Further to Minute 114/21**

- Council considered three quotes for the erection of a new flagpole and removal of existing flagpole, one for £1,569.81 plus VAT, one for £ 1,262.45 plus VAT and a third for £2,855 plus VAT. The Clerk was asked to go back to the two lowest quoting suppliers to confirm that the flagpole would be delivered and installed on the same day.
- Information on mechanisms and maintenance of the flagpole had been circulated to Members.
- The process for an annual safety inspection of the flagpole was considered and the Clerk was asked to get more information on costs.
- Council noted that the Clerk had spoken to the District duty Planning Officer and it seems no planning permission is required as long as the only flags that are flown are National flags.

**18/22 The Queen’s Green Canopy – Council noted that further to Minute 115/21, additional information on the scheme had been considered and there were no locations in the Parish that would meet the criteria**

**19/22 External Events – No external events to report on.**

**20/22 Next scheduled meeting of Council and its Committees:** Subject to a venue being available, Thursday 17 March, 2022 at 7pm. Agenda are published 3 days before Meetings on our website <https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/>.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 pm.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....