

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: of the Meeting of Council on 17th March, 2022 commencing at 8.58 pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, Vermont Drive, East Preston.

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

Val Knight (Clerk)

- 21/22 **Welcome** – Cllr Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 22/22 **Apologies for Absence** – District Cllrs Bower, Chapman and Kelly. County Cllr Elkins who had provided a report to Council earlier in the evening.
- 23/22 **Urgent Matters Arising** – None.
- 24/22 **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.
- 25/22 **Public Opportunity** – No members of the public were present.
- 26/22 **Minutes** – The Council approved Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 January, 2022.
- 27/22 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None.
- 28/22 **West Sussex County Council:**
- a) **Report of County Councillor Elkins** – It was noted that Cllr Elkins had given his report earlier in the evening and this had included:
- County had set its budget for 2022-23 with an increase of 2.99% (1.99% general increase plus a 1% increase for adult social care)
 - Rampion has re-opened its community consultation as some consultee letters had not delivered initially - the consultation ends in April. A number of residents had voiced their concerns about the Rampion 2 scheme at a County Local Forum meeting.
 - Cllr Elkins would send a link to the Clerk about a consultation meeting being held by a developer re proposals for housing at Highdown Vineyard.
 - regarding the written response from County to matters raised at the meeting with East Preston and Angmering Parish Councils and County and possible actions to address the delays at the Roundstone Crossing and New Barn roundabout, Cllr Elkins suggested it would be best to put these talks on hold until the dualling of the A259 is completed. This was discussed and also that Angmering Parish Council could be approached to see if they were minded to apply for a TRO for parking restrictions along the north side of Old Worthing Road.
 - in response to some questions from Cllr Buckenham Cllr Buckenham advised:
 - o Faded white lines and wording along Kingston Lane could be reported through the Clerk or using the online reporting tools.
 - o Introducing a speed limit along Kingston Lane would be a difficult process, especially given the police view on enforcement problems.
 - o Road signs are cleaned but there is a high demand across the County for this and work would be prioritised. This could be reported online.
- b) **Highways and Footpaths:** Arising from County Cllr Elkins report, Council agreed that talks about the hazards and delays at the Roundstone Crossing and New Barn roundabout should be put on hold until the dualling of the A259 New Barn – Angmering Station roundabouts is complete and the effects on traffic known. The Clerk to write to ask Angmering Parish Council to see if they were minded to apply for a TRO for parking restrictions along the north side of Old Worthing Road.
- c) **Operation Watershed:** Council noted that the Clerk is following up on the requests for quotes from 3 contractors, as no responses have been received.

29/22 **Arun District Council:** No District Cllrs present to report.

30/22 **Policing** – It was noted that PCSO Raj Raju had spoken to Members earlier in the evening. The Chairman had welcomed Raj to the parish and thanked him for attending the meeting. As our new PCSO, Raj introduced himself and explained that he had previously worked in Chichester, Bognor and Littlehampton.

Raj said that some key priorities he would be focusing on are:

- Incidents of Vehicles being broken into and items of value being stolen.
- Online scams e.g. tempting financial investments.

Members had raised concerns about youths regularly parking their vehicle in a field entrance along Kingston Lane and Raj replied he would keep a look out for this but it was not necessarily a crime.

31/22 **Planning Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January, 2022. 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.

32/22 **Finance and General Purposes Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January, 2022. 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.

33/22 **Rampion 2** - Council noted that the community consultation has reopened and will close on 11th April and that the date for Rampion 2 to submit their formal application is still unknown.

34/22 **Remote Meetings** – Council noted information from the Society of Local Council Clerks about a petition regarding remote and hybrid meetings and agreed it was useful to have the option to hold Council meetings remotely if necessary. Council then agreed the following ‘This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO (Association of Democratic Services) and LLG (lawyers in Local Government) on 5 January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures.’

35/22 **South Strand Community Toilets (SSCT)** – No Member was available to attend the AGM on 8 April, 2022 and the Clerk was asked to tender apologies.

36/22 **Replacement Flagpole** – Further to Minute 17/22, Council noted that the two lowest quoting suppliers have confirmed that the flagpole would be delivered and installed on the same day. One supplier had revised their quote and the two quotes were now for £2,012.14 and £1,262.45 both plus VAT. Council agreed to proceed with the purchase of a replacement flagpole for £1262.45 plus VAT. Arising from this Council agreed to consider purchasing a Ukraine National Flag to be flown on the existing flagpole if possible and then on the new flagpole. Purchase of the Flag was delegated to the Clerk in liaison with all Members.

37/22 **Water Resources South East** – Council noted the consultation on the emerging Regional Plan (previously circulated).

38/22 **External Events** – No external events to report on.

39/22 **Next scheduled meeting of Council and its Committees:** Thursday 19th May, 2022 immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish that starts at 7pm. Agenda are published 3 days before Meetings on our website <https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/>.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm.

Chairman:

Date: