

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: of the Meeting of Council on 18 January, 2024 commencing at 8.54 pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, Vermont Drive, East Preston.

PRESENT: Councillors Walker (Chairman), Andrew, Buckenham, Joyce, Kenning and Wetherell.
Also Present: Val Knight (Clerk).

- 01/24 **Welcome and Safety Procedures** – Cllr Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained safety procedures.
- 02/24 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Masson. County Cllr Elkins and District Cllr P Kelly.
- 03/24 **Urgent Matters Arising** – None
- 04/24 **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.
- 05/24 **Public Opportunity** – No members of the public were present.
- 06/24 **Minutes** – The Council approved Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November, 2024. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 07/24 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None.
- 08/24 **West Sussex County Council:**
- a) **Report of County Councillor** – County Cllr Elkins had sent his apologies.
 - b) **Highways and Footpaths:**
 - a. **Footpath Map:** Information on the ‘Legal Event Order for Worthing Definitive Map’ re footpaths was noted.
 - b. **Litter:** Cllr Andrew raised concerns about litter along Kingston Lane and said that he had cleared some himself. Cllr Andrew had also seen volunteers litter picking in East Preston and wondered if something similar could be set up in Kingston. Cllr Buckenham suggested an annual event for volunteers to litter pick and clean signs. The Clerk would carry out some research on these suggestions.
 - c. **Potential for speed limit change in Kingston Lane:** It was noted that Cllr Wetherell is preparing a survey for residents to complete and it is not planned to include questions on dog control measures in the survey. It was agreed that the survey would focus on the 30 mph speed limit as Mike Dare from County had indicated this would be most likely to succeed if taken forward. Surveys could be completed and delivered to Council via Members addresses or a photo/scan of the response could be emailed to the Clerk
- 09/24 **Arun District Council:**
- a) **Report of District Councillors** – District Cllr Kelly had sent his apologies.
 - b) **Member Allowance Scheme** – Information on increases to the allowances paid to district councillors was noted.
 - c) **Peak Lane Outfall Pipe** –No update available.
- 10/24 **Planning Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November, 2023. 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.
- 11/24 **Finance and General Purposes Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November, 2023. All present had been present at the committee meeting held earlier in the evening, thus a verbal report was not necessary but the proceedings and recommendations were noted, including agreeing the budget for 2024-25 and setting the Precept at £9,090.

- 12/24 **Policing** - The Clerk advised that PCSO Raj Raju had stated that no incidents had been reported last month for Kingston, and that he is not aware of any illegal drones being flown in the area. Cllr Kenning advised that a car had recently been broken in to overnight on Gorse Avenue.
- 13/24 **Arun District Association of Local Councils (ADALC)** – Notes of the Conference held on 1 December, 2023 (circulated were noted).
- 14/24 **South Strand Community Toilets (SSCT)** – The report of Cllr Buckenham was noted.
- 15/24 **Meetings of Council and its Committees:** Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, 21 March, 2024 commencing at 7pm. Agenda confirming details of the meetings are published 3 days before this on our website <https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/>.

The meeting concluded at 9.18 pm.

Chairman:

Date: