

## KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES:** of the Meeting of Council on 18 July, 2024 commencing at 7.53 pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, Vermont Drive, East Preston.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Walker (Chairman), Andrew, Marr, Masson and Wetherell.

Also Present: County Cllr Elkins. Val Knight (Clerk).

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- 73/24 **Welcome and Safety Procedures** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained safety procedures. The Chairman drew attention to the change of MP for Worthing West constituency following the general election on 4 July 2024. It was agreed to write to Sir Peter Bottomley thanking him for his help and support over the years since this Council was created in 1998 and to write to welcome Dr Becca Cooper as the new MP for this area and invite her to attend the next meeting of Council.
- 74/24 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Buckenham and Joyce. District Cllrs P Bower, R Bower and P Kelly.
- 75/24 **Urgent Matters Arising** – None
- 76/24 **Declarations and Dispensations of Interests** – Further to declarations held in the Register of Members Interests, in the interest of openness, Cllrs Marr, Masson and Walker declared membership of Kingston Gorse Estate.
- 77/24 **Public Opportunity** – One member of the public was present but no questions were raised.
- 78/24 **Co-Option of Cllr Marr** – It was noted that Cllr Marr had completed all necessary forms, including entries for the Members' Register of interests.
- 79/24 **Minutes** - Council approved Minutes of the Meetings held on 16 May, 2024, 10 June, 2024 and 18 June, 2024. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 80/24 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None.
- 81/24 **West Sussex County Council (WSSC):**
- a) **Report of County Councillor** – County Cllr Elkins reported on County matters, including:
    - County is a Member of the Arun Flood Forum and notes of the meetings are on the Arun District Council website.
    - The new Chief Executive, Leigh Whitehouse, is now in post.
    - The meeting organised by East Preston Parish Council about the Roundstone crossing had been well attended. Network Rail had committed to reviewing train timings and crossing gate timings and road markings were also to be reviewed.

The Chairman drew attention to some good news that the verges had been cut along Kingston Lane (earlier than usual) and most of the potholes had been filled and thanked County Cllr Elkins for attending the meeting.

*County Cllr Elkins left the meeting.*
  - b) **Highways and Footpaths:** The Clerk was asked to report vegetation overhanging the carriageway along Kingston Lane at Pond Corner and also that bend signs at Pond Corner and Peak Lane corner were obscured due to vegetation growth.
  - c) **Peak Lane Outfall Pipe:** The Clerk reported that District had advised the owner of 37 Coastal Road was obtaining quotes to repair the pipe as it flows under that property.
  - d) **Litter Picking:** Cllr Andrew reported that KEPT would not be able to expand their litter picking to cover Kingston but had given some useful advice. It was agreed that Cllr Andrew would obtain preliminary quotes for a supply of Hi-Viz jackets and equipment that the parish could loan out to interested volunteers if needed and if a suitable location for storage could be found. An appeal for volunteers would be made in the next newsletter.

e) **Potential for speed limit change in Kingston Lane:** The Clerk would circulate wording for a survey to Members.

82/24 **Arun District Council:**

- a) **Report of District Councillors** – District Cllr R Bower had reported at the Planning Committee meeting earlier in the evening.
- b) **Climate Change Workshop** – Report deferred due to the absence of Cllr Buckenham.
- c) **Consultation** on Housing Strategy, and Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (Briefing held by District on 16 July,2024) was noted.

83/24 **Roundstone Crossing** – County Cllr Elkins had reported on the meeting organised by East Preston Parish Council on 10 July, 2024, earlier in the evening (minute 81/24)

84/24 **Planning Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May, 2024. All present had been at the committee meeting held earlier thus a verbal report was not necessary but the proceedings were noted and recommendations agreed.

85/24 **Finance and General Purposes Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May, 2024. All present had been at the committee meeting held earlier, thus a verbal report was not necessary but the proceedings were noted and recommendations agreed.

86/24 **South Strand Community Toilets (SSCT)** – Deferred in the absence of Cllr Buckenham.

87/24 **Campaign to Improve the Safety of Lithium Batteries** – The request to write in support of “The Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill” was noted.

88/24 **Freedom of Information Requests received** – Council noted that the Clerk had received a Freedom of Information Request relating to planning information letters.  
It was agreed to take this opportunity to set out current arrangements for the delivery of the planning information letters and the Clerk would circulate information for consideration at the next meeting of Council.

89/24 **Meetings of Council and its Committees:** It was noted that the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, 19 September, 2024 commencing at 7 pm. 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 8.45 pm.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....