

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: of the Meeting of Council on 19 September, 2024 commencing at 8.25 pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, Vermont Drive, East Preston.

PRESENT: Cllrs Walker (Chairman), Buckenham, Joyce, Masson and Wetherell.
Also Present: Val Knight (Clerk).

- 90/24 **Welcome and Safety Procedures** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained safety procedures.
- 91/24 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Andrew and Marr. District Cllrs P Bower, R Bower and P Kelly. County Cllr Elkins.
- 92/24 **Urgent Matters Arising** – None
- 93/24 **Declarations and Dispensations of Interests** – Further to declarations held in the Register of Members Interests, in the interest of openness, Cllrs Masson and Walker declared membership of Kingston Gorse Estate.
- 94/24 **Public Opportunity** – No members of the public were present.
- 95/24 **Minutes** - Council approved Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 July, 2024. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 96/24 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None.
- 97/24 **Policing** – Cllr Masson reported that:
- the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner had launched a survey asking Sussex residents for their feedback on the policing service they receive. Link to survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/9f9hYFVAFA>, and that Cllr Masson had completed the survey.
 - PCSO Raju had advised that no crimes had been recorded in Kingston over the last 2 months.
 - Neighbourhood Watch regularly give advice on avoiding scams in their newsletters.
- 98/24 **West Sussex County Council (WSCC):**
- a) **Report of County Councillor** – County Cllr Elkins had sent his apologies and provided a written report via email that was noted.
 - b) **Highways and Footpaths:** The Clerk was asked to report that the bend sign along Kingston Lane, north of the Peak Lane corner had been damaged and that hedges north of Peak Lane were overgrown.
 - c) **Litter Picking:** Information from Cllr Andrew was noted and the following agreed:
 - Cllr Andrew could put an item in the newsletter about volunteer litter picking making it clear that he is acting as a volunteer and not a councillor.
 - The focus would be on Kingston Lane as Cllr Buckenham felt that Peak Lane did not need litter picking.Committee recorded again its concerns about road safety unless the road was closed and it was thought that KGE residents would not support the closure, and reiterated that it should be volunteer run not organised by Council. Council would however be prepared to consider make grants to a litter picking volunteer Group for equipment.
 - d) **Potential for speed limit change in Kingston Lane:** The Clerk would progress the survey when other work commitments allow.
 - e) **School Places** – It was noted that applications for secondary school places in West Sussex for September 2025 are now open and information is available on the County website. Applications close on 31 October, 2024. Primary and junior school applications for September 2025 will open on 7 October, 2024 and close on 15 January, 2025.
 - f) **Community Winter Resilience Plan** – It was agreed the Clerk would prepare the Plan based on last year's plan and submit it to County by 15 November, 2024.

99/24 **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** – Information from the workshop had been circulated. Cllr Buckenham advised that he considered none of the actions mentioned would be suitable for Kingston.

100/24 **Planning Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July, 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.

101/24 **Finance and General Purposes Committee** – Council noted the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July, 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.

102/24 **South Strand Community Toilets (SSCT)** – Cllr Buckenham advised that the collection box to raise money to repair the roof of the toilets had been stolen and that the defibrillator requires a new battery. It was noted that SSCT has had success in raising funds by people signing up to ‘easy fundraising’ (donations generated when making purchases from participating brands).

103/24 **Dr Beccy Cooper MP** – It was noted that an informal meeting has been arranged for Members of Council to meet with Dr Beccy Cooper MP on 15 November, 2024. (Clerk to book a meeting room.

104/24 **Planning Information Letters** – Further to Minute 84/24, Council agreed future arrangements for the delivery of the planning application information letters as circulated.

105/24 **Meetings of Council and its Committees:** It was noted that the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, 21 November, 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 9.05 pm.

Chairman:

Date: