

**KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes: of the Meeting held on 16 January, 2025 commencing at 7 pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, Vermont Drive, East Preston.

Present: Councillors Andrew (Chairman), Buckenham, Joyce, Marr, Masson, Walker and Wetherell. County Cllr Elkins. Val Knight (Clerk).

- 01/25 **Welcome and Safety Procedures** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained safety procedures.
- 02/25 **Apologies** –District Cllr P Kelly
- 03/25 **Declaration 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.
- 04/25 **Public Opportunity** – No members of the public were present.
- 05/25 **Minutes** of the meeting held on the 21 November, 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.
- 06/25 **Planning Applications** -
- a) **Consideration** of current applications – None to date.
 - b) **Actions** by the Clerk between meetings under delegated powers (in liaison with Members) were noted: -
The following comments had been submitted to District:
K/32/24/PL Rest Harrow, Middle Way - Demolition and erection of 1 No dwelling and detached garage **No Objection**
K/33/24/HH Bramble Down, Middle Way – Proposed Carport **No Objection**
 - c) **Arun District Council: Status of Planning Applications** - the following were noted:
Undecided as at agenda date: **K/32/24/PL** re Rest Harrow, Middle Way and **K/33/24/HH** re Bramble Down, Middle Way
- 07/25 **Kingston Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**: It was agreed to obtain quotes from consultants who could advise on a review or a full refresh of the NP, and then progress it. In the meantime, the Clerk would post a statement on Council’s website (as proposed by Cllr Wetherell) explaining why a review is currently on hold
- 08/25 **Biodiversity, Conservation, Green Issues and Coast Protection:**
Ferring Rife (condition): Cllr Joyce reported that the Rife was flowing well although the nearby fields and crops were underwater due to inclement weather. Arising from this, County Cllr Elkins advised:
- the County Riparian Team are aware of general drainage problems and he would get some information from them, although the focus may be on ditches rather than fields.
 - He would raise the matter with Southern Water
 - Fundamentally, there is a problem because of the increase in rainfall.
- Arun Flood Forum** – The Clerk advised the response from District was that the Forum Committee had already agreed its make up and how parishes would be represented, and parishes could make representation at any time through District Cllrs who sit on the Committee.
- 09/25 **Environment Working Group (EWG)** – Cllrs Buckenham and Masson raised the following:
- a) Concerns that dogs are not under control along the greenswards: The Clerk was asked to approach Kingston Gorse Estate and West Kingston Residents Association to arrange a meeting with the EWG to explore whether there are any opportunities to address this. Cllr Masson added that this had been raised before but no actions had followed due to the difficulty of ‘policing’ controls and them being unpopular with dog walkers/visitors.

Further to this the Clerk was asked to contact District again about the provision of public signs to highlight the use of litter bins and dog bins.

- b) The Clerk to ask District for the latest report on the condition of Sea Defences along Kingston beach.
- c) Regarding Sea Kelp, it was agreed to draw attention to an App on Sea Kelp recognition in the May newsletter.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52 pm.

Chairman

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