

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: of the Meeting of Council on 18 January, 2018 at 7pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Walker (Chairman), Hodge, Joyce, Kenning, Masson and Wetherell.
County Cllr Elkins.

- 1/18 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Jolly. District Cllrs Bower, Clayden and Chapman.
- 2/18 **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 Hodge declared membership of West Kingston Residents Association.
- 3/18 **Public Opportunity** – No members of the public were present but no questions were raised.
- 4/18 **Minutes** - The Minutes of the Meetings of Council held on 16 November, 2017 and 11 December, 2017 (circulated) were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 5/18 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – None.
- 6/18 **Planning Committee** – Council noted the verbal report of the meeting held earlier in the evening on 18 January, 2018 and agreed the recommendations contained therein.
- 7/18 **Finance and General Purposes Committee** - Council noted the verbal report of the meeting held earlier in the evening on 18 January, 2018 and agreed the recommendations contained therein including adopting the recommended Budget for 2018/19 and to set the Precept at £8,066.
- 8/18 **Policing Matters** - In the absence of Cllr Jolly, Cllr Masson who is a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, reported on the following:
- The Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Association based in Rustington has recently been dissolved so local co-ordinators would be dealing directly with the Sussex NHW Federation
 - Answers are still awaited to the questions the Parish Council have asked of the Chief Constable and the Sussex Police Crime Commissioner
 - NHW co-ordinators would be delivering Sussex Police booklets on dealing with scams to local residents.
- 9/18 **West Sussex County Council**
- a) **Report of County Councillor** – County Cllr Elkins reported on current County matters including:
- Operation Watershed Funding is continuing – this is on the agenda later.
Emergency and Resilience Planning support and equipment are available from County
The Sussex Police Crime Commissioner would be attending the Arun District Overview Select Committee Meeting on 23 January.
Adult Social Care costs continue to rise. Cllr Kenning suggested that early intervention could help to prevent escalating costs and suggested that District Nurses could carry out checks on patients at home when they first leave hospital reducing the risk of them needing to be readmitted to hospital. Cllr Elkins agreed that early intervention is important and said he would be looking in to this further.
- b) **Footpaths and highways:**
- The Clerk to report to County that conifers and brambles are still overhanging along Kingston Lane south of Elm Avenue, a tree is still overhanging the carriageway on the corner north of the junction with Elm Avenue and shrubs and trees are overhanging the highway at Pond Corner (both sides).
 - a response to the consultation on Public Rights of Way had been agreed by the Planning Committee

- c) **Gateway Sign:** Deferred.
- d) **Operation Watershed:** The borehole in Brookside Road had still not been installed and the Clerk would chase his up and copy in County Cllr Elkins. District are looking to progress a scheme to the south of Peak Lane from an alternative funding source but have suggested that Council could bid for funding from Operation Watershed for a linked scheme immediately to the south of the junction with Kingston Lane. It was likely that Council would have to take responsibility for the future maintenance of the proposed culvert for the scheme. In the first instance the Clerk would liaise with District and contact affected local landowners to seek agreement to the scheme and/or future commitment to the scheme e.g. maintaining ditches on their land.
- e) **Highways and Transport Sub-Group (JEAAC)** –Noted the next meeting is in February.
- f) **Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee (JEAAC)** – Noted the next meeting is in March.

County Cllr Elkins left the meeting

10/18 Arun District Council:

- a) **Report of District Councillors** – No reports available.
- b) **Code of Conduct** – Council noted that the revised Code of Conduct (as recommended by District) is now in force and all Members had completed their new undertakings and Register of Interests forms.

11/18 Arun District Association of Local Councils (ADALC) – Noted the next meeting is in March

12/18 Lost Kingston Chapel – Cllr Masson had continued to research the option of an information board and would be looking to visit a local site to see how boards withstand the elements. Costs would be dependent on size and style and durability. It was suggested residents could be asked for their view on a budget for the project if it goes ahead. Members suggested some local companies who might be able to make the boards. The matter was then deferred to the next meeting.

13/18 20 Year Celebration 26 April – Invitations had been sent out to those on the initial guest list. County Cllr Elkins had given his apologies as he expected to be away on that date. Designs for a chain of office would continue to be investigated.

14/18 New Council website – consideration deferred.

15/18 General Data Protection Regulation – It was noted that Cllr Wetherell and the Clerk would be attending a training course on 22 January (provided by Maureen Chafe who is also delivering training course for SSALC).

16/18 Urgent Matters: None.

17/18 Other Matters: It was agreed that, on behalf of Council, the Clerk would complete the questionnaire from SSALC on opportunities for Councils to support Health and Wellbeing.

18/18 Date of next scheduled meeting: Thursday 15 March 2018 in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, East Preston commencing at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.

Chairman:

Date: