

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES: of the Meeting of Council on 19 July, 2018 at 7pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Walker (Chairman), Jolly, Kenning, Masson and Wetherell.

District Cllrs Bower and Chapman. County Cllr Elkins.

East Preston Parish Councillors Toney and Kelly also attended the meeting.

80/18 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Hodge and Joyce.

81/18 **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 Jolly declared membership of West Kingston Residents Association.

82/18 **Chief Inspector Ottery** - The Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector Ottery, the Arun and Chichester District Commander, and invited him to address the meeting. Chief Inspector Ottery said that he had been appointed as the Arun and Chichester District Commander in January and had previously worked in the area for several years. He said that it was very useful to come out to the community to establish a point of contact and to understand at an early stage any local problems. He then spoke on several issues and answered questions as they arose. Points included:

- Police Presence– residents may well have noticed less of a police presence around the community as the aim is now to provide greater visibility in areas where there are known problems or in town centres.
- ‘Cuckooing’ - criminals from outside the area coming in and committing crimes such as burglary and drug dealing, takes up a lot of police resource. There have been incidents over the last 6 months where knives, class A drugs and money from selling drugs have been confiscated.
- Cyber Crime – this is an example of invisible police protection where online scams and crimes are dealt with.
- Crime Statistics – Local issues e.g. burglary, anti-social behaviour affect the quality of life of residents so it is good news that latest reports show Kingston has a very low level of crime (the figures are for Kingston and East Preston combined). It is not possible for these to be broken down further due to the way the crimes are recorded on the system and extracting a break down manually would be too costly on resources.
- Extra Funding – Some extra funding has been made available and some will go into prevention teams (neighbourhood policing) and some into investigation teams.
- Neighbourhood Watch - There is a new Memorandum of Understanding and there are single points of contact for the Arun and Chichester areas (details to be provided). Council said it would prefer for the statistics to be at parish level should they become available.
- Contact details for Sussex Police (Non-Emergency) - email arun@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101. These are logged and even if not acted on directly can result in raised awareness of local issues.

In response to questions Chief Inspector Ottery said:

- Roundstone Crossing – he would find out if feedback information from the camera van which is often parked nearby is available.
- Response Teams and their Locations – Response teams are at main hubs and satellite stations. Incidents are proactively put out to nearest response units. Additional support teams are available e.g. Firearms response unit.
- Closure of Custody Suite – The custody suite at Chichester would be closing with Worthing being used instead. Savings would be invested into local policing teams.

The Chairman thanked Chief Inspector Ottery who then left the meeting.

District Cllr Chapman also left the meeting at this point.

83/18 **Public Opportunity** – One member of the public was present but no questions were raised.

84/18 **Minutes** - The Minutes of the Meetings of Council held on 28 June, 2018 (circulated) were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

85/18 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – None.

The meeting was suspended to allow meetings of the Planning Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee to take place. East Preston Parish Cllr Kelly left the meeting whilst these were in progress.

86/18 **Planning Committee** – Council noted the verbal report of the meeting held on 19 July, 2018 and agreed the recommendations contained therein.

87/18 **Finance and General Purposes Committee** - Council noted the verbal report of the meeting held on 19 July, 2018 and agreed the recommendations contained therein.

88/18 **Policing Matters** - Council was appreciative of the attendance of Chief Inspector Ottery earlier in the evening and agreed it was very valuable to have this accessible contact with Sussex Police.

Council was disappointed that the problem of crime statistics not being available at parish level but combined for East Preston and Kingston had not been resolved.

89/18 **West Sussex County Council** – The report of County Cllr Elkins on current County Council matters was noted.

It was agreed to bring forward Agenda Item 11 at this point.

90/18 **Arun District Council:**

a) **Report of District Councillors** – The report of District Cllr Bower on current District matters was noted.

County Cllr Elkins left the meeting

b) **South Strand Toilets** – District Cllr Bower advised that District Cllr Chapman would be sending a letter to owners of beach huts at South Strand and other interested parties about securing the future of the toilets. If there was sufficient interest District Cllr Chapman would hold a meeting to discuss setting up a Community Group. East Preston Parish Cllr Toney advised that East Preston Parish Council would be refurbishing the toilets to the standard they were at when the current lease began.

c) **Arun Local Plan: Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Consultation** – Council noted that comment on this was due by 17 August and a response (if any) was delegated to the Clerk in liaison with Members.

District Cllr Bower left the meeting.

91/18 **West Sussex County Council (continued)**

a) **Footpaths and highways:** The Clerk advised that a response from the County Ranger is awaited regarding the broken stile along Footpath 2114/1 and on the request from a resident for a bollard to be placed at the Golden Avenue end (west side) of footpath 2116. The Clerk to also report to County that the highways verge outside West Kingston Barn had been converted to a border with raised wooden edging. A fire hydrant was also affected by this.

b) **Gateway sign:** It was agreed the Clerk would send the latest design to County Highways for comment.

c) **Operation Watershed:** It was agreed that a joint meeting be held with Arun District Council and landowners affected by the proposed scheme, with the exception that residents of Peak Lane would be sent a letter in the first instance.

d) **Highways and Transport Sub-Group (JEAAC)** – It was noted that the next meeting would be held in September.

e) **Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee (JEAAC)** – It was noted that the next meeting

would be held in November.

- 92/18 **Arun District Association of Local Councils (ADALC)** – Cllr Wetherell reported on the AGM held on 20th June and highlighted that there were some doubts over the future of ADALC.
- 93/18 **Lost Kingston Chapel Information Board** – Cllr Masson advised that Artists in Stone had given a rough estimate for a granite boulder of between £1000 - £1500 plus a charge for lettering. It was agreed the lettering should be short such as “This stone commemorates the lost Chapel of Kingston finally overcome by the sea in 1626.” Cllr Masson to obtain a quote for a boulder at least 3 ft high. Further permission would be needed from West Kingston Residents Association and Arun District Council once details of the design were available, and grant funding could be applied for.
- 94/18 **Flagpole** – It was agreed to hold a site meeting to decide on a new position for the flagpole. A decision would need to be made on whether to refurbish the existing flagpole or buy a new one.
- 95/18 **New Chain of Office** – The proposed design was considered and it was noted that the next step would be to commission a small sample section of the chain to further assess its suitability at a cost of £150 (this would offset the total cost if the sample was approved). Council agreed that the design should be very simple and that Cllr Masson would contact Carole Devlin to seek her view on the design (as Stuart Devlin had designed and made the badge of Office)
- 96/18 **New website** – The Clerk advised that the new website would be live from 1 August, 2018.
- 97/18 **General Data Protection Regulation** – Deferred until the September meeting of Council.
- 98/18 **Remembrance Service 2018** – Council noted that at the moment timings for the laying of wreaths would be the same as for previous years. It was agreed that Council would order two wreaths (one to be laid at the East Preston War Memorial and the other at Kingston War Memorial) and would make a donation for this in line with budget provision of £120. Council noted the opportunity from the Royal British Legion for Council to sponsor a ‘soldier silhouette’.
- 99/18 **External meetings not otherwise on the agenda:** None
- 100/18 **Urgent Matters:** None.
- 101/18 **Other Matters:**
- a) The Clerk reported on a complaint received from a resident about fireworks being set off in Kingston Gorse late in the evening of 7 July. The Clerk had advised the resident that he could report noise nuisance to Arun District Council and Cllr Kenning would raise the problem with Kingston Gorse Estate.
 - b) The Chairman advised that due to ill health Cllr Hodge would probably not be able to attend the next few meetings of Council although he would respond to emails and help on Council matters whenever he could. Taking this in to account, it was agreed to extend the six-month rule for attending meetings in the case of Cllr Hodge to 1 year.
- 102/18 **Date of next scheduled meeting:** Thursday 20 September, 2018 in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, East Preston commencing at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.

Chairman:

Date: