

DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
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 Walcote, Top Street, Charlton, Worcs WR10 3LE

Held in Kington & Dormston Village Hall
Monday 13th November 2023 at 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr M. Tilt (Chair)	Cllr S. Richins
Cllr R. Drake	Cllr T. Richards
Cllr P. Collins	Cllr E. Faizey
County Cllr L. Robinson	Cllr V. Longmore

In Attendance: Clerk and no members of the public were in attendance.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

1. **APOLOGIES-** Apologies were received from Cllr Bull and District Cllr Dawkes
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None declared
3. **GRANTS FOR DISPENSATION-** None received.
4. **MINUTES-** The minutes from the meeting held on 11th September 2023 were approved and true and correct as proposed by Cllr Drake and seconded by Cllr Collins
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**
 - a) **District Councillors Report- Nick Dawkes-** No report
 - b) **County Councillors Report-Linda Robinson**

After we had barely recovered from Storm Babette. I received alerts from County about our next dose of bad weather named Storm Ciaran. With heavy rain and strong winds forecast we had yet more localised flooding from surface water and smaller ordinary watercourses which was followed by more flooding from the bigger main rivers. Our Civic centre weather station recorded over 53mm of rain overnight and through Friday 20th October on top of 31mm rain on the 18th and prior to that 53mm Wednesday to Friday the week before. This means that we have ended up with the highest total rainfall for the month of October since our records began in 2008 and the second highest monthly total in 16 years for any month.

On the 20th October we experienced surface water run off the likes of which have not been seen since the July 2007 event.

As more evidence is raised globally re Climate Change and its effects on our weather. I am pleased to note that WCC reported in October that it has received a 45% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions and reduced 91% of emissions from its buildings, fleet vehicles and street lighting. The data is in line with the council's long-term mission to reduce its own emissions to net zero. WCC have also planted 50,000 new trees with additional plans to plant 150,000 more. More good news from our local Envirosort at Norton is that since the plant opened over a decade ago it has processed over a million tonnes of recycling.

GWR recent proposals for closing their ticket offices have today been withdrawn. In a recent public consultation to which there were 750,000 responses 99% of which were not in favour including myself and many residents I discussed it with.

6. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Tilt raised the issue of the pooling water and mud in front of the bus shelter and Cllr Collins replied that it will be rectified this week and the road will be re-swept.

Cllrs reported that the bottom of Kington Lane was today flooded- Clerk to share updates with Highways to check.

Cllr Robinson shared that following the meeting held at Flyford regarding speeding on the A422 whereby Police Chief and Crime Commissioner John Campion was in attendance the Police are asking for a list of any potential hard standing sites along the route where speed checks could be carried out- if people can please share any potential sites (with photos or What3Words) to the clerk these can then be fed back.

7. LENGTHSMAN

Cllrs shared the following tasks for the lengthsmen to undertake:

Clean graffiti off the phonebox at the end of Cockshot Lane

Check and clear the drain at the end of Cockshot Lane (leaves etc)

Sweep pavement along Cockshot Lane (by phonebox)

Clerk to also log a road sweeping request for the village and enquire if an established lengthsmen would be free to give the new lengthsmen an overview/ walk round the village to highlight high maintenance areas.

8. PLANNING

a. Applications considered at the meeting with no objections:

W/23/02271/FUL	The Ridge Kington Lane Kington Worcester WR7 4DJ	Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian with domestic driveway, relocation of vehicular access, erection of stables, insertion of equestrian manege, and replacement barn.	Pending Decision
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9. FINANCE –

a) The following payments were approved by all Cllrs:

Wychavon	Elections	£50.00	Cheque 000568
Lisa Cope	Salary	£540.00	Cheque 000569
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£135.00	Cheque 000570
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£75.33	Cheque 000571
Lisa Cope	Clerk pay award back pay	£173.00	Cheque 000573
Paul Caldicott	Lengthsman	£52.50	Cheque 000574

b) The bank balance as of 25th October 2023 was £8,005.36

c) Cllrs collated the following to add into the budget for 2024/25:

Defibrillator maintenance

Noticeboard for bush shelter

Smart Water possibly

Electricity costs -Clerk to contact the Village Hall committee regarding this

10. JBM SOLAR

No further updates- Clerk to pass on enquiry for a banner to the Village Hall committee.

11. SMART WATER

Still awaiting survey from Neighbourhood Watch to go out to the village in order to assess the demand from residents- Clerk to chase.

12. POLICE OWNED TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr Drake commented that the blue telephone box now required some maintenance, as it is owned by the Police Clerk to email Cllr Robinson with a letter for the Police asking them to undertake this.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk reminded all Cllrs to please submit their register of Interest forms asap.

Clerk shared the details of the Wychavon Communities Together event taking place on Thursday 23rd November at 6:30pm.

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllrs stated that they had submitted comments regarding the Electoral boundary changes but had received no response as yet.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting was agreed for Monday 15th January 2024 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Signed Chairman.....

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