

DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Held in Kington & Dormston Village Hall
Monday 9th September 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr P. Collins (Chair)	Cllr S. Richins
Cllr T. Richards	Cllr E. Faizey
Cllr I. Bull	Cllr A. Chapman
Cllr V. Longmore	County Cllr L. Robinson

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

1. **APOLOGIES-** Cllr R. Drake and District Cllr N. Dawkes sent their apologies
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** Cllr Collins requested a link to update his register of interests- Clerk to action
3. **GRANTS FOR DISPENSATION-** None received.
4. **MINUTES-** The minutes from the meeting held on 8th July 2024 were approved and true and correct as proposed by Cllr Collins and seconded by Cllr Bull. These were signed by the Chairman.
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**
 - a) **District Councillors Report- Nick Dawkes-**

Cllr Dawkes sent a report highlighting that the Government consultation on the proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other changes to the planning system closes on 24 September 2024 and for the Parish Council to respond if they wish. Clerk to circulate a briefing document on the changes for Cllrs to consider a response from the Parish Council.

b) County Councillors Report-Linda Robinson

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break which seems to have gone very quickly. Officers at County have been taking their leave so there is not a lot to report.

Apologies if the first two items are of less relevance to you geographically but may still be of some interest.

We would like to hear your views on proposed changes to the school system in the Pershore area.

The consultation will explore proposals to change age ranges, combine schools and increase pupil numbers at schools in and around the Pershore. Schools have asked Worcestershire County Council to review the age ranges of the schools, so that there is a clear and consistent education pathway, and co-ordinated age range for children attending school in the local education planning area.

Historically, the education provision in Pershore has tended to follow a three-tier journey, where pupils attend first schools from age 4-9, transfer to middle schools at age 9-12 and then transfer to high school at age 12 to complete their education. However, some schools in the Pershore area have already completed the transition

from three-tier to two-tier where pupils attend a primary school from age 4-11 with a transfer at age 11 to secondary school. Schools that have already converted to two-tier will not make any further changes.

The consultation runs from 2 September 2024 to noon on 29 September 2024 and provides an opportunity to have a say about what is important about age ranges of schools and transitions from one school to the next.

Before final decisions are made in November 2024 the results of the consultations will be considered by:

- the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education for Abbey Park First and Middle schools and Fladbury CE First School
- the Department for Education's Regions Group for Crowle CE First School, Pinvin Federation, St. Barnabas CE First & Middle School and Pershore High School
- the Governing Bodies of Defford-cum-Besford CE School and Upton Snodsbury CE First School

Councillor David Chambers, Cabinet Member for Education, said: "We have been actively collaborating with Pershore schools and Academy Trusts to develop a unified and transparent approach to changing age ranges in the school system. Parents, carers, pupils, school staff, and residents are encouraged to have their say on these proposed changes and help shape decisions that prioritise the education needs for current and future generations in the Pershore area."

For more information and to have your say on the proposals, please visit:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/pershorereview>.

Please feel free to share the details of this survey with anyone you think may find it of interest.

Progress for secondary school and car park plans near hospital.

I am aware that this was discussed at our last meeting but please see below for an update including a proposed layout.

PLANS: Illustrative designs for the joint school and multi-storey car park project (*Image: Ares landscape architects*)

PROPOSALS for Worcester's new secondary school and a multi-storey car park have made it through an early part of the planning process.

Plans for the school and an 850-space car park near Worcestershire Royal Hospital went on public display last month.

Worcestershire County Council has now adopted a Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion for the project.

This is a technical consideration based on whether a proposal is likely to have a significant environmental impact.

In this instance, it was considered the school and car park plans would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects, in EIA terms.



The proposal itself is classed by the county council as a 'hybrid application' - it contains a full, detailed, application for the secondary school and outline plans for the multi-storey car park, which is hoped to ease the pressure on existing hospital car parks.

Planning applications for the two developments can now be submitted and will go to public consultation.

Worcester City Council, Warndon Parish Council and other agencies including Worcestershire Highways will also be consulted. The plans will eventually be decided on by members of the county council's planning and regulatory committee. The car park scheme is being developed by Prime. It would be accessed off Nunnery Way (A4440) and the developer says it would reduce journeys on Newtown Road and ease congestion in and around the hospital site.

The joint application for the school aims to provide more school places in the city.

The proposed development comprises a 600 place mainstream secondary school for pupils between the age range of 11 and 16. It was revealed earlier this year that the likely opening of the school has been pushed back to 2028, while the capital budget for the project has increased from £50 million to £59.9m, plus an additional £2.6m to help accommodate additional pupils at existing Worcester secondary schools.

Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUG2)

This scheme aims to enhance the comfort and energy efficiency of lower income households, that rely on heating methods other than mains gas central heating and offers free home energy efficiency improvements for eligible people. To apply or for more information visit the Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUG2) on the Worcestershire County Council website.

Road Verge Management Survey

Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Highways want to consult with Parish Councils to ask for their opinion, level of interest and potential level of capacity for taking on the management of some or all of the C and U roads within their parish boundary to manage them in line with best practice for promoting wildflowers, pollinators and other wildlife.

They have asked that you complete the following survey:

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/0b6c586a-30a2-449b-b7f5-ae58c556e7c6>

6. HIGHWAYS

Cllrs followed up with Cllr Robinson what speeding measures could be placed on the A422 but as it is not a 30mph road there can be no additional VAS sign placed on the highways or 'Sharks teeth' road markings. The Parish Council previously wrote to Marc Baylis and Jon Campion after the July Meeting with a request for a 30mph speed restriction on this part of the road owing to the sharp bends but have received no response. Cllr Robinson shared that they are not looking to introduce any further traffic calming measures on the A422 at present.

Cllrs requested an additional VAS sign on Cockshot Lane near the Red Hart Pub to help reduce speeding through the village, Cllr Robinson to request an assessment from highways and if possible will provide the post. The Parish Council will need to source an additional solar panel and VAS machine or swap the current VAS machine's location intermittently. Cllr Robinson requested a data download from the current VAS- Clerk to request one from Cllr Drake.

Cllr Richins and Bull explained that they have been approached by several Kington residents expressing a wish for a 20mph speed limit in Kington. Cllr Robinson shared that Highways are now reluctant to introduce any 20mph restrictions. Cllr Richins suggested a possible application for a 'Quiet Lane' on the road but Cllrs were not in favour of this owing to problems with them locally. Another option would be for the 'Sharks teeth' road markings in Kington and this would be proposed to Highways for assessment- Clerk to action.

Dormston lane has already been inspected by Highways who have raised an advisory for Engineers to attend the site to schedule for works to the road surface.

Cllr Collins approached Mill House Care Home regarding complaints from residents regarding the sign on the roadside, they have already been approached by Highways who requested the sign was moved further back from the road and this has now been actioned.

7. LENGTHSMAN

All going well nothing to report.

8. PLANNING

No new planning applications to consider.

9. FINANCE –

a) The following payments were approved by all Cllrs:

Lisa Cope	Salary	£576.00	Cheque 000600
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£144.00	Cheque 000661
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£55.59	Cheque 000662
Paul Brewer	Lengthsman July	£140.00	Cheque 000663
Paul Brewer	Lengthsman August	£122.50	Cheque 000664

- b) The bank balance as of 1st September 2024 was £6,068.60 and £6,709.22 in the savings account.
- c) Internet banking forms had been received for Cllr Longmore, Clerk to check the status of Cllr Drakes application and add Cllr Collins if required.

11. VILLAGE HALL ELECTRICITY

The Clerk has moved the Village Hall onto a different tariff with EDF for 12 months, reducing the standing charge to 60p per day and 25.50KWH for electric. The advisor estimated on existing usage the bills should now be on average £54 and £82 per month. We are awaiting a date to fit two new smart meters to replace the old meters in the Village Hall

12. TREES

Cllr Collins expressed his wish to replace the trees which were destroyed, awaiting a quote to consider from Limebridge for these at present. Cllr Collins suggested an insurance claim for the replacement, Clerk to check the policy and excess.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The order has now been placed for two new litter bins in Dormston- Clerk to share a date for fitting when confirmed.

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Richins highlighted that the blue telephone box at the end of Cockshot Lane is in a state of disrepair, it is thought to be owned by the Police. Clerk to chase the status with the Police, if they would be willing to sell it to the Parish Council and the effect on the insurance premium if the Parish Council did take ownership of it- to be added to the November agenda.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting was agreed for Monday 11th November 2024 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Signed Chairman.....

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