

DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held via zoom
Monday 11th January 2021 at 7:30pm

Present :

Cllr M. Tilt (Chair)	Cllr P. Laight
Cllr R. Drake	Cllr I. Bull
Cllr P. Collins	District Cllr L. Robinson
Cllr V. Longmore	County Cllr R. Adams

In Attendance: Clerk

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No questions

- 1. APOLOGIES** - None
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** Cllr Collins declared an interest in Item 10a
- 3 GRANTS FOR DISPENSATION-** None
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -The minutes from the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2020 were approved as true and correct.
- 5. PROGRESS REPORTS:**

a) District Councillors Report- Linda Robinson

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all our residents a 'Happier & Safe New Year for 2021.' Hope fully the roll out of vaccines is now a top priority and I know of many who have already had their first dose or have appointments in place in the near future. There is light at the end of the tunnel but as we are seeing, the logistics involved will take some time.

The bad weather has tested our Emergency services further recently with flooding and then snow and ice. Parts of Wychavon experienced internal flooding but I am not aware of any flooded households in Kington & Dormston but please let me know if anyone was adversely affected.

Wychavon have announced that free parking in all Wychavon car parks will now continue until the end of January. With COVID numbers rapidly increasing nationally including Wychavon the advice from Public Health Worcestershire is to continue to follow social distancing, wear a mask, wash hands and limit contacts and leaving your home. Please stay safe and encourage others to follow these guidelines which are the best way to fight this new variant of this disease which seems to spread more easily.

I have attached the latest guidance from Wychavon. Also please find a brief summary of some highlights of some good results achieved by the District throughout the last year which is particularly noteworthy in such unprecedented times.

b) County Councillors Report- Rob Adams

Upon receiving the daily figures for the County on Covid- 19 positive cases Cllr Adams confirmed that these are rising daily, with figures higher than those reported in March 2020 in the County. He has received lots of enquiries regarding the vaccine roll-out which is now in operation in Pershore.

Attended to a property on the corner of Dormston Lane just before Christmas with Barry Barnes due to flooding across the road. Requested the Clerk contact the Lengthsman to keep the drains clear along this area to prevent a build-up of water.

Cllr Adams has been liaising with County Council over the speeding on the A422 whereby Jacobs have made recommendations. Shortly there should be a zoom meeting where each parish affected can be represented to comment on any future plans.

Lastly Cllr Adams announced he will not be standing for County Councillor at the May elections this year, Cllr Tilt expressed thanks for all his support and help over the years and this was echoed by all Councillors present.

c) Footpaths Officer Report

No report under present conditions

d) Crime Report

Clerk had contacted Julie Pardoe regarding the lack of Police reports submitted- there is a new Police reporting system which makes drawing reports very difficult and for the time being unless there is anything to report she might not be in touch for every meeting. There is a new messaging service being set up soon.

Cllr Bull commented on that there had been an increase of hare coursing within the villages and vehicles are damaging gateways and access on to fields, with a vehicle even being left abandoned in a field. Clerk to notify Julie Pardoe.

Cllr Drake attended the recent crime commissioner meeting and presented various questions to the Police on behalf of the village. The neighbourhood watch system has not been in operation since the summer but there is WhatsApp Police group that you are able to join for updates. The lack of speed camera presence on the A422 was questioned and it was highlighted that there is only one site along the A422 where a speed van can operate which is near Inkberrow currently. Through the recent surveys conducted however the Police believe that the majority of accidents/ incidents caused are not through excessive speeds but dangerous driving eg, overtaking on bends and the issue is not speed but noise.

6. HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report

7. NOTICEBOARD

Cllr Collins now has all of the parts necessary and will complete the installation of the new noticeboard in next two weeks with the help of Cllr Drake

8. LENGTHSMAN

Clerk to inform the Lengthsman to try and keep leaves off footpaths due to slippages and to keep the drains clear along the corner of Dormston Lane.

9. PLANNING

a. Applications considered under delegation since previous meeting:

20/02272/HP	Roundhill Lodge Cockshot Lane Dormston Kington Worcester WR7 4JZ	Erection of first floor extension to existing bungalow and new detached garage/car port with dedicated bat loft	Approved
20/01639/OUT	Little Ashdene Farm Kington Lane Kington Worcester WR7 4DH	An application for outline planning permission for the demolition of all existing buildings within the application site and the construction of up to three self-build dwellings	Approved

b) **New Applications considered**

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20/02524/CU	Bourne Farm Kington Lane Kington Worcester WR7 4DH	Change of use of land to residential garden and use of annexe formerly associated with Bourne House (formerly known as Bourne Farm) as ancillary accommodation to Bourne Farm (new residence).	No objections
20/02813/HP	St Judes Cockshot Lane Dormston Kington Worcester WR7 4LB	Proposed rear extension	No objections

10.FINANCE – Council approved payments the following payments:

Luke Farnsworth	Lengthsman Oct/ Nov	£260	Cheque 475
Lisa Cope	Salary	£432.00	Cheque 476
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£108.00	Cheque 477
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£75.35	Cheque 478

b) The budget for 2021/2022 was approved by all Councillors for submission to Wychavon. The Precept was agreed at £6,256 which results in a 00.24% decrease in Band D Levy Council tax from £28.39 to £28.32.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Drake suggested that due to the success of the new VAS whether an additional VAS sign should be considered within the budget for at the other end of the village and Cllr Collins supported that it had been a great deterrent and one should be considered on the A422 before the bad bend in Inkberrow.

Cllr Tilt suggested that we must wait until the outcome from County meeting on the A422 first and then consult with the village as to whether another VAS is necessary first.

Cllr Longmore also suggested that this is not included in the budget as the precept was raised last year already for the VAS sign and it might be that the current VAS sign is moved to alternate locations regularly within the village if another pole is installed, like as done in other villages.

Cllr Drake highlighted that a resident located opposite the new VAS sign may not be happy with its location and Cllr Tilt is to contact them by phone to talk it through.

Cllr Laight drew attention to a large amount of debris along the public footpath by the last property on the right before the Flyford Arms. Cllr Adams is going to suggest Barry Barnes take a look at this

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting was agreed for Monday 8th March 2021

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....

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