

DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in Kington & Dormston Village Hall
Monday 8th November 2021 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr M. Tilt (Chair) Cllr I. Bull
 Cllr R. Drake District & County Cllr L. Robinson
 Cllr P. Collins
 Cllr V. Longmore

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

1. **APOLOGIES-** Cllr Laight and Cllr Richards sent their apologies
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None
- 3 **GRANTS FOR DISPENSATION-** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 were approved as true and correct.
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**

a) County & District Councillors Report- Linda Robinson

Coronavirus update

On the 5th November our Coronavirus average infection rate across Worcestershire is 454 per 100,000 population with Wychavon at 400 we are the lowest in the District. The England average is 413 .

The latest NHS figures show a total of 50 people were in hospital in Worcestershire with Covid-19 including three people in intensive care.

The NHS data show that there have been five Covid deaths recorded for county hospitals in the past seven days. It means in total there have been 927 Covid-related deaths in county hospitals during the pandemic.

The Acute Hospitals Trust covers Worcestershire Royal Hospital, as well as the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch and Kidderminster Hospital.

The public are encouraged to follow the safety measures set out in the Government's winter response plan. This includes meeting outdoors whenever possible and letting fresh air in when meeting indoors. We should wear face coverings in enclosed settings when mixing with people we would not normally do and getting tested if you have any symptoms plus staying at home if you feel unwell. Local GPs are encouraging residents to get booster jabs and second vaccine if invited to. 12-to-15-year old's are now being urged to 'Grab a Jab' in a new County campaign. Surprisingly latest figures show that 374 staff in Worcestershire hospitals are unvaccinated. Mandatory vaccination for NHS staff is now under consultation.

Schools

WCC are re-opening proposals for the Pershore education pyramid to change from the current three tier system to two tier. A full public consultation is now underway until the 26th November. The link below can be used to access it.

WEST MERCIA POLICE. New Community engagement is now live:

We are committed to engaging with our communities across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to increase trust and confidence and to help us protect people from harm.

KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Lisa Cope Email: kndparishcouncil@gmail.com Tel. 01386 860616

Our communities are active participants in helping to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour and we know that by working together we can make a real difference.

Public safety, crime prevention and protection of the vulnerable cannot be accomplished by the police alone. It takes effective partnership working and strong community relationships. It is only by the police, our partners and the public working together that we can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime.

Our Local Policing Charter, launched in March 2021, outlines how we will ensure we provide a visible policing presence and how, using local engagement, social media and new digital channels, we will create further opportunities for dialogue so the public can raise concerns, provide feedback, be involved and help shape policing. Neighbourhood Matters will help us to work with the public and build strong community relationships.

If you sign up to Neighbourhood Matters, you decide who you want to hear from and the type of alerts you want to receive. You'll be getting information on exactly what's happening in your area and what is being done about it. You'll also hear about positive police action, good news stories and be able to play an active part in helping us with our public appeals.

You can sign up to Neighbourhood Matters <https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/#SignUp>

Update on FCC staffing situation

There has been no major change since our last update. The situation remains fragile, but FCC are managing to maintain essential collection services, with the exception of bulky waste, as well as increase the amount of highway litter picking and mechanical sweeping taking place through the use of agency staff.

Redditch Borough Council last week announced it was suspending its garden waste collection service which is a reminder of how difficult the current situation is for all councils.

If residents ask about alternative ways to dispose of bulky waste while our service is suspended, please direct them to our bulky waste page on our website where we have listed some options.

Green Flag success

I am delighted to report that our five parks and Droitwich Community Woods have retained Green Flag Status. This is an incredible achievement and huge thanks and congratulations must go to our parks team and contractors Continental and Smart Cut for all their hard work. People now have the chance to vote for their favorite park for a People's Choice Award, which recognizes the most popular parks on the planet.

To find out more and to vote for your favorite park visit www.wychavon.gov.uk/parks

Enforcement

A resident expressed concern that caravans were possibly staying on site in the village caravan park all year round rather than March-October. Cllr Robinson has made enforcement aware to follow up and make enquiries.

Bird Flu

There has been an outbreak of bird flu recently in the nearby area and so residents are reminded to remain cautious and take precautions if housing birds.

B) Parish Path Warden Report

Health and safety issues are still taking precedence as funds are in place but lack of staff to get jobs undertaken at present.

6. HIGHWAYS

a) Road noise complaints from the A422

Barry Barnes from Highways visited recently and checked road noise from behind the church and could not find issue with the road noise at the time, it would also be difficult/ too far away to place a decibel reader in that position. There had been 3 more complaints logged by the Clerk from residents regarding the issue- it was agreed that it would continue to be monitored.

KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Lisa Cope Email: kndparishcouncil@gmail.com Tel. 01386 860616

b) VAS sign

Cllr Collins agreed to help Cllr Drake this Sunday 14th November with a quick adjustment to the VAS sign to prevent lights reflecting in resident's windows.

7. LENGTHSMAN

Clerk reported a faulty grit bin in Dormston Lane had been reported to Wychavon to be replaced and Cllr Collins stated that a required grit bin on the bend at Kingston Lane had disappeared- Clerk to contact Wychavon with regards its whereabouts.

Cllr Drake stated that many gullies still required emptying- Clerk to check lengthsman's contract and if gullies are not included log the issue with Wychavon.

8. PLANNING

a. Applications considered at the meeting:

21/02501/HP	Old Moat Barn Dormston Lane Dormston Worcester WR7 4JX	Proposed first floor dormer and internal alterations at first floor. Replace all existing PVC rainwater goods with black cast aluminium. Existing door frames and skirting boards to be painted F&B Wimborne White in eggshell finish. All internal timber pine doors replaced with cottage style oak doors, ironmongery to match existing windows and doors.	No objections
21/02502/LB	Old Moat Barn Dormston Lane Dormston Worcester WR7 4JX	Proposed first floor dormer and internal alterations at first floor. Replace all existing PVC rainwater goods with black cast aluminium. Existing door frames and skirting boards to be painted F&B Wimborne White in eggshell finish. All internal timber pine doors replaced with cottage style oak doors, ironmongery to match existing windows and doors.	No objections

b. Applications approved since previous meeting:

21/02125/HP	Willow Chase Cockshot Lane Dormston Kingston Worcester WR7 4JZ	Proposed front porch and rendering of front elevation.	Application Approved
-----------------------------	---	--	----------------------

9. FINANCE –

a) The following payments were approved:

Andrew Deptford	Defibrillator Pads	£184.80	Cheque 000500
Luke Farnsworth	Lengthsman August/ September	£150	Cheque 000501
Lisa Cope	Salary	£432	Cheque 000502
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£108	Cheque 000503
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£79.54	Cheque 000504
H7 Media Systems	PA System Village Hall (NHB Monies)	£1069.91	Cheque 000505

b) **The bank balance** as of 19/10/2021 was £6,956.32

c) Cllrs Drake and Longmore agreed to be additional signatories on the bank account- Clerk to action. Clerk agreed to look into online banking for ease of administrating payments

10. TREE PLANTING FOR QUEENS JUBILEE 2022

Cllrs Drake and Bull had visited various locations along with Barry Barnes for the possible location of tree(s) for the Queens Jubilee and Cllr Collins suggested that any nearby landowners need to be consulted before a decision is made.

KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Lisa Cope Email: kndparishcouncil@gmail.com Tel. 01386 860616

Two locations in Dormston are:

- Dormston Lane next to the post box near the Old Dairy there is a wide verge (Cllr Collins to speak with nearby landowner
- An avenue of trees along Dormston Lane on the other side of the layby (Cllr Drake to speak with Mr Marshall)

Two locations in Kingston are:

- Land behind the Church (Cllr Longmore to check ownership of land)
- Kington Lane on bend approaching the village (Cllr Collins to enquire with landowner)

Cllr Robinson suggested that an Evergreen Oak is the recommended tree but a tree choice was still to be made along with cost enquiries before the January meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk reported 3 residents had emailed regarding the road noise issue on the A422 since the last meeting.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Tree planting was confirmed as an agenda item for January as any trees would require planting before March 2022 at the latest.

The clerk noted that the budget for 2022/2023 would need to also be confirmed at the next meeting. Cllr Drake suggested that as the VAS sign had recorded much higher speeds from vehicles leaving the village rather than entering it (owing to the VAS sign) another sign should be considered for the village. This will be considered within budget options for next year- to be discussed at January meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting was agreed for Monday 10th January 2022 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....