

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held in Kington & Dormston Village Hall**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7:30pm**

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:** Clerk, two members of the public were in attendance

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –**

1. **APOLOGIES-** None
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None
- 3 **GRANTS FOR DISPENSATION-** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved as true and correct.
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**

**a) County & District Councillors Report- Linda Robinson**

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy new Year.

I hope to join you all later but having had our first covid case in my family recently, It is my intention to continue to take extra precautions, so I hope you will be happy for me to wear a mask and stay at the back of the room with the doors open behind me for the duration of my visit. Last week on the 7<sup>th</sup> January our Coronavirus infection in Wychavon rate was up by 46.5% at the highest it has ever been at 1,401 per 100,000. As of yesterday, the overall picture both locally and nationally is improving with Wychavon 's rate down to 1,152. From today the Government has reduced the mandatory numbers for self-isolation from seven to five days. However, this is conditional that there needs to be a negative test undertaken on day 5 and day six and no evidence of a raised temperature. Fortunately, the Omicron variant is proving to give milder symptoms but we still have 75 patients in our Acute Hospitals with 5 in intensive care. There were 7 deaths due to Covid since Xmas.

The NHS is widely reported to be under significant pressure due to a combination of more covid 19 patients, usual winter workload and staff absences. The Government has extended Plan B measures until 26<sup>th</sup> January. The advice remains to stay alert and take precautions to stay safe and encourage further take up of vaccines.

Both County & District Councils are busy preparing their draft budget proposals for 2022/2023 having finally received their local government Settlement. WCC are proposing an increase of 3.94% to their share of Council tax. which will equate to £1 per week for a band D property. Three quarters of the increase is to be ring fenced for Adult social care Services. Finally, I would like to attach further information re The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations as shared to LOCAL Authorities.

District Councillors and Parish clerks have been sent details of new District Ward proposals for Wychavon.as part of an electoral review There is an extensive and detailed consultation which closes on the 21<sup>st</sup>.March. This is being conducted by The Local government Boundary Commission and is relevant to you as it concerns changes for Kington

& Dormston. Under these proposals your parishes would no longer be part of the Upton Snodsbury Ward as they are currently but will be incorporated into the Inkberrow ward. Please note this will not affect the County boundary for the Upton Snodsbury Division.

Your views are being asked on these proposed new electoral arrangements for Wychavon.

The Boundary Commission want to know :

Do the proposed wards reflect local communities?

How do you think the proposals can be improved?

Are the names of the proposed wards right?

Find out more and have your say on : [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) & [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). I hope you will all participate both collectively as a parish council and individually.

## B) Parish Path Warden Report

Time has been spent reviewing the stiles around the village especially the older ones and a meeting has been organised with the footpath officer to arrange replacements

### 6. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Robinson stated that she is still receiving complaints from Kington residents regarding the road surface noise on the A422 and that it still remains an area of concern to take up with highways. Cllrs stated that a petition was going through the village- Clerk to contact resident regarding the petition to add numbers to the email complaints received.

Cllr Robinson added that that highways will also re-paint the road 30mph roundels that may have worn away over time and this may help speeding through the village as well as another VAS sign which she would cover the costs for financially out of her divisional funds- covered in item 11.

### 7. LENGTHSMAN

Nothing to report, Cllr Drake stated the blocked drains still had not been cleared by WCC, Clerk had logged the works on 11/11/21 and will chase again.

### 8. PLANNING

#### a. Applications considered at the meeting: No objections

<a href="#">W/22/00012/HP</a>	The Green Dormston Lane Dormston WR7 4JU	Relocation of vehicular access and installation of electric gates	Pending Decision
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#### b. Applications approved since previous meeting: None

Cllr Tilt reported that a complaint had been lodged against the Shepherds Hut on her land in lower kites wood, after liaising with both enforcement and planning beforehand all rules and regulations regarding the hut have been followed and adhered to.

### 9. FINANCE –

#### a) The following payments were approved by all Cllrs:

Luke Farnsworth	Lengthsman October/ November	£300.00	Cheque 000506
Lisa Cope	Salary	£480.00	Cheque 000507
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£120.00	Cheque 000508
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£68.23	Cheque 000509

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- b) **The bank balance** as of 23/11/2021 was £7,171.37
- c) The budget for 2022/23 was set at £7,020 with a precept of £6,776 which is a 10.3% increase on last years Band D Levy increasing from £28.32 to £31.24. This was agreed by Cllr Tilt and seconded by Cllr Drake and all Cllrs present.

**10. TREE PLANTING FOR QUEENS JUBILEE 2022**

Cllr Collins had liaised with locals in Dormston regarding the tree planting locations and neighbouring landowners had expressed their agreement with an avenue of trees to be planted uphill towards Hill Farm from the Main Rd on the left-hand side (to just before where the fishermen turn) they asked to be consulted on the positioning and planting. In Kington all Cllrs agreed a good location might be on Kington Lane a few yards in from Radford Road a tree either side of the Road. Clerk to contact highways to check suitability and Cllrs agreed to check tree availability and prices to be now planted in September. Clerk to allocate tree spend in the 2022/23 budget.

**11. ADDITIONAL VAS SIGN EXITING THE VILLAGE**

All Cllrs agreed that a new VAS sign in the village would be a good addition in trying to reduce speeds within the village. The ideal location agreed by Cllrs being on A442 facing towards the traffic coming from Flyford direction on the wide grass verge opposite the Kington turning. Clerk to contact Barry Barnes at Highways for a site inspection to see if this would be suitable, as there is no electric supply it would need to be solar powered and a suitable pole sourced. Cllr Robinson agreed to fund the additional VAS sign using divisional funds- all Cllrs thanked Cllr Robinson for her support in the project.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

One email received from a parishioner in Kington complaining of the road surface noise on the A442-Clerk added to the spreadsheet of approximately 20 names.

**13. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Cllr Collins noted that the missing grit box had still not been replaced- Clerk to chase.  
Cllr Drake asked Clerk to chase Wychavon on the clearing of the relevant gullies within the village.  
Cllr Laight stated as he is moving out of the village in coming months he will be resigning as Cllr in due course with the AGM meeting possibly being his last in post

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** The next meeting was agreed for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....

**AIDE MEMOIRE**

**Public Question Time**

Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss their forthcoming planning applications for a property recently acquired in Dormston- all Cllrs agreed that the property plans looked in keeping with other local houses and would be a welcome addition.