

DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Held in Kington & Dormston Village Hall
Monday 16th January 2023 at 7:30pm

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

In Attendance: Clerk and six members of the public were in attendance

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Notes are covered in an aide memoir at the end of the minutes

1. **APOLOGIES-** Cllr T. Richards sent her 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 14th November 2022 were approved as true and correct.

5. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**

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

As this is my first report to you in 2023, I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year

Latest New data released to Wychavon shows that our Covid numbers have stayed the same at 40. Data from the last six weeks show that Worcestershire had 14 deaths related to Covid 19.

However nationally cases of Flu and Covid 19 are still a concern. Vulnerable people are being encouraged to stay safe by wearing masks in public places. Herefordshire & Worcestershire NHS Trust are urging people to have their flu and Covid 19 boosters after an increase in hospitalisations. A “worrying “number of children and adults have been admitted to hospital with serious respiratory infections across this winter period.

January is the month when Council tax bills and precepts are discussed by parishes, towns and Wychavon District. Last week County Council’s cabinet met to discuss its draft budget for £400m. A rise has been proposed from April of 4.94% this would add £70 to a band D property for the WCC share but still has to be considered by all Councillors on the 16th February.

Evesham VeloPark now open to the public

We’re incredibly excited to announce that Evesham’s new world-class Velo Park is now open to the public.

The £2 million cycling hub officially opened at the end of October but has only been available for club bookings while systems and software were tested.

Anyone can book online to use the park, including: 1km closed road circuit, a pump track with a unique mogul area, a learn-to-ride area with street markings to build confidence on using real roads.

Hourly slots cost between £4.50 for juniors and over 65s and £5.50 for adults. The learn-to-ride track is free when not being used for lessons. The park can also be hired by clubs and for private events. Evesham United Football Club manage the facilities and money made from the hire of the park will pay for its maintenance and upkeep.

- To book: <https://bit.ly/3hqznWZ>
- Read the full story here: <https://bit.ly/3j3xm3b>
- Watch the video on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3FZnWir>

6. HIGHWAYS

Dormston Lane was highlighted as a road that may need the surfacing looked at-Cllr Robinson agreed to pass on to Highways.

7. LENGTHSMAN

Nothing to report

8. PLANNING

- a. **Applications considered at the meeting: None**
- b. **Applications approved since previous meeting: None**

9. FINANCE –

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

Luke Farnsworth	Lengthsman Oct/Nov	£195.00	Cheque 000538
Lisa Cope	Salary	£517.69	Cheque 000539
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£129.60	Cheque 000540
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£55.18	Cheque 000541

- b) The bank balance as of 22/11/2022 is £7,627.16
- c) A draft budget was circulated to all Cllrs before the meeting with any increase being driven by increased electricity costs at the Village Hall, historically the Parish Council has always paid the electricity costs. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall for a £1000 donation this year towards the electricity costs which would then bring the budget in line with a 6.53% increase for parishioners.
This was agreed by all Cllrs and the budget was set for 2023/24 at £7,480.00

10. PROPOSED JBM SOLAR FARM

This was covered in the Public question time and minutes are in the AIDE MEMOIRE

11. SMARTWATER

A presentation by Smartwater was given in a public meeting before the Parish Council meeting opened, the benefits of Smartwater and costs were discussed at £8.90 +vat per household. A minimum of 80% of parish household kits must be purchased and the scheme then donate the remaining 20% of kits. In order to receive the signage which is a strong deterrent for burglaries 75% of kits must be registered online.
Cllr Collins highlighted that this would prove difficult unless all of the village were engaged in the scheme and all Cllrs agreed. It was therefore agreed to gauge responses from residents further on whether they would like Smartwater via posters, the village magazine and what’s app group before a decision was made

12. FLAG POLE

A number of questions had been raised via the Village Hall committee before a flag pole would be agreed by them, one being whether planning permission was required for a flag pole to be installed- Clerk to research before the March meeting.

13. ADDITIONAL DOG BIN

The Clerk was still awaiting a response from Wychavon on a bin and will chase- there is currently no dog refuse bin in Kington or Dormston and only one litter bin which regularly overflows.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Phil Coathup and Hannah Forrester from the Village Hall trust had been circulated to all Cllrs

15. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Future agenda items: Flagpole, dog bin and Smartwater

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting was agreed for Monday 13th March 2023 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....

AIDE MEMOIRE

One parishioner attended as Chairman of the JBM Solar Farm opposition group and discussed how 150 members were now part of the group and were working hard in the background to oppose any planning application which is expected to come in next month possibly.

One parishioner was interested in knowing whether Cllr Robinson had any success into looking into whether the area planned for the Solar Farm could be registered as an area of outstanding beauty- Cllr Robinson to follow up.