

DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF KINGTON & DORMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
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 Walcote, Top Street, Charlton, Worcs WR10 3LE

Held in Kington & Dormston Village Hall
Monday 11th September 2023 at 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr M. Tilt (Chair)	Cllr S. Richins
Cllr R. Drake	Cllr T. Richards
Cllr P. Collins	Cllr I. Bull
County Cllr L. Robinson	Cllr V. Longmore
District Cllr N. Dawkes	Cllr E. Faizey

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

1. **APOLOGIES-** None
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST-** None
3. **GRANTS FOR DISPENSATION-** None
4. **MINUTES-** The minutes from the meeting held on 10th July 2023 were approved and true and correct as proposed by Cllr Drake and seconded by Cllr Bull
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS:**
 - a) **District Councillors Report- Nick Dawkes-None**
 - b) **County Councillors Report-Linda Robinson**

I hope you all managed to take some time out through the Summer break. There is very little to report from WCC as meetings have not been held during August and many officers have taken their annual leave to tie in with school holidays. As the children went back to school last week my Council diaries are rapidly filling.

Whilst on the subject of schools we have been informed that none of our council-run schools in Worcestershire have been affected by the same 'collapse risk' concrete (RAAC) that has forced more than 100 others nationally to close. However, this statement does not include Academies such as Pershore High School where tests are still being carried out. I was informed earlier that they have closed their drama building over RAAC fears after surveys have been undertaken. Evidently though County Hall has RAAC present in its roof. As a precautionary measure staff are being relocated to lower floors and Council meetings due to be held in the Council Chamber are to be relocated while more surveys are carried out.

No doubt you will have heard of a proposal to close ticket offices at railway stations. The County Council are debating this point at their full council meeting on Thursday. For my part I am not in favour of this proposal as I feel it will disproportionately affect many rail users. For those who agree there is a live petition opposing ticket office closures and asking for the need to force a debate in the House of Commons. 100,000 signatures are needed and 94,000 have already been received. Please follow <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/636542> The deadline is October 18th.

Finally I have a little more information on the Boundary Commissions proposals to alter some County Divisions in line with the County Council elections in 2025. The County have done their research and as rumoured are proposing removing Kington & Dormston from the Upton Snodsbury Division. You would then become part of the Harvington

Division. Naturally I am very disappointed by this and perhaps we can have a brief discussion at your meeting. The important point is to make your comments as early as possible to the Commission if you are not in favour of this proposal.

6. HIGHWAYS

The Clerk shared that the depression in the road on the A422 had been logged with Highways and was still awaiting an engineer inspection.

Cllr Drake prompted Cllr Robinson as to when the wires would be installed on Cockshot Lane to check speeds- Cllr Robinson to chase a date.

The Clerk shared details of the Public meeting at Flyford Hall on 19th September at 7:30pm- everyone is welcome to attend to discuss speeding issues on the A422 and Chief Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion will be attending.

The Clerk shared details of a separate petition to reduce the speed limit on Radford Road and Cllrs agreed that Kington and Dormston Parish Council should be added to this.

Clerk to chase the no through road for vehicles signage required as detailed in last months meeting by Cllr Richards.

7. LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Drake commented that the hedge by the VAS requires cutting back and the signs cleaned around the village. Cllr Collins added that strimming could be required in Kington- Clerk to contact lengthsmen.

8. PLANNING

a. Applications considered at the meeting: None

9. FINANCE –

a) The following payments were approved by all Cllrs:

Lisa Cope	Salary	£540.00	Cheque 000562
HMRC	Lisa Cope Tax	£135.00	Cheque 000563
Lisa Cope	Expenses	£45.74	Cheque 000564
Neil Jennens	Defibrillator cabinet	£558.00	Cheque 000565
Panel warehouse	Noticeboard	£1023.06	Cheque 000566
Paul Caldicott	Lengthsman	£45.00	Cheque 000567

b) The bank balance as of 15th August 2023 was £7,030.16

10. JBM SOLAR

Cllr Drake commented that the Fire Service had submitted a more detailed report to JBM stating much more fire prevention was required if the Solar Farm was to be installed with better water availability and safety measures to be considered.

11. NOTICEBOARD KINGTON

This has now been installed and Cllr Tilt thanked Cllr Richins for all of his help with the installation and collection of the post.

12. SMARTWATER

Cllr Tilt shared that Neighbourhood Watch are waiting for September when most residents had returned from holidays and then would be approaching all parishioners via a leaflet drop to see if they would like Smart water in the Village. They are to contact the clerk if they are interested in this and she will compile response numbers.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None received

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Drake commented that the new tress planted in Dormston Lane had been destroyed by horses, the Clerk added that she had been in touch with Heart of England Forestry who may be able to replace the trees and would be in touch with any details.

Cllr Tilt proposed that with the new County boundary proposals shared by Cllr Robinson for Kington and Dormston to move to the Harvington division the Parish Council should object to this and all Cllrs were in agreement. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the boundary commission an objection and more details should be added on the noticeboard, WhatsApp group and What’s On magazine to highlight the changes to residents.

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

Signed Chairman.....

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