



KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF KING'S STANLEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Lounge Room of King's Stanley Village Hall on **Wednesday March 23rd 2017** at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs John Graham, Lawrie Hall (Chairman), David Hauser, David Owen, Symon Parsley, Nina Rogers, Lesley Williams. Also present: District Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, Frances Ashfield – Parish Clerk. Jean Edwards and Steve Robinson

24/17 Public participation - Jean Edwards reported that she was emptying the waste bin on the green as it was regularly filled with empty bottles. She was advised to contact SDC. Cllr Studdert-Kennedy to speak to Carlos Novoth. A large puddle by bus stop on the Green is an issue for people waiting for a bus -,referred to GCC.

25/17 Apologies for absence: Cllr Wendy Weaver and District Cllr Steve Lydon

26/17 To receive Declarations of Interest on items in the agenda – Cllr Williams - County Cllr

27/17 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday February 22nd 2017
Minutes were approved and signed as a true record by the chairman.

28/17 To receive updates/reports from the County and District Councillors.

Cllr Lydon had circulated a report to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Cllr Studdert-Kennedy had nothing further to report since the previous week's APM. In response to query re Central Garage he said that people would still be working on site as appeal was still in process. In response to query about recycling rates, he said that recycling rate was 2% up on the trial period and over 60% of waste was being recycled.

29/17 Financial Issues:

i) To receive the finance report for March and authorise payments in accordance with RFO report – The finance report was agreed and signed.

ii) To receive draft asset register

Cllr Owen talked through reasons for a register and types of assets. He recommended that planned maintenance programmes for bus shelters and war memorials be set up to prolong life of the asset. He was researching the cost of rebuilding bus shelters. The Chair thanked Cllr Owen for the time he had put into gathering the information and preparing a draft asset register. The Clerk would get quotes for replacement play equipment and request quotes for insurance. She would also put the draft register on-line to be compliant with the Transparency Act.

iii) To approve draft licence agreement between KSPC and Marling Trust

The draft agreement was circulated prior to the meeting and also agreed by the Resources Advisory Group. Suggested that item 8 is moved to before item 5. Cllr Hauser to take it to Marling Trust meeting for comment/approval.

iv) To agree and adopt Terms of reference for the Resources Advisory Group

These were agreed with addition of 'or as necessary' re meetings in point number 2.

v) To agree and adopt Publications Policy

This policy was circulated prior to the PC meeting and agreed by the Resources Advisory Group. The Publications Policy was agreed and adopted

vi) To agree recommendations from RAG re merger of two bank accounts

The Resources Advisory Group had agreed to recommend a merger. Some Councillors were concerned that no interest would be earned on reserves. Currently earning less than £10.00 pa at a 0.005% interest rate. Agreed to merge accounts and look at other higher interest accounts for the future should there be an increase in interest rates.

30/17 To consider any action points arising from the Annual Parish Meeting re Parish Action Plan

Comments from the 'stick it note' exercise had been circulated prior to the PC meeting. These would be added to the Parish Action Plan that had been discussed last year and put on April's agenda for discussion. Issue of parking in Middleyard was discussed and suggested that polite notices be placed on vehicles as traffic issue would become worse when Bath Road closure begins.

31/17 Planning:

i) To receive and approve recommendations from PAG on planning applications received

A report from PAG was presented to the PC meeting with comments and recommendations. Cllrs commented on applications and agreed as listed below.

S.17/0340/HHOLD. Sunny Brae, Selsley Hill. Front and rear dormers. **No objection**

S.17/0419.FUL and S.17/0420/FUL Court Farm - two new/replacement barns. **No objection**

ii) To receive a progress report from the Clerk on applications already responded to

S.170136/FUL 5 Coldwell Close, 2 storey side and porch extensions (Permission)

S.17/0108/HHOLD Henlian, KS – Single storey rear extension (Permission)

S.16/01703/DISCON 1a Selwyn Close – Discharge of conditions 3,4,6,10,11,12 (Permission)

S.162129/DISCON Mill House, Peaked Elm Farm – Discharge of condition (Permission)

S.17/0070/FUL Agricultural Barn, Gypsy Lane – Farm buildings for hay and farm implements (Permission)

32/17 Highways and public spaces related issues:

i) To receive an update on the replacement bench for Selsley

Cllr Rogers reported that she had met with the Head of Construction at SGS to discuss bench. The tutor is a bench specialist and sees the project as a 'benchmark project' for other parish councils. SCG will choose the final design.

ii) To receive an update on Amey decision re 'no digging'

Cllr Graham reported that there had been some relaxation of restrictions. Six CAT scanners had been bought. The PROW Officer is soon to visit the parish and look at the list of jobs needed on footpaths. The path to rear of Borough Close has been added to the list. Reported that there is a move afoot to change the current AONB

into a National Park. Concerns were raised about the footpath via the Lioncourt development. Cllr Graham to ask PROW officer to check details.

33/17 To discuss Training Plan for Cllrs and Clerk

It was agreed that a 3 hour 'Being a Better Councillor' Training should be looked into. Cllrs would like to cover new legislation and being an effective Parish Council. Clerk to get potential dates for a training session and ask what the course would cover.

34/17 To receive the Clerk's Report and any correspondence received

The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the PC meeting. She reported that there had been far fewer complaints and that people were dropping in to the parish office for a chat rather than to complain. She had started carrying out risk assessments on the play equipment and had been inspecting the play equipment as some of it was coming to the end of its predicted life. The External Audit (Annual Return) paperwork had arrived and it appeared that there would be more paperwork to complete this year. (To be looked at by RAG).

35/17 Councillors Submissions (for notice of forthcoming events or reminders, not for discussion)

- Cllr Studdert-Kennedy reported that a thief had been entering houses by the back door. Appeal to residents to keep back doors closed.

36/17 Date of next Parish Council meeting

Next Parish Council meeting to be held on **Thursday April 27th** at 7.30pm at the **Scout HQ in Selsley**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm