

The Parish COUNCIL Meeting of Kings Ripton was held on Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 7.00pm in Village Hall

Present P Rayner, Vice Chairman, P Bassitt, R Rayner and Mrs R. Carey-Townsend, Parish Councillors.
Ms R Mimiene, Clerk.
CCC Cllr M Tew and HDC Cllr R Howe
Steve Criswell, standing for CCC Elections for Somersham and Earith
1 member of the public

170321/99 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non Attendance
170321/99.1 The Clerk reported that Cllr M Krause sent apologies for absence.

170321/100 Declaration of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)
170321/100.1. No declarations of interest received.

Close of Meeting

170321/101 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters of mutual interest.

170321/101.1 Steve Criswell introduced himself as standing for CCC Elections for Somersham and Earith Division. Due to Boundary Changes K Ripton moves to this division now.

170321/101.2 Kings Ripton Parish Council would like to express their sincere condolences to the family of Michael Toates who passed away on the 20th March. Mick spent countless years on the Parish Council as Councillor and Chairman and took great pride in his service and work to benefit Kings Ripton residents. He will be sorely missed as a friend to the village.

Re-opening of Meeting

170321/102 To Receive Reports from District and County Councillors
170321/102.1 CCC Cllr MT reported that County Council precept increased by 2%, which is ring fenced for Adult Social Care. Information regarding help to vulnerable people will be provided by CCC Cllr MT. Bus services in the village cut. The alternatives to help villagers discussed. HACT come to village every Thu (it is door-to-door service). Leaflet is on PC NB. Devolution is going forward. It will provide more opportunities to the area. CCC Cllr MT expressed a pleasure of servicing to Kings Ripton for 4 years. Thank you for representing the PC and solving PC issues expressed to CCC Cllr MT by all PC members and a Clerk.

170321/102.2 HDC Cllr RH reported that HDC increased Council tax by 2%. HDC had to recruit 20 new apprentices. HDC do not expect to cut any services in the future and is working on improving all service levels. Combined authority meeting is set on how to spend money, which HDC is given. HDC will aim to get young people on housing ladder quicker. RAF Wyton Airfield development is not going ahead. Significant A141 road upgrade planned. HDC needs to build 21 000 houses to meet the requirements. Alconbury Weald traffic could be an issue to Kings Ripton. 600 houses are going to be built in Upwood Parish. Point of devolution is infrastructure.

170321/103 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting 17 January 17
Proposal Proposed by Cllr PR, seconded by Cllr PB, and RESOLVED that the minutes to be accepted and signed as the true record of the meeting. Carried
Chairman signed the minutes.

170321/104 Matters Arising for those Minutes
170321/104.1 Re: consideration of the contribution towards Clerk's Working from home insurance, suggested by The Stukeleys PC: It was found out that Clerk working from home is already covered by PC insurance therefore no further insurance is required, co PC contribution to be made.

170321/104.2 151117/63.1: Clerk received no responses re: neighbourhood watch. Reminder went into Feb and Mar RAN stating that PC is still looking for volunteers to join Neighbourhood Watch group in Kings Ripton,

170321/104.3 No letter from Unity Trust explaining the new charge received. Clerk to check with Upwood PC Clerk as they are using the same bank too. Investigate further. **Clerk**

170321/105 Notification on Planning Items

ASK

170321/105.1 No planning consultations received.
170321/105.2 Comments re: Wind Energy development consultation submitted.

170321/106 To Agree Dates and Times for Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting

170321/106.1 16 May 17 – Annual Parish Council Meeting starting 7pm, and Annual Parish Meeting/Assembly to follow at 8pm.

170321/107 Finance

170321/107.1 Cash Book balance as at 28 Feb 17 was £6,869.96 and Bank Reconciliation statement for 1 Jan to 28 Feb 17 presented to the Council - Approved.

170321/107.2 Income and Expenditure against the Budget Report as at 28 Feb 17 - Approved.

170321/107.3 Bank Balance as at 28 Feb 17: £6,869.96

170321/107.4 Expenditure for approval 21 Mar 17:

Date	Payee and Description	Amount
	<i>6 Electronic payments and 1 chq payment raised:</i>	
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21.03.17	Clerks & Councils Direct subscription renewal	£12.00
21.03.17	ICO – Information Commissioner's Office, renewal – chq payment raised on the request, Chq No 30058.	£35.00
21.03.17	Clerk salary Jan 17	£141.89
21.03.17	Clerk salary Feb 17	£104.56
21.03.17	Clerk salary Mar 17	£131.34
21.03.17	Clerk expenses on running cost of PC Jan 17 £10.40, Feb £8.30 and Mar £11.59	£30.29
21.03.17	HMRC: Clerk wages tax deductions Jan 17 £ £5.00, no tax deductions for Feb 17 only tax refund and tax deductions Mar 17 £2.20	£7.20
	Total March 17 expenditure:	£462.28

Proposal **Proposed by Councillor PR, seconded by Councillor PB, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that items listed in 170321/107.4 are to be paid.** **Carried**

170321/108 Allotments

170321/108.1 Clerk advertised Allotments at all RAN issues as agreed by PC previously, but no request to rent a plot received from Kings Ripton residents.

There are 4 plots available to rent for the price of £12 per plot per annum. Soil is very good there but there is no water supply. Members discussed and agreed to advertise the allotments to neighbouring parishes. Kings Ripton residents will always have first option however if there are spare allotments then it is preferable to rent them out to create use. Clerk to approach Wyton on the Hill and Broughton Parishes.

Cllr RCT agreed to be the contact person to show people around if needed.

RCT
Clerk

Proposal **Proposed by Cllr PB, seconded by Cllr PR, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to do so.** **Carried**

170321/109 Review Financial Procedures, document circulated prior to the meeting

170321/109.1 11.1a.h) It was discussed and agreed to increase the value of £100 to £200: 'the Clerk/RFO shall obtain 3 quotations (priced descriptions of the proposed supply); where the value is below £3,000 and above £200 the Clerk/RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates'.

Proposal **Proposed by Cllr PR, seconded by Cllr RCT, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to do so.** **Carried**

170321/110 Highways Update

170321/110.1 To discuss the outcome of the issue raised by the resident re: wooden posts on the public footpaths/access to the Estate

Issue solved as Rights of Way office's permission granted. Poles to be removed.

170321/110.2 To note the update re: Community Roadwatch (UK) CIC by David McCandless, Managing & Coordinating Director

Members noted the correspondence received. Many thanks were expressed to David McCandless, Managing & Coordinating Director, Community Roadwatch (UK) C.I.C. who comes to the village and does the Roadwatch. Cllr RCT sometimes helps too.

170321/111 Village maintenance, Cllr R Carey-Townsend

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- 170321/111.1 A letter from the resident of 2 Quaker Close received re: the trees, which were cut down by County Council Highways. PC agreed that there is no safety issue. Cllr RCT cleared some of the debris, which was left on the bank. Cllr RCT agreed to contact Brian Murdock re: tidy up of the debris.
- 170321/111.2 Village Risk Assessment carried by Cllr RR. A copy passed to the Clerk.
- 170321/111.3 Phone box: Members agreed to renovate the phone box. It was agreed to purchase the paint. It was proposed to approve the budget for approximately £150 to purchase paint and equipment.
- Proposal** **Proposed by Cllr RR, seconded by Cllr PB, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to do so.** **Carried**
- Note since meeting: Cllr PB bought the Paint: smooth Hammerite 5 x 750ml at £59.95 inc VAT (£11.99 each). Cllr PB is hoping to take a closer look at the phone box over to assess how big a task it will be, then need to organise a working party for a couple of weekends.*
- 170321/112** **Community Led Plan, Cllr M Krause**
Item deferred to the next meeting.
- 170321/113** **Feedback from Neighbouring Councils**
- 170321/113.1 Reply from Broughton PC Clerk received, circulated to full PC. Remind Abbots Ripton PC Clerk re: B1090 and speeding issues and seek their opinion.
- 170321/114** **Major Village Expenditure, such as church wall**
- 170321/114.1 PC sought advice from CAPALC and SLCC. Sadly to say but PC cannot contribute/provide financial help to PCC at this stage.
- 170321/115** **Members' Reports**
- 170321/115 Public consultation on Proposed Crematorium on Sawtry road is set for Tue 28 Mar 17 from 15.00 to 20.00 at the VH. Parish Council members will have the opportunity to view the plans before the public between 14.00 – 15.00 at the public consultation event. Next week's open session is an informal consultation, which is run by the developer. It is a pre-application only.
- Clerk to write to HarrisLamb and query when they are going to advertise the event and are there any flyers to be delivered through the residents doors.
- Letters were received by Councillors and residents from The Dignity. No letter came to Clerk's postal address.
- Note since meeting: Clerk contacted HarrisLamb developers re: flyer of the event (developer is doing all advertising themselves) and also contacted Dignity Funeral Directors. A copy of the letter will be emailed to the Clerk.*
- Clerk also approached planners at HDC asking to provide PC a timetable for this application, so PC can make sure that there is a PC meeting at a suitable point. Kings Ripton Parish Council do not make planning decisions; HDC do that. Parish Council is a consultee and do make planning recommendations to HDC on each application in the village. PC must do that based on the application plans and proposals. It will be discussed at the meeting, which will be opened to the public. PC will make sure the timetable for the planning application and PC meetings fit, so that it can be considered at the right time.*
- HDC Cllr RH leaves the meeting*
- 170321/116** **Correspondence**
- 170321/116.1 All correspondence dealt with.
- 170321/116.2 A14 leaflets received from Highways England displayed in the Village hall.
- 170321/116.3 EACH asking for grant. PC agreed not to contribute.
- 170321/116.4 Tree strategy for Huntingdonshire – PC is not considering a tree warden.
- 170321/116.5 Notice of Election 4 May 17 received: Election of Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as well as Election of County Councillors. Kings Ripton falls into Somersham & Earith Division.
- 170321/116.6 Parish Conference organised by HDC on 30 Mar 17 Parish Conference – Chairman MK and Clerk will attend.
- 170321/117** **Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**
- 170321/117.1 There have been many issues in loading virgin media email account. Cllr RR offered Clerk to liaise with Adam, computer man who could help to sort this out. At the moment Clerk is also using a Gmail account to circulate and store documents on the Google drive. Therefore, this account could be used as a main one. It was agreed by PC to approach a

computer man who could link a Gmail account to the PC website. Agenda item for the next meeting.

170321/118

Date of the next meeting: Tue 16 May 2017 at 7pm APCM and APM/Assembly at 8pm.

Meeting finished at 9.04pm

These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the Parish Council meeting

Date

16 May 2017

Chairman: Michael Krause