

M5 MINUTES

The Parish Council Meeting of Kings Ripton was held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.00pm On-Line meeting via Zoom

Present: P Rayner, Chairman, Paul Bassitt, Vice–Chair, R Rayner, J Archer, Parish Councillors
Jo Harvey, Clerk
4 members of the public
HDC Cllr Simon Bywater
CCC Cllr Steve Criswell

NALC's legal briefing on the temporary Regulations –
L01-20 | THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS)
(FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS)
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020

Meetings

The Government has issued the regulations that will give local authorities greater flexibility in the conduct of meetings, including allowing members to attend remotely, and for public and press access to those meetings.

The [Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels \(Coronavirus\) \(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2020](#) will come into force on 4 April.

210112/1 To Receive Apologies for Non Attendance

None.

210112/2 To discuss co-opting to fill one councillor vacancy

No further progress. Cllr PR volunteered to speak to an acquaintance.

PR

210112/3 Declaration of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)

No new declarations. Ongoing Declaration of Interest from Cllr PR regarding future approval of the online zoom meeting costs which was approved at the November meeting.

210112/4 To Receive Reports from District and County Councillors

CCC Cllr Steve Criswell and HDC Cllr Simon Bywater presented their reports.

Close of Meeting

210112/5 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters of mutual interest.

A parishioner reported she has been communicating with Claire Rankin, Senior Project Officer from Cambs County Council, who mentioned a crematorium path has been included in the draft Local Cycling Welfare project fund so now they are aware of the local demand for a path to the crematorium but there are not currently any funds available. The parishioner also raised the poor condition of the steps opposite The Gables with the relevant CCC department and noted that the first complaint about the state of these steps on the CCC website dates back to 2010. CCC Cllr Steve Criswell volunteered to help move this issue forward.

Another parishioner mentioned the drains along Ramsey Road are being looked into by Brian Murdoch, Highways Officer. He also raised concern that Kings Ripton may be more susceptible to flooding following the building of Alconbury Weald. Cllr PR said we can keep an eye on this.

The PC was informed that a lorry has knocked over the signs on Ramsey Road. The incident has been reported to the police and a crime number obtained. The police told

the resident they would inform the County Council of the damage. Clerk was asked to email the police to ask for an update on this issue. Clerk

The PC was informed of a recent water leak in the middle of the cross roads. Anglian Water has left kerbside damage.

Litter still reported around the village and no road sweep appears to have taken place. Clerk to report the need for a road sweep again to CCC. A litter pick did take place over the Christmas period. Clerk

A parishioner raised concern over the number of people walking on a private road in the village.

The PC was informed that the local press ran a story about a proposed northern bypass for Huntingdon.

Re-opening of the Meeting

- 210112/6** **To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting Tuesday 17th November 2020**
- Proposal** **Proposed by Cllr PB, seconded by Cllr PR, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the minutes are accepted and signed as the true record of the meeting.** **Carried**
- Chairman will sign the minutes.
- 210112/6.1 The date of the meeting on the July 2020 minutes has been corrected. Noted.
- 210112/7** **Matters Arising for those Minutes**
- None.
- 210112/8** **Planning**
- 210112/8.1 Update on App Ref 20/00210/FUL Construction of residence for business owner/manager with attached business facilities at Rally Karting, Sapley Road, Kings Ripton PE28 2NX
- New plans were put on the HDC portal on 3rd December 2020 but the main details look the same. Clerk to contact HDC Planning Department for an update. Clerk
- 210112/8.2 Update on crematorium path – No official update. PC thanked a parishioner for her feedback on this item during the public participation. Cllr PR researched costs of laying a path and shared with the councillors which ranged from £50k to £152k. CCC Cllr Steve Criswell advised that the PC should liaise with the Highways regarding this item. He volunteered to speak to Claire Rankin on this topic.
- 210112/8.3 London Luton Airport public consultation update – Cllr PB submitted the response from KRPC. The consultation runs until 5th February 2021.
- 210112/9** **Recent flooding in the village**
- Some road flooding was reported during the widespread local flooding just before Christmas. Fortunately no properties were damaged.
- 210112/10** **Highways and Verge**
- 210112/10.1 Footbridge over the Bury Brook
- 210112/10.1/1 Discuss financial contribution to the project - CCC Cllr Steve Criswell and Karen Martin are looking into the question of how much money the Parish Council is expected to provide for this project. KM informed a local resident that a hedge may have to be removed to assist with the placement of the footbridge but that it will be re-installed. The parishioner thanked KM for the information and gave consent.
- 210112/10.1/2 Discuss the necessary road closures when installing the footbridge – documentation has been received that there will be road closures on 22nd March in order to install the footbridge. No issues were raised.
- 210112/10.2 Litter picking and road sweeping – Discussed during public participation.
- 210112/10.3 Drains along the Ramsey Road – Discussed during public participation.

- 210112/10.4 Grass cutting in the Village/Village Maintenance – The councillors agreed the frequency of grass cutting needed increasing. Clerk to contact M.A.M Maintenance to amend the contract accordingly. Clerk
- 210112/10.5 Parking behind the top buildout – no current issues.
- 210112/10.6 Side gates at pincer points/slow down areas to entrance/exits to village – CCC Cllr Steve Criswell recommended the PC contact Brian Murdoch regarding this point as permission will be required from Highways. Cllr RR to email the details to the Clerk. The Clerk will then forward these details to Brian Murdoch. Clerk
- 210112/11 Traffic in the village** – The decision of the positioning of the posts is still ongoing. The PC is required to sign a Memorandum of Responsibility related to the MVAS unit and posts and Cllr PR queried the liability that will be placed on the PC. Cllr PR to email Sam Chadwick to raise this query. PR
- 210112/12 Defibrillator for the village update** – Three adhesive signs advertising the location of the defibrillator have been received. The location is to be hand-written on each sign. RR
- 210112/13 Village Security** – No major issues reported. Graffiti is still on the gas pressure regulator. This was previously reported to CCC. Cllr JA to report this again. JA
- 210112/14 Parish Council Website** – Clerk should have the access to be able to amend each page of the website. Clerk to look into this. Clerk
- 210112/15 Allotments**
The PC received another enquiry for an allotment. Currently awaiting response from the parishioner. Clerk
- 210112/16 Finance**
- 210112/16.1 Bank balance, Cashbook, Bank Reconciliation Q3 & Income & Expenditure
Chair noted a few amendments to be made on cashbook and reconciliation. Clerk will address these. Chair to sign reconciliation.
- 210112/16.2 To note Precept request for 2021/22 submitted to HDC. Noted.
- 210112/16.3 To approve January 2021 expenditure:

Date payment raised	Reference no./Date paid	Payee	Description	Receipts	Payments	Cashbook Balance
		Bank Reconciliation to 31 Dec 2020				£11,042.37
January 2021						
12 January 2021		PJ Rayner	Zoom payments for September, October, November & December 2020		£47.96	£10,994.41
12 January 2021		Wages	Clerk wages December 2020 including HMRC & backdated payrise		£169.74	£10,824.67
12 January 2021		Wages	Clerk wages January 2021 including HMRC		£144.00	£10,680.67

Proposal Proposed by Cllr PB, seconded by Cllr JA, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that items listed above are to be paid. Carried

- 210112/17 Correspondence**
210112/17.1 An email has been received from Newgate Communications regarding the consultation of the proposed Sunnica Energy Farm in East Cambridgeshire. Noted. No response necessary.

- 210112/18 Members' Reports, round the table invitation to report**
None.

210112/19

Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Cllr PR would like the potential purchase of a new laptop and IT package discussed at the next meeting.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

210112/20

Staffing Matters

Clerk informed the PC she is currently over her monthly allocated hours. Noted.

210112/21

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 16th March 2021

Meeting finished at 9:40pm

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

Date

Chairman: Philip Rayner