

Kings Ripton Parish Council



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Minutes of a meeting of Kings Ripton Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 in the village hall, School Lane, PE28 2NL commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Paul Bassitt (Chair), Philip Rayner, Rebecca Rayner and Judith Embley.
Also in attendance: Irene Healiss (Clerk), Councillor Tuplin.
Six (6) members of the public.

0051/1-22 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Bywater and Criswell offered apologies.

0052/1-22 **Disclosable Interests:** [Regulation 2012 \(SI 2012/1464\)](#) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)
Declared by Cllr Embley regarding agenda item 0058/1-22 (allotments) - dispensation received and approved by the Clerk prior to the meeting.


0053/1-22 **Minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2021:**
It was proposed by Cllr Embley, seconded by Cllr R Rayner and **resolved** to approve the minutes for signing.

0054/1-22 **Matters arising from minutes of 9th November 2021:**
The Clerk outlined that expenditure listed under Finance 0048/11-21 did not include additional payments approved at the meeting.

Close of meeting- 7:05pm
0055/1-22 **Public participation:**
Mr McCandless from Community Road Watch offered an update and report regarding the speed indicator devices located within the village. Requirements for the SID support team were explained regarding costs and training. At least three volunteers have offered their support, and the Clerk will enquire with the local WhatsApp community group for more possible volunteers.
Re-opening of meeting – 7:22pm

0056/1-22 **Matters for information and reports:**

- 1 Cllr Tuplin - delays within planning due to understaffing. A new tree officer has been appointed.
- 2 The Community Impact Statement was received by Sgt Draper and will be forwarded to the local district Cllrs for the attention of Highways by the Clerk.
- 2 Research into the CIL application is ongoing – the Clerk is to invite Mr Sattelle and Mrs Martin to the next PC meeting to offer an update.
- 3 LHI bids for 2022/2023 were confirmed as closed at the end of October last year. The Clerk will update the Council when the next round of LHI funding is accessible.
- 4 It was proposed by Cllr R Rayner, seconded by Cllr Bassitt and **resolved** to retain Beancounter Bookkeeping to carry out the PC internal audit for 2021-2022 at a cost of £70.00.
- 5 It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr Embley and **resolved** to adopt the co-option and privacy policies presented by the Clerk.
- 6 It was proposed By Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr P Rayner and **resolved** to adopt the Scheme and Scope of Delegated Powers document with the following amendment: -
In the event that the parish council are unable to meet, the proper officer may offer comments on an application to the planning authority, based on the majority opinion offered by email to the



Clerk by the council. These views will be presented under delegated authority by the Clerk in the usual manner to the planning officer.

- 7 The General Power of Competence enables Councils to do anything that individuals may do, subject to statutory prohibitions, restrictions, and limitations. The Clerk has recently obtained the CiLCA qualification (Certificate in Local Council Administration.)

The Clerk confirmed that Kings Ripton Parish Council fulfil the criteria to qualify for the General Power of Competence. It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr Embley and **resolved** that the Council meets the eligibility to use the GPC, through having equal to, or greater than two thirds of the total number of members of the Council elected and supported by a qualified Clerk.

0057/1-22 Village Matters:

1. Cllr Embley will re-submit the A141 consultation letter to Cllr Bywater.
2. The Clerk submitted comments to licensing regarding the 'We Out Here' application based on previous council comments and concerns raised surrounding the event. HDC confirmed that the event organisers are responsible for informing the Council of upcoming applications, not licensing. The Clerk is to respond that the Council wish to be kept informed of any future events by licensing directly and enquire what thresholds are required to obtain a license. The Secret Garden Party organisers have contacted the Clerk regarding this event being held between 21-24 July 2022 at Grange Farm and will be invited to attend the March PC meeting to offer an update.
3. It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr R Rayner and **resolved** for the Clerk to purchase 12 wild cherry trees in tribute of the Queens Jubilee/Green canopy project from the Woodland Trust priced from £8.95. Trees are to be planted by the crossroads in the village and offer opportunity for residents to plant trees in their front gardens. The Clerk is to obtain quotes for a commemorative plaque to be placed in the village and contact the local WhatsApp group for suggestions regarding a community-based event i.e. a tea party or street party. Responses will be fed back at the next meeting.
4. Due to COVID concerns, this item was deferred to the next meeting.
5. Cllr R Rayner agreed to purchase suitable step ladders to enable the SID support team to change the batteries and will invoice the Council for reimbursement. Cllr Bassitt also offered to assist. The Clerk will enquire with the village hall if the premises can be used to charge the batteries.
6. Once confirmed, the Clerk will advertise the mobile library information and schedule to residents.
7. The Clerk is to contact HDC to request a litter pick in the village.
8. Road surfacing works locally by Highways may impact the village between 1/2/22- 31/7/23 with road diversions including Sapley Rd.

0058/1-22 Allotments:

The Clerk advised that to determine whether the allotments are considered statutory, confirmation through previous Council minutes is required. Alternatively, the process would require a section 8 application process via the secretary of state. The Parish Council confirmed that they are open to a discussion regarding a sale, although those interested in purchasing the unused area of land by the allotments have yet to meet for further discussion, and the benefit for parishioners would need to be carefully considered.

0059/1-22 Planning applications, approvals, refusals, withdrawn

Planning Applications:

- None

Permitted/Refused/Withdrawn

- None.

0060/1-22 Finance:
(LGA 1972 s150)

- 1 and 2. It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr R Rayner and **resolved** to approve the accounts, Clerks expenditure and overtime (15 hours) for payment.
3. The monthly bank reconciliations were provided by the Clerk and disseminated prior to the meeting. These were agreed by the Council.

Payments for December 2021

09/12/2021	S/O	Irene Healiss expenses	£7.50
17/12/2021	S/O	Irene Healiss salary	£232.00
17/12/2021	S/O	HMRC	£58.00
23/12/2021	BACS	ICO	£40.00
31/12/2021	D/D	Service charge Unity	£18.00

Payments for January 2022

09/01/2022	S/O	Irene Healiss expenses	£7.50
17/01/2022	S/O	Irene Healiss Salary	£139.20
17/01/2022	S/O	HMRC	£34.80

0061/1-22 Matters as agenda items for future consideration (decisions cannot be made under this item)
Licencing and festivals, first aiders, CIL application, Queens Jubilee (trees and community event), allotments, May elections, parish maintenance quotations.

0062/1-22 Correspondence:
• None received

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

The next full Council meeting is on Tuesday 8th March at 7:00pm in the village hall.