

Kings Ripton Parish Council

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The Annual Meeting of Kings Ripton Parish Council¹ will held on Wednesday 10th May at 7.30pm at: Kings Ripton Village Hall, School Lane, Kings Ripton, PE28 2NL

Members: 5 Quorum: 3

MINUTES

This meeting was delayed due to the overrun of the Annual Meeting of the Electorate – the meeting began at 1958

Present; Paul Bassitt (PB), Judith Archer (JA) Philip Rayner - Chairman (PR), Rebecca Rayner (RR), Samantha Sharp – Clerk (SS), and 5 members of the public.

0001/05-24 To elect the Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2025, and receive the Chairman’s declaration of acceptance

PB nominated PR
JA Seconded
All in Favour
RESOLVED

0002/05-24 To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2025, and receive the Vice Chairman’s declaration of acceptance

RR nominated PB
JA Seconded
All in Favour
RESOLVED

0003/05-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None Received

0004/05-24 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations.

Members of the Council are subject to the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012. All dispensation requests must be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Dispensation for PR and RR for Glebe Farm items.

¹Local Government Act 1972, schedule 12, paragraph 7 (2).

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Meeting Closed at 2001

0005/05-24 Public participation.

To allow up to 10 minutes (2 minutes per person) for any members of the public and councillors declaring the existence and nature of a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business on this agenda.

No HGV access at the entrance of Kings Ripton Parish. This is to encourage Glebe Farm drivers to enter via the B1090.

Village Hall when will it be funded - funding to be reviewed at the next meeting along with all other CIL applications.

Meeting Opened at 2016

0006/05-24 To receive an update from the Local County Councillor.

Appendix A

0007/05-24 To receive an update from the Local District Councillors.

Appendix B

0008/05-24 To approve minutes of the meeting on 4th March 2024.

PR Proposed
RR Seconded
All in Favour
RESOLVED

0009/05-24 Matters arising from minutes of 4th March 2024.

0009/05-24.1 Camp Beagle Protest – Clerk
Nothing further to report at this time.

0009/05-24.2 Mobile Library – Next Date for visit
2nd Friday of Each Month
14th June and 12th July 2024

0009/05-24.3 Highways issues – Clerk
Drains, verges and pathways to be re reported

0010/05-24 To resolve the use of the General Power of Competence for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2025

PR Proposed
PB Seconded

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All in favour
RESOLVED

0011/5-24 Finance

0011/05-24.1 To approve accounts for payment.

May 2024

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/05/24	Samantha Sharp	Clerk Salary – May 2024	Confidential
31/05/24	HMRC	Clerk Tax and NI	£50.20
31/05/24	Samantha Sharp	Working From Home Allowance	£10.00

June 2024

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
30/06/24	Samantha Sharp	Clerk Salary – June 2024	Confidential
30/06/24	HMRC	Clerk Tax and NI	£50.20
30/06/24	Samantha Sharp	Working From Home Allowance	£10.00

0011/05-24.2 Monthly bank reconciliations – March and April.
Appendix C

0012/05-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

No decision can be made under this item²

Power Cuts – no further power cuts have happened. A break in a property was found and repairs. Also a 2nd break was found in the overhead line and replaced.

CIL Spending – To be discussed in the next meeting.

0013/05-24 To resolve the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

- Monday 24th June 2024 – 7pm at Kings Ripton Village Hall – AGAR Meeting and review of Internal Audit
- Monday 9th September – 7pm Kings Ripton Village Hall

Meeting Closed – 2034

² Local Government Act 1972, s12 10(2) (b)

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Appendix A

Kings Ripton Annual Report. County Councillor Steve Criswell.

The Envar Incinerator application has been the dominant issue over the last year. Along with our MP Shailesh Vara, I was able to make representations on behalf of concerned residents. I also spoke at the Appeal, emphasising the reasons for objection. A decision from the Secretary of State is imminent.

Extensive work to introduce traffic lights at Wheatsheaf crossroads should have been well under way by now. This work requires the acquisition of land. Unfortunately, the untimely death of a neighbouring landowner has delayed land transfer and the project remains on hold.

The poor state of our roads has become an increasing concern over the last 12 months. Plans to improve sunken fen roads and undertake routine maintenance are severely under-funded. Opposition proposals to spend a further £20m on highways this year were voted down by the Joint Administration.

The Combined Authority is very slowly developing plans for a possible link road north of Huntingdon and St Ives. We are yet to see any firm proposals following the consultation conducted over a year ago. I will share any information as soon as I receive it.

I look forward to assisting the parish council in any way I can over the next 12 months.

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Appendix B

AGM ANNUAL REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCILS - SAWTRY & STILTON DIVISION **COUNTY COUNCILLOR SIMON BYWATER April 2024**

I am continually amazed by the unwavering dedication of our local voluntary groups who continuously step up to support individuals and communities within our area. To each and every one of you, I extend my heartfelt gratitude.

Since my last annual update, it has been a bustling year, marked by the recent budget decisions made by both Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), reflecting in the council tax bills you've recently received. Regrettably, both councils opted for the maximum increase in their portions of the council tax bills. Considering the financial strains many households face, I could not in good conscience support this decision by the joint administrations. I also stand firmly against the 200% increase in the Mayor's precept for residents, and I remain sceptical about how this will genuinely enhance bus services for all of us in this part of North West Cambridgeshire.

I wish to draw attention to a recent CCC budget vote concerning the allocation of funds for Highways Maintenance. Despite efforts to boost the budget by an additional £21 million, the proposed budget amendment I endorsed was unfortunately not approved. This decision was made by the Liberal Democrat, Labour, Independent coalition-led administration. It's disheartening to note that this coalition has consistently opposed increased funding for Highways Maintenance over the past three years, despite the urgent need for improved road repairs and the very Cambridge City centric led approach the CCC has.

I acknowledge that many of you have observed the deteriorating state of our roads and the perceived lack of accountability from contractors. It's clear that there are issues surrounding the allocation and management of funds. Despite significant frustrations, I have achieved some local victories in ensuring the treatment and repair of certain roads and pavements. However, it remains an ongoing battle to ensure our voices are heard and that our local roads, as well as areas under the responsibility of the County Council, receive the necessary attention.

I urge you to continue reporting any highways issues to the CCC, as your feedback is invaluable in addressing these concerns. You can report any highways issue here <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Throughout the year, I've engaged with a diverse range of individuals, partners, and stakeholders to ensure both councils are striving to deliver their best for our communities. This includes my work on the Fire Authority.

Rest assured, I am committed to persistently working at the local level, advocating for residents, and especially ensuring that the joint administrations overseeing our councils are held accountable.

Best wishes
Simon

Cllr Simon Bywater
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