

NOTES FROM KINNERSLEY AND DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD via ZOOM on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Present: Bert Thomas, Sarah Smith, Rob Humphreys, Roger Marshall, Patrick Wrixon, Malcolm Lewis, Roger Bowen, Janet Greenfield, Rosie Davidson (Chair).

Clerk (vacancy) Notes taken by Rosie Davidson & the meeting was recorded.

Visitors: Cllr Graham Jones.

**47 Apologies:** Tom Jones, Mark Sergeant, Reece Jones.

**48. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020 had been circulated to all members of the council. These were approved with amendments to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and will be signed by the Chairman.

**49** Any declarations of interest, as required under the code of conduct. There were none.

**50** Matters arising from the last meeting.

50.1 There were no nominations for Vice Chairman so appointment of Vice Chairman is held over to the next meeting.

50.2 The working group had sent adverts to the two local Parish Magazines and sent the drafted Contract/job spec/etc to HALC for comment/advice. HALC had highlighted numerous employment/contractual issues not covered in the draft.

50.3 The members then voted in favour of engaging the professional services of HALC (£200) to provide the recruitment for the new clerk. 7 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 member video coms failed.

50.4 Bally Saran had sent her signed Contract to Clerk. Roger Marshall will now provide her with all the CEI information required.

**51 Correspondence**

51.1 Complaint by a member of the public on Planning Procedures; the Parish Council were not wrong in how they dealt with planning application in the past. However, they have agreed to undertake training from HALC, review procedures regularly and improve their website to be more informative/user friendly.

51.2 Correspondence was received from Sarah Smith Parish Councillor for Norton Canon asking for the PC to re-visit their decision on cutting verges twice per year. After a short discussion Sarah Smith was asked to explore her suggested options with Balfour Beatty/HC and report back to the Parish Council in due course.

Herefordshire Council Talk Community had sent information for residents about the continued support throughout the Covid restrictions.

**52 Andy Johnson is the Parish Councils nominated Trustee.**

Unfortunately, Andy was unable to attend tonight's meeting. However, he kindly sent a short report via email. This was sent to all councillors prior to the meeting and elements read aloud.

“Due to Covid restrictions The Jarvis Charity Trustees have not met since last year. However due to the degree of flooding last February, as a one off the Trustees decided to offer £500 to each occupant of the houses that were flooded in the parishes of Letton, Staunton on Wye and Bredwardine. They budgeted for 22 of whom 15 lived in Letton and a total of 21 households received the £500. During the year repairs have been carried out on the Almshouses in Staunton and support/advice offered to the residents in light of Covid.

The Trust was due to meet in April to discuss best ways of contacting residents to see what activities/support they would like to see the charity help with in the future. Any ideas in relation to Letton please contact Andy Johnson...”

Andy was thanked for his update via email.

### **53. Ward Councillors Report**

Cllr Jones reported that the Western Bypass and the Southern Link road schemes had all be scrapped. He also advised the P203894 Lower Ailey, Kinnersley application was refused & that Rebecca Jenman of HC was asking for both the Hurstley & Gough Bridges planning applications to be withdrawn.

Drainage/clearing gullies, ditches/improvements to headwall & carriageway will take place in March around Bull Farm Cottages. Further drainage work will be carried out at Kinnersley Bridge/Pub.

This road will be closed during these works.

Cllr Jones was thanked for his report and then left the meeting.

### **54. KDGPC Initiatives:**

54.1 Community Covid volunteer group – Rosie had nothing new to report.

54.2 Letton Flood Hub – Rosie said the next meeting is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February via Zoom & invited members to attend. The meeting is to discuss issues with HC, receive updates from Steve Hodges on the Resilience fund & to share experiences from latest flooding in January.

54.3 Norton Canon Traffic Group – Rob Humphreys explained Bally was engaging local residents to raise funds & to gather support for SIDs initiative. A funding application had also been sent to the Police & Crime Commissioning office in the hope that both Letton and Norton Canon could benefit from any funding if received.

### **55. Finance**

Clerks final salary £259.43 gross, £207.43 net, £52.00 payable to HMRC

Expenses: postage, printing, advertising: Magpie £5.00 and Signal £7.00

Expenses ongoing for Zoom account £11.99 net + £2.40 VAT, total claim £14.39 paid to Rosie Davidson (Chair) hosting the account.

SIDs installation cost for two posts £800 plus (VAT £160.00 reclaimable).

All above expenditure was agreed. (Proposed by Roger Marshall, seconded by Patrick Wrixon).

### **56 Planning matters**

No new applications had been received. Decisions made are at the end of these minutes.

### **57 Parish Plan.**

There had been no meetings of the Parish Plan Working Group since last year. However, the new KDGPC working groups: had continued to address some of the Objectives set out in the PP. Roger Marshall offered to reconnect with the group to discuss next steps.

### **58 Highways matters.**

58.1 Lengthsman application was due by the February and Roger Marshall had kindly offered to complete the form and submit on behalf of KDGPC.

58.2 Drainage/clearing gullies, ditches/improvements as discussed (agenda item 53)

Bull Farm Cottages & Kinnersley Bridge/Pub. This road will be closed during these works.

### **59. Public Rights of Way**

Parish Footpaths had nothing to report at this time.

### **60. Items of Parish Interest**

Roger Marshall informed PC that Weobley had recently engaged a new Vicar and Weobley Parish Council had also recruited a new Clerk.

No other business. The meeting ended at 8.10pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 7pm via zoom  
*(the zoom link will be posted on the KDGPC website).*