

**Kinnersley & District Group Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Norton Canon Village Hall**

**Present**

Richard Betterton, Roger Bowen, Rosie Davidson, Don Evans, Janet Greenfield (chairman), Robert Humphreys, Reece Jones, Roger Marshall, Stephen Turner, Patrick Wrixon

Clerk in attendance, Ruth Lovelace.

**Visitors**

none

**1. Apologies**

Malcolm Lewis

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Rosie Davidson proposed a small change to the minutes of the last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November, to make it clear that actions arising from the parish plan would be funded from various sources, not just the precept. This was agreed. Apart from that, members were happy with the minutes.

ACTION: the clerk to print the revised minutes, to be signed at the next meeting.

**3. Declaration by members of an interest relating to agenda items**

There were none.

**4. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

4.1 Locality steward Lara Edwards had been invited to a future meeting but had not yet confirmed which one she would attend.

4.2 Vacancy for a PC member for Sarnesfield. The vacancy still stands.

**5. Correspondence**

5.1 Yvonne Tustain from Herefordshire Council had written regarding the subsidy which currently allows an evening bus in each direction on the 461 Hereford to Kington service – after April, this subsidy will be withdrawn.

5.2 Training on the topic of fuel poverty and how it can be addressed is being offered on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**6. Parish council website**

It was agreed that the clerk would attend a HALC course on this topic on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Photos were still needed, also the wording for a page or section on “The role of the parish council”

**7. Report back from the Parish Plan Action Group**

7.1 The document showing progress with each of the objectives, plus minutes of the most recent meeting, on 5<sup>th</sup> January, had been made available on the PC website. The meeting had been very positive, looking at costing some of the objectives and then sourcing funding from third-party funders.

7.2 About 25 people had attended the community tea – this was fewer than hoped for, although the event was appreciated by those who did attend.

7.3 The Kinnersley Arms would not be able to continue to provide the community lunches, so alternative arrangements were being sought.

7.4 A public meeting was being planned for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2 to 4pm at NCVH, in order to update the public with the progress made, and also seek new leaders for some of the objectives. It would be very helpful if members could publicise this meeting and encourage residents to attend.

## **8. Lengthsman scheme and Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme**

8.1 The lengthsman, Peter Watts (PW), and P3 contractor Phil Eggerton (PE), are working to an agreed work programme and are paid monthly. Roger Marshall prepares quarterly invoices for Balfour Beatty listing these payments, which Balfour Beatty then pays into the parish council bank account. Payments covering April to September had so far been received, totalling £1,525.75

8.2 PW had been checking on water pinch points around the road network and clearing so as to improve the flow where possible. He and Roger Marshall met on 11<sup>th</sup> January to discuss remaining problem areas and Roger will submit a list to the locality steward.

8.3 Andrew Brewer may be able to cover for Peter Watts while he recovers from a back problem.

8.4 PE had been hampered by the very wet weather and delays in gaining access to privately owned land, but had been tackling roadside jobs in the meantime.

8.5 James Powell has been replaced by Louise Greig as co-ordinator for these schemes. To contact her we use the email address **herefordshireparishes@bblivingplaces.com** or ring 01432 261800

## **9. Finance**

Retrospective agreement for cheques paid since the last meeting:

Lengthsman: £250.75 on 4/12/15 and ££187.00 on 23/12/15

P3 contractor: £296.00 on 4/12/15

Accounts for payment:

Clerk's salary: £280.93 gross, £56.20 payable to HMRC

Expenses: postage, printing, heating for the hall etc £36

Hire of hall for meeting: £12

All the above expenditure was agreed. (Proposed Patrick Wrixon, seconded Robert Humphreys)

## **10. Items of parish interest**

The second Norton Canon History Day would take place on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.