

NOTES FROM KINNERSLEY AND DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD via ZOOM on Tuesday 30th March 2021

PRESENT: Bert Thomas, Sarah Smith, Rob Humphreys, Patrick Wrixon, Malcolm Lewis, Janet Greenfield, Rosie Davidson (Chair). Clerk (Vacancy). Notes taken by Sarah Smith and the meeting was recorded. Visitors: Cllr Graham Jones.
61 Apologies: Roger Marshall, Roger Bowen, Tom Jones, Reece Jones.

62 Any declarations of interest as required under the code of conduct. There were none.

63 To consider electing a Vice Chair. Patrick Wrixon nominated Sarah Smith and Janet Greenfield seconded the nomination.

64 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Jones reported that Council Tax to be increased by 4.99%. Chief Executive Paul Walker was voted in and starts on the 3rd May 2021. Covid Infection is at its lowest since last October. Near normal death rates for the time of year. Drainage work from Kinnersley to Letton to be finished this week. Local residents concerned about drainage issues at Kinnersley Arms bridge were assured that Balfour Beatty would be doing something by the end of May. Bio Digester at Kinnersley HC planning department had not made a final decision and were investigating further.

65 Views of local residents on parish matters

Local resident Charles Smith was concerned at the start of a 'pop up' campsite at New House Farm, particularly increased noise and traffic.

66 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting 2nd February 2021 had been circulated to all members of the council. These were approved and will be signed by the Chairman

67 Finance

6.1 Bank balance

6.2.1-6.2.5 The proposed payments were accepted by all members. Patrick proposed and Caius seconded.

6.3 Receipt of external audit papers contract for 21/22 to be deferred until next meeting. Proposed by Janet seconded by Bob.

68 Highway Matters

68.1 Proprietors of The Swan at Letton are concerned at noise/speed of traffic on A438. Rosie to speak to them to gather further information and discuss options available to them/Letton residents.

68.2 Almeley PC has agreed to pay £568 towards the quarter share of the purchase price of the SID. An annual rota, management plan for SID to be drawn up between Norton, Canon, Letton and Kinnersley. A memorandum of understanding to be drawn up between Almeley and Kinnersley Group Parish Council.

68.3 It was unanimously agreed that the Lengthsman Scheme Application be signed and sent off to Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty.

68.4 Correspondence – Litter Pick

It was agreed that Sarah talk to Roger Marshall regarding funding from The Parish Plan for litter picking equipment. Sarah also agreed to talk to Karen Nicholas who raised concerns about litter in the Parish initially.

68.5 Verge Cutting

Sarah to make contact with Molly Walters regarding the cutting of the Parish's verges. It was agreed that not all verges are of interest and that a 'blanket' cut or no cut policy is too simplistic.

69 Planning Matters

69.1 Application P210511 – Land north of The Old Rectory

Kinnersley. Potential issue of safety and visibility accessing the drive. The Parish Council had No objection - with comment for the Highways Agency

69.2 Application P210701/f. Land at and adjacent to The Elms – Access onto road by the railway bridge had been raised by resident. However the Parish Council response was No Objection.

69.3 Application P210731/F Proposed conversion of a redundant agricultural building – This was the applicants second resubmission. More information was required before the Parish Council could comment. Patrick agreed to contact local residents to gather comment and distribute to members.

70 Decided Planning Applications

70.1 203943/F – Hurstley Bridge Infill - Refused

70.2 203945/F – Gough Bridge Infill - Refused

70.3 203894/N - Lower Ailey, Digestate storage - Refused

70.4 202817 – The Sallies Mill – Approved

71. Working Groups

71.1 Letton Flood Hub – small meeting was attended 4th March. Herefordshire Council were not in attendance because they wanted more time to consider and respond to the residents questions.

71.2 Norton Canon Traffic Group – Bob Humphreys reported Bally Saran had not made any progress to date.

71.3 Community (Covid) support group – since no further requests for help had been received for several months the group to be suspended.

71.4 Parish Plan – Roger Marshall not in attendance so updates to be deferred to next meeting.

72. Communication

The Community Email Initiative – still not operating and no further update. Patrick confirmed Roger Marshall was in direct contact with Bally to provide the necessary information required.

73. Public Rights of Way

73.1 Footpaths Officers reported the lack of dog friendly stiles in the group Parish. Patrick commented that all stiles should be dog friendly as most walkers have dogs. He will research the legal position, collaborate with landowners on this and report back to the council.

73.2 Following the Parish Magazine advert two local Kinnersley residents had offered to walk path and report defects to PFO's.

74 To note Information Items:

74.1 Herefordshire Council Summit on 30th March 2021 conflicted with PC meeting date. Chair sent apologies on behalf of the Group PC.

75. Matters for Next Meeting.

75.1 To consider local concerns regarding the pop up campsite at New House Farm.

76. Date of Next Meeting

All in agreement to reschedule to the 18.05.21. The next meeting will be held in person in Norton Canon Village Hall following Government Covid Guidelines.

77. Recruitment of New Clerk

HALC have received four “applications” and it is hoped that a new clerk will be instated before the next PC meeting.

There being no further business.

Meeting closed at 2040 hours.

Rosie Davidson (Chairman) 13th May 2021

