

KINGSWEAR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in the Village Hall (Lower Room)
on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs L Maurer (Chairman), P Pudduck, E Jones, S Pearson, H Newcombe, P Burnell

In Attendance: Sue Balsdon – Clerk to the Council.

Members of public present: 7

C/082/22 – Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/083/22 – To receive any apologies for absence from the Meeting.

Cllrs J Hawkins, G Webber, B Longland

C/084/22 - To receive any Declaration of Interest. [Councillors are also reminded that they must register any new interest or change in any interest already registered within 28 days of that new interest or change].

There were no declarations of interest noted.

The Council Meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to ask questions and make representations to the Council:

Two members of public made representation in regard to planning application 3012/22/FUL - Proposed new livestock building & associated works.

The Council will receive the following reports if available:

i) Nina Skorupska Presentation – Community Energy

A presentation was given by Nina Skorupska, Chief Executive of the Renewable Energy Association, regarding community led renewable energy projects. Advice was provided as to how to progress a Community Energy Group and where funding and grants could be sought.

ii) South Hams District Councillors

Please see Kingswear Parish Council website (Full Council Minutes) for District Councillor reports.

iii) Police

None.

iv) Sustainable Kingswear

None.

The Council will reconvene to discuss the following items:

C/085/22 - To make comment to the Planning Authority with regards to the following planning applications (Hector).

i) Ref: 3246/22/CLE Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing commencement of material building operations comprising the partial construction of side wall of rear extension granted planning consent 1953/16/HHO Site Address: Coombe Cottage, Bridge Road, Kingswear, TQ6 0DZ

The Parish Council are unable to provide factual evidence of the site, which might support or refute the applicant's claim.

ii) Ref: 3012/22/FUL Proposal: Proposed new livestock building & associated works (Resubmission of 1602/21/FUL Site Address: Land at SX 8955 5095

OBJECT – The applicant has not provided an agricultural appraisal because there has been no livestock on the site for two years. The applicant's agricultural plans for the site are not feasible in terms of acreage available and there is a weight restriction on the approach to the site which will impact the building works required for the proposed livestock building. The Council also object due to the visual aspect of the development within an AONB.

iii) Ref: 3127/22/HHO Proposal: Householder application for various alterations & extensions including removal of 3 storey extension & provision of solar panels & associated works Site Address: Ridley House, Ridley Hill, Kingswear, TQ6 0BY

SUPPORT

C/086/22 - To resolve to approve the following minutes subject to any amendments:

i) Full Council Meeting – 28/09/22.

The minutes were approved without amendment.

C/087/22 - Financial Matters (Clerk).

i) To resolve to approve the expenditure of the Council for the period 01/9/22 – 30/09/22.

It was resolved to approve the expenditure of the Council for the period 1st September 2022 to 30th September 2022.

ii) To present for review the month end finance report and bank reconciliation as at 30/09/22.

The finance report and bank reconciliation for month ending 30th September 2022 was reviewed by Councillors.

C/088/22 - To resolve to approve Scheme of Delegation decisions made 23/9/22 to 07/10/22 (Clerk).

It was resolved to approve the Scheme of Delegation decisions for the period 23rd September 22 to 7th October 22.

C/089/22 - Chairman's Report.

None.

C/090/22 - To receive an update in regard to the Platinum Jubilee Bell project (Clerk).

Active fund raising for the Jubilee Bell project by FROST has been temporarily paused, awaiting the outcome of the structural survey and faculty application and further feedback and advice from the PCC.

C/091/22 - To receive an update and approve costs in regard to the following events: (Clerk):

i) Remembrance Day Service.

The Clerk has sent out invites to all wreath layers, for both the service at the Church and at the slipway. Refreshments will be served at the Church following the Remembrance Service. The Clerk to liaise with the Church regarding the Order of Service.

ii) Christmas Lights / Switch-On Event.

The Christmas Light Switch-On event will take place on Friday 2nd December. The Clerk to contact Torbay Display to obtain up to date costs for the Christmas lights and to also request a quote for 3 Christmas trees. Councillors agreed for a Christmas Party to be held after the Switch-On in the Village Hall and for Father Christmas to be invited.

C/092/22 - Cemetery (Lynne):

i) To consider a memorial garden.

ii) To approve the creation of a framed area in the Chapel for photographs of loved ones.

It was agreed for both items to be deferred to the November Full Council meeting.

C/093/22 - Moorings (Clerk):

i) To consider and approve a reduction in the number of moorings on the Parish Pontoon.

Councillors approved a reduction in the number of moorings available on the Parish Pontoon from 21 to 19, in order to allow adequate space for the existing permit holders. The loss of income resulting from the reduction in the number of moorings available, will be recouped by charging a higher fee for moorings where the Council have approved larger boats to be moored.

ii) To consider and approve the letting of WHC Numbers 17 to 27.

It was agreed to let moorings 17 to 27, if prospective mooring holders were able to locate an accessible mooring suitable for their purposes.

C/094/22 - In regard to the Us Garden, to consider and approve (Clerk):

i) The planting of a memorial tree.

It was agreed for a memorial tree to be planted in the Us Garden, in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. Cllrs Maurer and Hawkins to liaise with the Grounds Maintenance team regarding planting of the tree.

ii) The cutting back of the Bay tree.

The Clerk has received correspondence from two residents regarding a Bay tree / bushes on the strip of land between Castle Road and Beacon Lane, which is causing issues to the overhead telephone wires and also restricting light to a nearby property. Cllr Maurer to liaise with the Grounds Maintenance team to address both issues.

iii) The Autumn maintenance programme.

Cllr Maurer to liaise with the Grounds Maintenance team regarding maintenance works required on the strip of lane and in particular, the cutting back of overgrowth on the bank adjacent to Beacon Lane.

C/095/22 - To review and approve Defibrillator Maintenance Policy (Clerk).

A defibrillator maintenance policy to formalise existing arrangements was considered and approved by Councillors.

C/096/22 - To consider and approve quotes for the recommended Tree Survey works (Clerk).

The Clerk has contacted three contractors for the tree survey work, but to date only two have been received. Councillors agreed to delay their decision until the third quote has been received and then a decision made via the scheme of delegation as to which contractor will undertake the tree survey work.

The Clerk advised that part of the tree survey work, relates to trees protected by tree preservation order 417. As all the trees in this location on the survey report have been identified as dying or dead, the Clerk to apply for an exemption request.

C/097/22 - To propose agenda items for the next Full Council meeting.

Councillors to notify the Clerk if they wish to add any further items to the November agenda.

C/098/22 - Urgent Items – For information.

None.

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The Meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

Minutes Approved: Councillor L Maurer – Chairman