

KINGSWEAR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held at the Sarah Roope Trust Rooms on Tuesday 24 July 2018 at 19.45

Present: Councillors L Maurer (Chairman of the Council), H Newcombe, E Jones, B Longland and L Payne.

In Attendance: Mrs Melissa Trudgill – Clerk to the Council and Ms Sue Balsdon – Assistant Clerk to the Council/RFO

GP/24.07.18/01 - The Chairman of the Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

GP/24.04.18/02 - To receive any apologies for absence from the Meeting.

Cllr J Hawkins, Cllr J Henshall and Cllr M Trevorrow.

GP/24.04.18/03 - 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]

GP/24.04.18/04 - To receive updates on:

- The Churchyard Wall – The Clerk and Cllr Hawkins have contacted Mark Capper and Stuart Truss and there will be a site meeting on 2/8. As scaffolding will be required, Stuart Truss will apply to DCC due to the temporary restrictions on the parking spaces. Removal of the vegetation will then start followed by the structural repairs to the wall.
- The Wooden Steps at Waterhead Creek – Paul Mc Fadden has been contacted about this and repairs done as required.

GP/24.04.18/05 - To discuss request for new bin sites – dog bin in Jubilee Park and litter bin at the junction of Higher and Lower Contour Roads.

- Clerk will email Honey Foskett re the cost of £700 - where the bins are and how frequently they are emptying them.
- Then with costs - review of the bins to follow and consideration re a dog waste bin at Jubilee Park (although there is a bin which is used by dog walkers in JP) and litter bin at Lower/Higher Contour Road junction.

GP/24.04.18/06 - To discuss the proposal for a new bus shelter at Hillhead.

- Cllr Hawkins has asked County if there are any grants available for this and is awaiting a reply. If there is not, Cllr Hawkins suggests this could be a project for 2019. Permission would need to be sought from Highways.
- This was discussed but there was debate about how frequently used this bus stop was.
- The cost of a transparent shelter to provide shelter from the elements would be investigated.

GP/24.04.18/07 - To consider the next stage for the Lengthsman. List of required jobs for August- March.

- Lengthsmen would be coming to Kingswear for 2 dates in August. To trim along Higher Contour Road and then move to Hillhead (zone 3). Zone 3 - Clear the ground between Raddicombe Drive and Hillhead Park, spray weeds along road sides and cut grass near reservoir where bench is situated at junction.

GP/24.04.18/08 – To discuss the new grounds maintenance contract – planned additional works – SHDC or Dartmouth Town Council.

- Any additional works will be discussed and if budget allows, will be allocated for the Autumn when the new maintenance contract will be in place.

GP/24.04.18/09 - To discuss the Cemetery.

- Quote will be obtained for the sanding down and then painting of the benches in the Cemetery. The one at the end of the path is in particular need of refurbishment.
- Bushes – invasive, encroaching over the path. One bush may need to be removed completely and the others will require some branches to be removed. Cllr Jones has offered to trim first.
- Cllr Maurer has witnessed recently some difficulty by wheelchair users accessing the cemetery along the path which has an incline with poor traction. Gravel could be laid on the higher level to ease the incline from one gradient to the other. This will be discussed at full council in September.

GP/24.04.18/10 - To discuss general maintenance items:

i) To get quotes to repair and repaint Chapel of Rest. Confirmation of recent quote for repair to woodwork and work due to commence in early September. Quotes will be obtained for paint work.

ii) To get quotes or action the clearing of the historic mile stones around the Parish. – Quotes to be obtained

iii) To get quotes to arrange repairs and put wood preserve on Bus Shelter at Toll House and the wooden fence at Jubilee Park - Quotes to be obtained.

iv) To arrange a tidy up and replant of the bed alongside the fence Jubilee Park. To be discussed at the next meeting of Jubilee Park working group. Honeysuckle? free natural hedging from Woodland Trust?

v) To discuss the Us Garden and see what repairs, repaint and planting is needed. - Benches fill in the gap where people are walking down the slope. Quotes for repainting of benches.

GP/24.07.18/11 – To consider different speed signs required and to discuss whether we replace 30mph sign on Brixham Road.

- Meeting discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the use of speed signs. It will be discussed at the next full council meeting, but this committee were not in favour of purchasing one.

GP/24.04.18/12 - To discuss strip of land – Higher Contour Road.

- Westerland Terrace have rights to the allotments.
- George South Memorial garden – SHDC still keen for KPC to adopt but Clerk to chase maintenance team to undertake works there as the garden is very overgrown and hard to access due to the trees and bushes.
- Raddicombe Lodge – DCC will need to be contacted again and request that they contact the landowners direct due to the overgrown bushes at Hillhead causing potential danger from obscuring drivers' vision (Brixham to Hillhead after Raddicombe turning, first left hand bend, before Raddicombe Lodge).

Correspondence/matters for next meeting.

- Cllr Jones requested maps of the Parish for the meetings. Cllr Newcombe had been in contact recently with SHDC about this and will request large maps to be provided (3 will be required to cover the whole Parish).

Minutes Approved:

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Councillor L Maurer – Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.40pm