

KINGSWEAR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held at the Sarah Roope Trust Rooms on Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 19.00

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

In Attendance: Mrs Melissa Trudgill – Clerk to the Council

GP/25.09.18/01 - The Chairman of the Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

GP/25.09.18/02 - To receive any apologies for absence from the Meeting.

GP/25.09.18/03 - 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/25.09.18/04 - To receive updates on:

The Churchyard Wall – Stuart Truss has passed this to the department who erects the scaffolding required and they have applied for County approval regarding the effect on the Highway. As soon as the scaffolding is up, then Honey Foskett's team will remove the vegetation.

The Public toilets

- Cllr Hawkins has spoken to Cllr Rufus Gilbert who has responsibility for toilets to obtain extra advice. Still awaiting news from Emma Widdecombe and Stuart Truss that the roof has been fixed and the subsequent toilet refurbishment has begun – only then will KPC be interested in adopting the toilets.
- Possible joining with Dartmouth Town Council regarding the maintenance of them. Toilets in other Parishes charge is 30p. Cllr Jones asked if there was still a profit benefit to installing the machines when they have to be emptied and maintained and Cllr Hawkins believed there was.
- The Higher ferry could be approached for a contribution towards these toilets being kept open.
- It was agreed that Cllr Maurer and Cllr Jones would arrange to meet with Cathy Aubertin to discuss the toilets and find out more information.
- Please note: Cllr Hawkins has been negotiating and making contact with the relevant SHDC officers but in any vote, he will abstain.

Hillhead Bus Shelter

- DCC have some reconditioned bus shelters which can be applied for. They will pay for the installation, but the ongoing maintenance would be the responsibility of the Parish.
- The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the full council to accept the offer of a bus shelter from DCC for Hillhead.

GP/25.09.18/05 - To discuss request for new bin sites – dog bin in Jubilee Park and litter bin at the junction of Higher and Lower Contour Roads with information from Honey Foskett.

- Clerk had information from Honey Foskett which explained that currently they do not have the capacity to add and empty more bins to their rounds.
- The committee considered whether the red bin at HCR/LCR could be replaced with a large multi-use bin and put the red bin from there into JP. This would only increase the pressure on the round by one poo bin at JP. Cllr Hawkins would ask Honey Foskett if this was a possibility.

GP/25.09.18/06 - To discuss the idea of a play park at Hillhead.

- Committee considered where such a facility could be located.
- All agreed it would create a sense of community at Hillhead and is much needed for the families living there.
- Permission would have to be sought from landowner - Clerk to contact landowner. Monies would need to be raised by the local community as a contribution towards the equipment.

GP/25.09.18/07 – To consider the next stage for the Lengthsman. List of required jobs for October – December.

- Request for the Lengthsman to return to zone 1 – (Higher Contour Road, Ridley Hill, Castle Road, Church Hill, Wood Lane) and undertake strimming, moss clearing and individual drain unblocking.
- Clean out the brick bus shelter at Hillhead.

- Enquire to Brixham whether the Lengthsman is due to undertake his chapter 8 training. This may have an influence on the KPC decision whether to re-employ in March.

GP/25.09.18/08 – To discuss sites for the Kingswear Cannon.

- The meeting considered sites in Kingswear the cannon could be moved to.
- Ideas were JP or the us Garden pointing out to sea. The latter was the popular choice in the committee.
- It would be recommended to full council to move the cannon to the Us Garden.

GP/25.09.18/09 – To have an update on Jubilee Park issues – hedging near play area.

- The Hedge near the playground needs to be cleared before new planting takes place. This could be done by new contractor or Lengthsman.
- Woodland Trust – Apply for free planting

GP/25.09.18/10 - To discuss general maintenance items and when they should be done:

- i) **To arrange painting of Chapel of Rest following repairs to woodwork and glass.**
- ii) **Action the clearing of the historic milestones around the Parish.**
- iii) **Arrange repairs and put wood preserve on Bus Shelter at Toll House and the wooden fence at Jubilee Park.**
- iv) **To discuss the Us Garden and see what repairs, repaint and planting is needed.**

One quote had been received and another to be sought from a recommendation following work on the Village Hall. Both quotes will come to the next full council meeting for consideration and approval.

GP/25.09.18/11 –Items for next meeting.

**GP/25.09.18/12 – Confirmation of date of next meeting.
Tuesday 27th November at 7pm**

Minutes Approved:

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Councillor L Maurer – Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.05pm