

KINGSWEAR PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Village Hall (Lower Room)
on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs L Maurer (Chairman), J Hawkins, G Webber, P Pudduck, E Jones, S Pearson, P Burnell, T Burnell, H Newcombe, District Cllr R Rowe

In Attendance: Sue Balsdon (Clerk)

Members of public present: 3

C/153/22 – Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/154/22 – To receive any apologies for absence from the Meeting.

Cllr B Longland

C/155/22 - 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:

None.

The Council will receive the following reports if available:

i) Devon County Councillor

We visited the Health & Wellbeing Centre yesterday and it looks very impressive and will be a huge improvement. The proposed opening date is the middle of March.

The reopening of Beacon Road has been delayed, due to the cliff stabilisation works being more extensive than previously thought.

Both South Hams District Council and Devon County Council are due to set their budgets in the next few weeks and any increase will be within the cap set by the Government.

District Cllrs Bastone, Rowe and myself met with an Officer at the Royal Naval College and in July an open day is to be held.

ii) South Hams District Councillors

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

iii) Police

None.

iv) Sustainable Kingswear

Our thermal imaging camera has now been received and we have been to three homes so far and the householders have given very good feedback. We are not qualified to provide a survey, but what we have been able to do, is to show on the camera quite clearly where the main areas of heat loss are. We have a further two bookings in the pipeline.

We went to a Sustainable South Hams meeting this morning and they will be hosting a Rivers Assembly on 18th March and various groups like the AONB, Woodland Trust, Friends of the River Dart, Dartmoor National Park, Marine Champions Eco Group, Devon Local Nature Partnership, Devon Wildlife etc will be attending. The event is being held at the Kingsbridge Community College and will start at 10.00am.

Tickets will be initially offered to members of sustainable groups in the South Hams and then to Councillors. If there are any tickets remaining, they will be offered to the general public.

The Council will reconvene to discuss the following items:

4. To make comment to the Planning Authority with regards to the following planning applications (Hector).

- i) **Ref:** 4367/22/HHO **Proposal:** Householder proposal for dormer window and minor external alterations
Site Address: Quer Quay, Bridge Road, Kingswear, TQ6 0DZ
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5. To resolve to approve the following minutes subject to any amendments:

i) Full Council Meeting – 11/01/23.

ii) Amenities & Environment Committee Meeting – 31/01/23.

All minutes were approved without amendment.

6. Financial Matters (Clerk).

i) To resolve to approve the expenditure of the Council for the period 01/01/23 – 31/01/23.

It was resolved to approve the expenditure of the Council for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st January 2023.

ii) To present for review the month end finance report and bank reconciliation as at 31/01/23.

The finance report and bank reconciliation for month ending 31st January 2023 was reviewed by Councillors. All receipts and payments have been reconciled against the Council's bank statements and no differences have been identified.

7. Chairman's Report.

None.

8. To resolve to approve Scheme of Delegation decisions made 05/1/23 to 03/02/23 (Clerk).

It was resolved to approve the Scheme of Delegation decisions for the period 5th January 23 to 3rd February 23.

9. To review saving account options and to agree amounts to be transferred to the new account (Clerk).

At the December Full Council meeting, it was agreed for the Clerk to research high interest savings accounts available to local councils. A summary of savings account options, the interest rates available and the advantages and disadvantages of each was reviewed by Councillors. It was agreed to open a 1 year fixed rate account with Charity Bank (Gross Interest Rate 3.36%) and an amount of £15,000 is to be deposited. The Clerk to check whether the funds would be available if required and what the penalty would be for early withdrawal.

10. To consider the use of a MultiPay Card with Unity Trust Bank for the Clerk/Deputy Clerk (Clerk).

It was agreed for the Clerk/Deputy Clerk to continue to claim expenses and be recompensed via bank transfer.

11. To consider project ideas in regard to (Jonathan):

i) M Emms Bequest

ii) Covid Grant

Item deferred – To be discussed by new Council after the May elections.

12. Amenities & Environment Committee - Items for discussion and approval:

i) To go out to tender in regard to the repair and renovation of the railings and Lime Kiln.

The railings and steps going down to the Lime Kiln are in a poor state of repair. The Clerk to contact Paul McFadden, the Public Rights of Way Warden, to ask if he can recommend a contractor to do the works.

ii) Re-wilding of Allotment Plot 2.

The Clerk advised that the tenant for Allotment Plot 2, has now indicated that they wish to renew their allotment for 23/24. It was agreed to offer plot 7 to the Community Group who wish to make the allotment wildlife-friendly, no-dig and be used for organic growing by anyone who wants to join in and to share any produce. The aim is for it to be a relaxing space and somewhere for people to find company and to chat.

iii) D Day Ceremony / Blessing – War Graves in the Cemetery.

The Parish Council have now received their sign indicating war graves in the Cemetery, from the War Graves Commission. It was proposed and agreed that we invite the school and a representative from the Church to be present when the sign is unveiled and for a blessing made.

iv) To let four spaces on the Waterhead Creek Pontoon.

It was agreed to let four spaces on the Creek Pontoon and these would be offered to those on the Parish Pontoon waiting list at a cost of £180 per year. A length restriction of 11ft would apply.

v) Review of Mooring Policy and Fees.

The current mooring policy was reviewed and the following changes are to be made:

i) A photograph to be sent or emailed to the Council when applying for or renewing a mooring.

ii) The length and width restrictions within the policy to be amended to metres.

iii) Amend item 24 to represent all events, rather than naming specific events.

The 23/24 mooring fees will be as follows:

Mooring Location	23/24 Mooring Fee (Excl.VAT)	23/24 Mooring Fee (VAT)	23/24 Mooring Fee (Incl.VAT)
Pontoon Riverside (Mooring No. 7 to 15)	£208.85	£41.77	£250.61
Pontoon Riverside Oversized (6 & 16)	£250.51	£50.10	£300.61
Pontoon Creekside (Mooring No. 3 to 5 & 17 to 19)	£171.69	£34.34	£206.03
Pontoon Creekside Oversized Boats (1 & 21)	£213.36	£42.67	£256.03
Waterhead Creek Residents	£106.43	£21.29	£127.72
Waterhead Creek Non-Residents	£149.61	£29.92	£179.53
Creek Pontoon	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00
Jubilee Park Residents	£149.61	£29.92	£179.53
Jubilee Park Non-Residents	£191.78	£38.36	£230.13

13. In regard to the celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III (Jonathan):

i) To receive an update in regard to the events planned.

The following events are to take place to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III:

- Friday 5th May 23 – BBQ & Music (Fountain Violet Farm)
- Saturday 6th May 23 – River Dart Boat Trip (Dart Explorer)
- Sunday 7th May 23 – Songs of Praise (St Thomas of Canterbury Church)
- Sunday 7th May 23 – Coronation Tea Party (Village Hall)
- Monday 8th May 23 – Coronation Street Party (Higher Street)

ii) To approve schedule of costs.

A schedule of event costs compiled by the Clerk was approved by Councillors. An application for a lottery grant has been submitted and sponsorship funds have been awarded by Premier Marinas Ltd.

14. To agree date and speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 17th May 2023. The Clerk to invite the following speakers – County and District Councillors, Rev. Stephen Yates, Head of Kingswear Primary School, Police Liaison Officer, Bob Mark, Sune Nightingale.

15. To propose agenda items for the next Full Council meeting.

Councillors to notify the Clerk if they wish to add any items to the March 23 agenda.

16. Urgent Items – For information.

The Clerk advised urgent tree works are required to a tree located on the southern side of the Cemetery, which is leaning against the perimeter railings. The adjoining land-owner is to undertake the works at no cost to the Council.

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Clerk to the Council

The Meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Minutes Approved: Councillor L Maurer – Chairman