



KINGSWEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee Meeting held virtually via ZOOM on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors J Hawkins (Chairman of the Committee), L Maurer, G Webber, P Pudduck.

In Attendance: Ms Sue Balsdon – Clerk to the Council.

1 member of public present.

A&E/24.03.21/01 - The Chairman of the Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A&E/24.03.21/02 - To receive any apologies for absence from the Meeting.

None.

A&E/24.03.21/03 - 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].

Cllr Hawkins declared an interest with reference to the Grounds Maintenance contract with South Hams District Council.

The Council will reconvene to discuss the following items:

A&E/24.03.21/04 - To discuss and agree future actions for:

a) Britain in Bloom 2021 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Initiative.

The Clerk has completed the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' registration form and this has been sent to South West In Bloom. The aim of the award is to encourage community involvement in improving their local environment by various means including horticultural displays. Schemes that are possible include allotments, improvements to parks, seasonal floral displays, tree planting, local competitions (best garden, best use of re-cycled materials etc), work with schools and playgroups, work with local charities.. Churchyards and cemeteries can be included, especially if they are maintained in an environmentally friendly way, have wildflowers planted etc. A portfolio of the communities progress with photographs, will be compiled in time for the assessment in July.

b) Sustainable Kingswear.

Cllrs Maurer and Hawkins have held an initial meeting with residents, with regards setting up a 'Sustainable Kingswear' group. This will be discussed further at the April Full Council meeting, with a view to launching the group in May.

c) Remembrance Benches and Replanting of Flower Beds.

It was agreed that a quote be obtained, for turf to be laid and a raised bed built, in the location of the two new Remembrance benches at the Cemetery.

d) Us Garden.

The Clerk advised that the planting of the new shrubs at the Us Garden is now complete.

e) Lengthsman Contract.

It was agreed at the March Full Council meeting, to extend the lengthsman contract to 30th September 21. The Parish Council will then go out to tender in June, for both this contract and the Grounds Maintenance contract, to commence from 1st October 21. It was agreed for the Clerk and Cllrs Maurer and Hawkins, to meet to review the current contracts and then bring to the May Full Council meeting for approval.

f) Allotments.

Cllr webber to carry out an informal inspection of the allotments. It was agreed that the allotment previously allocated to the Ria Oak project, be let to the next resident on the waiting list.

g) Banjo Bus Shelter – Welcome Sign.

Cllr Hawkins to obtain a quote for a 'Welcome to Kingswear' sign/transfer, for the Banjo bus shelter.

h) Toll House Bus Shelter.

The Clerk to obtain a quote for the refurbishment of the Toll House bus shelter.

i) Quotes – Three Mile Markers / Hillhead Kerb sides.

Quotes received for the repainting of the mile markers in Kingswear and to clear the kerb sides at Hillhead were discussed. It was agreed to request an amended quote, to paint the mile markers at the Banjo and Lower Ferry only. Full Council approval for both quotes, to be obtained at the April meeting.

j) Hanging Baskets.

It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quote for the Spring/Summer hanging baskets and that these would be offered to residents and local businesses to sponsor.

k) Public Toilets – Gate.

A security gate was proposed for the Lower Ferry toilets when they are closed, but it was agreed that this was no longer necessary, as the toilets are to remain open all year round.

l) Bay Trees – Us Garden.

A resident has reported, that during windy conditions, the branches of two bay trees are swaying and causing entanglements of the phone lines. The Clerk to obtain a quote to have the trees trimmed back.

m) Fire Engine Restoration.

The Clerk to obtain an updated quote for the refurbishment of the engine.

n) Community Orchard – Land Registry Documents.

The Land Registry have requested further evidence of the Parish Council's ownership of Jubilee Park, in relation to the registration of the Orchard Lease with the Land Registry.

Cllr Maurer and the Clerk have collated evidence to support the Parish Council's ownership and have completed the Land Registry ST3 form (Statement of Truth) in respect of this. The committee agreed for the form and evidence to be emailed to Councillors for approval, prior to returning the documents to the solicitor who is liaising with the Land Registry.

o) Chapel – Refurbishment of Interior.

Cllr Maurer to ascertain the cost of refurbishment and report back at the next meeting.

p) Consultation – Draft Resource and Waste Strategy for Devon & Torbay.

It was agreed for the Chairman and the Clerk to complete the Council's response to the consultation.

A&E/24.03.21/05 - With reference to Moorings, to consider:

a) Amendments to the moorings policy:

i) Jubilee Park – Trailer length restrictions.

It was agreed to amend the Mooring Policy as follows:

8. No craft or trailer exceeding 4.8 metres (15ft 9in) in length, is allowed to be moored or stored in Jubilee Park.

ii) Waterhead Creek – Outboard motors to be removed and stored on board.

It was agreed to amend the Mooring Policy as follows:

15 (d). During the winter months (1st November to 28th February), all outboard motors should be removed and stored on the boat.

b) Resurfacing area adjacent to boats stored in Jubilee Park.

Cllrs Maurer and Hawkins to meet at Jubilee Park, to discuss options to improve the area adjacent to the stored boats. It was agreed for the Clerk to include this matter on the agenda for the April Full Council meeting.

A&E/24.03.21/06 - Items for next meeting.

None.

A&E/24.03.21/06 - Confirmation of date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be 26th May 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Minutes Approved:

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Councillor L Maurer – Chairman