

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2021, 7PM, AT THE HIGHFIELD ROOM, PASTURES COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFORD ROAD, KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON

PRESENT: Cllrs S Kilby-Shaw (Chair), S Beardsworth, A Newbury, M O'Connor, N Parekh, H Arbutnot, R Ball (part), S Miller, E Miller, T Ajayi, B Lewin, T Ward, D Kumar

ALSO PRESENT: A Barnes (Parish Clerk), 6 residents, PCSO R Barber

ABSENT: Cllr M Ali

Cllr Kilby-Shaw opened the meeting and welcomed all present including Alison Barnes as the new Parish Clerk and asked each member to give a brief introduction of themselves and the ward they represent

01/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

There were none

02/21 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

03/21 MINUTES

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 as a correct record of the proceedings

04/21 COMMITTEE REPORT

It was unanimously resolved to receive and note the delegated decisions and minutes from the Planning committee held on 6th October 2021

At 19.17 PCSO R Barber joined the meeting

05/21 POLICE AND PUBLIC SESSION

Residents in Obelisk Rise highlighted that they did not receive the Parish newsletter and were upset that they did not know about the meeting and queried the start time as incorrectly advertised. The Chairman responded and apologised that it was not Council's intention to exclude any residents and warmly welcomes residents to address the Council. The following points were highlighted:

- The Obelisk was originally restored by Northampton Borough Council, but it is apparent that's it needs to be done again and is in need of re-pointing of the stonework and a major clean-up. Council to consider at another meeting if maintenance falls under the remit of WBC and whether or not KPC assumes responsibility
- Some of the alleyways in the St David's area are becoming a 'hot spot' for incidents of anti-social behaviour
- Hate related crime is low in the area, this could be due to diversity
- Individuals causing a nuisance with drug related issues on Kingsthorpe Green
- Increased congestion on Link Road
- Increase of parking on pavements are causing obstructions to the public highway
- Increase in health and safety issues by individuals riding e-scooters on the public roads/pavements and the legalities on wearing helmets
- There are raised concerns on the High Street regarding a member of the public being injured due to an increase in speeding traffic and congestion. This could be amplified by satnav directing traffic via this route
- PCSO Barber reported residential burglaries had increased but criminal damage and vehicle crime have reduced
- The Clerk will circulate Police contact details to members

06/21 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Lewin gave a brief verbal report as the Police Liaison representative

07/21 TENNIS COURTS

It was proposed by Cllr S Miller, seconded by Cllr Arbuthnot, and unanimously resolved that the Council notes the success of Emma Raducanu in winning the US Open, and, in support of sport in Kingsthorpe, resolves to instruct the Clerk to prepare a corporate response to West Northamptonshire Council to ask them to bring the Tennis Courts at Kingsthorpe Recreation Ground back into use in time for the next Wimbledon Championships in 2022

08/21 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE PASTURES COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Lewin, and unanimously resolved that Council approved the installation of a defibrillator at the Pastures Community Centre together with any associated expenditure. Council would also look at the contacting the Kingsthorpe Jets for ideas of other possible locations. A resident advised that he would inform the Clerk on other facilities in the parish where they have already been installed

09/21 CLIMATE PLEDGE

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved that consideration of this item be deferred due to further information required

At 20.16 Cllr Ball left the meeting and did not return

10/21 KINGSTHORPE LIBRARY

Cllr Kilby-Shaw gave a verbal update regarding the current situation and discussions taken place regarding the re-opening of the library. Council would also issue a press release.

11/21 EMAIL ADDRESSES

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Miller, and unanimously resolved to defer the implementation of Councillor domain email addresses until January 2022, as the cost for providing these is £35 per address, per annum, and would require an agreement to run for 12 months from the start of the year

12/21 NORTHANTS CALC AGM

Brief verbal updates were given by Cllrs Kilby-Shaw and S Miller who attended on Saturday 2nd October as Council's representatives

13/21 EXTERNAL AUDIT

It was proposed by Cllr Kilby-Shaw, seconded by Cllr Beardsworth, and unanimously resolved that the conclusion of the external Audit documentation of 2020/21 be received, noted, and approved

14/21 PAYMENTS

There were no accounts for payment, the Clerk confirmed this would be done next month. In the meantime, she would chase up the installation of the Rialtas (Finance package)

15/21 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Details and a reminder of the community litter pick taking place on Saturday 20th November 2021 to be circulated

Cllr Beardsworth advised members of the Northampton Mayors vigil taking place on 25th November 2021 to coincide with White Ribbon Day, to raise awareness, ending male violence against women. Details of the organisation to be circulated

Cllr Kilby-Shaw advised, at the meeting of the full Council in November, members will be asked to look at initial views for the 2022/2023 budget and precept. It was suggested members may consider including budgetary proposals for Kingsthorpe In Bloom and Christmas decorations

Cllr Ajayi suggested the Council to reconsider its agreement of having meetings in different wards of the parish, however cited the relatively higher cost of hiring Obelisk centre (compared to Pastures centre and St Mark's Church), and other issues like its location and sale of alcohol etc. The Chairman suggested the Clerk to look around Obelisk Rise ward for a more suitable venue than the Obelisk Centre

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 20.37 hours

These minutes are not a verbatim report, but a summary of discussions and decisions made at the meeting

Signed:
Chairman

Date: