

KINLET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Mr P. Kirton (Chairman), Mrs J. Rowley, Mr S. Harris, Mr P. Robinson, Mr R. Oakley (until 8.34 p.m.), Mr. P. Horsfall, Mr C. Lloyd, Mr D. Haywood (from 7.30 p.m.) and Mrs J. Burgess (Clerk)

Also in attendance – One Parishioner from 8.35 p.m.

0. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. No parishioners were present at this stage of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES. No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. No interests were declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING were taken as read and unanimously approved by all present at that meeting after being proposed and seconded.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

1. HIGHWAY MATTERS. It was disappointing that despite reminders no requested updates had been received from Shropshire Council in relation to the following matters:- Work Outside Worcestershire Marble/Old Farmhouse Problems/Winnal Court/Sunrise Cottage/Cats Eyes Replacement/Litter Clearance at Catsley not Carried out as promised/ Pothole situation after sending photos to Gwilym Butler.

However we had been advised re **a. Additional Signage on the B.4194** – being discussed at S.C. between Traffic Engineers and Traffic Team Manager. **b. Possibility of Layby at Kinlet Bus Stop** - As there appeared to be utilities at this point, it would be necessary to investigate further, but this would be expensive. Diamond Buses would be contacted again as their buses still seemed to be waiting at the stop and it had been agreed with them that the timetable would be adjusted so that this was no longer necessary.

c. Speed Wires at Kinlet Cross Roads. It had been confirmed that the necessary arrangements were going ahead in this connection. Discussion also took place re the possibility of a painted roundabout at this point to possibly slow the traffic down. It was agreed to await the results of the speed checks before proceeding any further. **d. Lengthsman's Update.** The Milestone had now been put back in position but we were awaiting attention to other matters – Mr. Lloyd progressing.

New Highway Matters. **e. Rudds Bridge** – It had been reported that the barriers, which had not been collected by W.C.C., were now in the brook together with some electric fence wires and causing an obstruction. Matter had been referred to Rock Parish Council's clerk to chase up W.C.C. **f. Obstruction by Parking of Builders' Vehicles at Button Oak** this matter would be reported as appropriate for investigation.

2. OTHER GENERAL MATTERS ARISING. **1. Litter Pick.** It was agreed to carry out a general litter pick on Saturday 24th April meeting at Village Hall at 10.30 a.m. Mr.

Kirton would advertise on Kidderminster Facebook and the clerk would arrange for picking equipment to be available. e. Possible Climate Emergency Declaration discussed and agreed by all that it was not appropriate for Kinlet to do at this point, particularly in view of the fact that S.C. had already declared such an emergency. **2. Future Bulb Planting Locations.** Photos were being taken of the present flowerings for discussion later in the year re new planting.

3. ENFORCEMENT MATTERS. There were no updates to report.

5. CORRESPONDENCE. Correspondence received had been circulated during the month when received + Local Policing Charter – We had been asked to identify our top 3 concerns within our area and it was agreed that these were vehicles (sometimes with trailers and Land Rovers) driving around in the early hours of the morning/Speeding on Roads and a dramatic increase in litter during lockdown.

Acknowledgments of our donations had been received from Midland Air Ambulance/Kinlet School and Playgroup and also Severn Hospice.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

1. Applications nos.21/00998/FUL to reduce height of roof to outbuilding, installation of dormer window, glazed gable and balcony and erection of single storey extension & 21/01171/FUL for erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (Resubmission of 20/00574/FUL) – both at Dowles Cottage, Dowles Road, Bewdley for Mr. M. Bostan were discussed. It was an unanimous decision, after proposing and seconding, that this application be recommended for refusal as it was felt that there would be a lack of privacy for the adjoining property, concern re the noise which would be created from the balconies and also light pollution in the open countryside. Also the property had been extended several times and would now be out of keeping with the rural surroundings.

2. 21/00931/FUL for Erection of 1 dwelling, detached garage and installation of septic tank at New Dwelling Plot, Adjacent 7 Button Bridge, Kinlet for Mr and Mrs Hemming was also discussed and it was an unanimous decision, after proposal and seconding, to recommend refusal as planning permission on the same plot for an identical property already existed under application no. 19/01307/FUL.

At 8.00 p.m. the meeting was closed to enable the Annual Parish Meeting to Take Place. It Re-commenced at 8.35 p.m.

7. APPROVAL OF BUDGET REPORT 1/3/2020 TO 31/3/2021. Proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that this be approved together with the overspend detailed.

8. RE-APPROVAL OF INTERNAL CONTROL STATEMENT/SUBJECT ACCESS POLICY. Both these documents were unanimously re-approved after proposal and seconding.

9. APPROVAL OF VILLAGE HALL MEETINGS RISK ASSESSMENT. This was unanimously approved, after proposal and seconding, and written confirmation of the compliance with the statutory requirements would be received prior to our May meeting on the 17th of that month.

10. APPROVAL BIO-DIVERSITY & CRIME & DISORDER STATEMENTS.

Discussion took place re these statements and, after proposal and seconding, it was unanimously agreed that the Crime & Disorder Statement be approved. As some amendments were needed to the Bio-Diversity Statement this would be brought forward at the next meeting for approval

11. L.C.A.S. RESOLUTION – ‘THE COUNCIL CONFIRMS BY RESOLUTION THAT IT RECOGNISES ITS DUTIES IN RELATION TO BIO-DIVERSITY AND CRIME & DISORDER AND THAT ALL DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION IS IN PLACE FOR A SPECIFIED AWARD’

This Resolution was postponed until the next meeting in view of the Bio-Diversity statement not being approved.

12. COUNTY COUNCILLORS’ UPDATES. These had been circulated during the month and no questions were raised.

13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the Following Payments:- 1. Mrs J. Burgess - £299.91 (March salary and T.E £7.20 – cheque no 09663). 2. Monkey Office - £25.76 (cartridges – cheque no. 096646). 3 S.A.L.C. - £60.00 (training courses – cheque no. 09664). 4. C.M. Smith – Stretton - £160.00 (March website work – cheque no. 09665). 5 Information Commissioner - £40.00 (Data Protection renewal- cheque no. 09667)

14. ITEMS NEXT AGENDA

1. Future Zoom meetings.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. This would be the Annual Parish Council meeting and was arranged for Monday 17th May commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall and the meeting closed at approximately 8.55 p.m.