



# Kington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>h</sup> September 2022 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. D. Redmayne – Chair  
Cllr. E. Banks  
Cllr. R. Banks  
Cllr. J. Cooke  
Cllr. M. Fitton  
Cllr. F. Hawkins  
Cllr. B. Macleod-Needs  
Cllr. E. Rolls  
Cllr. I. Spencer  
Cllr. R. Warne  
Cllr. R. Widdowson

### IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Kelso – Town Clerk  
Ruth Robinson – Assistant Clerk  
  
Cllr. T. James – Ward Cllr., Herefordshire Council  
  
Chris Allen – Balfour Beatty  
James Fishlock – Balfour Beatty  
Steve Jay – Balfour Beatty  
Bruce Evans – Herefordshire Council  
  
5 members of the public  
1 member of the press

### Agenda

Item Minute

As a mark of respect following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, a minute silence was held prior to the meeting starting

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| <b>1</b> | <b>149-22</b> | <b>To note apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation</b><br>Apologies were noted from Cllrs. T. Bounds, J. Gardner and P. Sell. There were no declarations of Interest and no requests for dispensation.   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>150-22</b> | <b>Market Towns Maintenance Fund</b><br>Members noted that the meeting had been convened so that Balfour Beatty and Herefordshire Council could explain their proposals for use of the funding referred to as the Market Towns Maintenance Fund and it was confirmed that the budget for this funding amounted to a total of £350,000. It is intended that this funding is |

spent during this financial year and some additional funding might be available of some £200,000 during the next financial year but is not yet confirmed. In general terms the preferred use of the funding, as previously confirmed by the Town Council, was for the upgrade of the pavements in the High Street to improve safety and the visual impact of the Town Centre, building upon the work under the shop front enhancement scheme. Resurfacing of the road was also indicated

Various meetings had been held between BBLP and the Town Council Steering Group which included representatives from Kington Chamber of Trade at which different options had been discussed, the most recent of which had indicated that one option, for which the Steering Group had indicated a preference, was for the existing blocks forming the pavement to be lifted, cleaned and relaid. A subsequent survey by BBLP indicated that this might not be feasible. Further research by BBLP, as presented to the meeting, has identified that new blocks could be sourced and laid in a herringbone pattern which would be within budget and be more resilient to vehicle damage. After due consideration, it was resolved to agree the proposal that the concrete blocks laid in a herringbone pattern and in a light grey colour be used for the High Street pavement, to extend from the Oxford public house to the area outside the Border Bean café. The cobbled area in Bridge Street will not be affected.

It was further resolved to accept the proposal for resurfacing of the carriageway to include Church Street from and including Doctors Lane, Common Close and the Square, the High Street including Husseys Lane, and Bridge Street (part) including Market Hall Street.

Moving on to the timing for the proposed works, it was noted that work will commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and take place with overnight road closures starting at 6.30pm which it was noted would impact on those businesses open in the evening such as hospitality businesses, restaurants etc. A list of those businesses will be supplied to the contractors by the Chamber of Trade and adjustments to the schedule made to accommodate the needs of those businesses. Businesses will be provided with more information on these proposals. It was also confirmed that the work would enable emergency services to access the town centre and surrounding streets at all times.

### **3 151-22 Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm in the Old Police Station.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.