



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

held on Monday 22nd January 2018 at 6.30 pm in
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, St, Kington.

PRESENT

In attendance

Cllr. R. MacCurrach (Chair)
Cllr. J. Atkinson
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. T. Bounds
Cllr. J. Dennis
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

Cllr. F. Hawkins

Liz Kelso (Clerk)

Agenda item

- Env 001-18** **1. APOLOGIES**
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. Fitton, Forrester & Rees
- Env 002-18** **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
Cllr. MacCurrach declared a non disclosable interest in agenda item 7.7 (Churchyard) as a member of the PCC. There were no requests for dispensation.
- Env 003-18** **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER 2017**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 20TH November 2017, which had been previously circulated were accepted. The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- Env 004-18** **4. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2017**
The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 18th December 2017, which had been previously circulated were accepted. The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- Env 005-18** **5. SPEED RESTRICTION PROPOSALS ON A44**
The Clerk advised that the draft report prepared by consultants on behalf of Balfour Beattie on the proposal to restrict on the A44 between the two roundabouts was now available and a copy had been provided to Members. Members expressed disappointment that their recommendation to restrict speed at this location had not been supported by the consultants and were concerned that the data recording sites were too close to the roundabouts to collect any meaningful data on speeds in between the two roundabouts. There was further comment that the report was inaccurate when it claimed that there was no pedestrian movements at this location as people frequently walk along and across this road to access the allotments by foot. The Clerk was instructed to advise the consultants accordingly.

The Clerk also reported that the recommendation from the same consultants regarding the introduction of weight limits for vehicles travelling through the centre of the Town was that such limits were not recommended on the grounds that in their view HGVs did not use the Town Centre other than to access business premises within the Town. Members felt this was not always the case as HGVs accessing the West of town tend to travel through the Centre to avoid a difficult junction off the by-pass to the West. It was further noted that the police do not support the introduction of weight restrictions as they are unable to provide resources to police this.

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6. REQUEST FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON ISLAND TERRACE

Members noted a request from residents of Island Terrace for the introduction of parking restrictions and residents parking permits in Island Terrace. It was agreed to defer this item pending a site visit which the Clerk will arrange.

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7. STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Neighbourhood Development Plan

There was nothing to report under this agenda item. However, it was agreed that as the Neighbourhood Plan progresses to Regulation 16, this item should become an item for the Planning Committee.

2. Health & Safety

It was felt that potholes and the poor state of the paths around Greenfields in particular are creating a hazard for vehicle users and pedestrians alike. These have been reported to Balfour Beatty but to date no action has been taken. It was agreed to pursue this again with BBLP.

Cllr. Wood Johnson agreed to report blocked drains in Duke Street and Harp Yard

3. Town Centre

It was noted that the Clerk is still awaiting a response from BBLP on the lighting along Mill Furlong Lane. Concern was also expressed that lighting on the Bridge is poor as there are only one light at either end on one side of the road, making it particularly dark.

4. Kington in Bloom

Cllr. MacCurrach reported that KLEEN would be happy to provide support for a new voluntary body formed to promote and enhance Kington in Bloom. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to recommend to Full Council:

- a) That the Kington in Bloom Competition is not held in 2018 to give the new voluntary group time to relaunch the competition in 2019, and
- b) That responsibility for Kington in Bloom generally be handed to the new voluntary group, under the umbrella of KLEEN, and
- c) That any funds not yet spent by the Town Council on Kington in Bloom be passed to the new voluntary group by way of a grant to start work this year.

It was further agreed that in financial year 2018-9 the voluntary body can apply for a grant from the Town Council.

5. Allotments

There was nothing to report on this item.

6. **Recycling**

It was noted that people are often unclear about what can be put in the recycling bin and what items must go to landfill. It was suggested that there be an item in the next edition of Kington Chronicle outlining this.

7. **Churchyard**

- **Churchyard Trees**

Quotations for the work on the trees was considered at the full council meeting on 8th January and a preferred contractor appointed. Planning permission is now awaited for this work.

- **Churchyard Wall Repairs**

Repairs have now been completed, as originally agreed.

8. **Community Energy**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

9. **Economic Development**

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

10. **Lengthsman**

An invoice has now been received from the Lengthsman for work undertaken under the scheme this year. A report is to be prepared for Balfour Beatty by the Clerk.

11. **War Memorial**

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

12. **Quarry Liaison**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item but Cllr. Atkinson reported that he is not being made aware of meeting dates and times.

13. **Tree Warden**

There was nothing to report on this agenda item

14. **KLEEN**

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Progress on repairs requested.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed

Chair of Environment Committee

Date