



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

held on Monday 25th June 2018 at 2.00 pm in
The Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, St, Kington.

PRESENT

In attendance

Cllr. J. Atkinson
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. J. Dennis
Cllr. R. MacCurrach
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson

Liz Kelso (Clerk)

Agenda item

- Env 009-18 1. **CHAIRMAN**
Cllr. J. Dennis was elected Chairman of the Committee to hold office for the forthcoming year
- Env 010-18 2. **VICE CHAIRMAN**
Cllr. I. Wood-Johnson was elected Vice Chairman of the Committee to hold office for the forthcoming year.
- Env-011-18 3. **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. Fitton, Forrester and Rees.
- Env 012-18 4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.
- Env 013-18 5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2018**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2018, 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 014-18 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. After some discussion the Committee felt unable to support residents parking anywhere in Kington on public roads at the present time.
- Env 015-18 7. **STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
1. **Health & Safety**
Members noted a concern raised at the Annual Town Meeting with regard to the possible vulnerability of those waiting in the surgery waiting room in the event of a major road traffic

collision outside the surgery. It was agreed to support a request for a barrier to be installed on the road verge outside the surgery.

A property in the High Street has fallen into disrepair and guttering is now hanging down on the front of the building above the footpath. The Clerk will report this to Balfour Beatty as a hazard.

2. Town Centre

- It was agreed that the Clerk approach Herefordshire Council to discuss whether traffic calming might be feasible within the Town Centre.
- Members noted a request made at the Annual Town Meeting that additional dropped kerbs be installed to assist those with mobility difficulties. Funding had been available for this but only one dropped kerb had been installed so far. The Ward Councillor had agreed to take this up in the past.
- A parking strategy will be required following the asset transfer of car parks to the Town Council. In the meantime it was noted that the newly painted yellow lines have reduced instances of parking in the High Street and the Committee wished their thanks to be passed to the police for supporting and facilitating this initiative.

3. Kington in Bloom

Cllr. Wood-Johnson reported that he has planted boxes for this year and they appear to be growing well. The watering system has been repaired but may need further work as it appears to be dripping.

Plants on the roundabout are not growing well due to lack of water. The roundabout has been planted by KBS and it was agreed that a formal note thanking them should be sent.

Currently planters are not watered on a rota system. It was agreed that a list of all planters be drawn up with a note of who is responsible for watering and maintaining them.

Finally a sculpture on the roundabout was suggested although it was acknowledged that the budget was probably not sufficient to purchase something and it would require appropriate permission from the Highways department which might not be forthcoming.

4. Allotments

Concern was expressed that some allotment holders are parking to the north of the exit, making it difficult for those exiting the allotments to see the road. It was agreed to ask the Allotment Committee to issue a letter to everyone and to put up notices to stop parking there.

5. Recycling

It was noted that the recycling centre has the highest rate of recycling in Herefordshire. More signage was thought to be needed.

6. Churchyard

A birch tree has died in the churchyard and although thought to be safe, will need to be removed. It was agreed that the Clerk see quotes from the tree surgeons who are quoting for the work in the Recreation ground for this work.

7. Community Energy

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

8. Economic Development

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

9. Footpaths Scheme

The Clerk outlined the current status of the footpath scheme which envisages a joint approach by the Town Council and surrounding parishes for footpath maintenance, using the services of the Community Payback Team. The next stage is for a meeting to be convened for surrounding parishes and other interested parties to ascertain interest in moving this forward. It was agreed that a task and finish group be formed to progress this item.

10. War Memorial

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

11. Quarry Liaison

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

12. Trees

There was nothing further to report on this agenda item

13. KLEEN

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Footpath scheme.

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

Signed

Chair of Environment Committee

Date