

# KINGS WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Walden Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Breachwood Green on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: Amanda King, David Bennett, Joe Graziano, Jon Chamberlin, Liz Thurlby, Paul Harman

District Cllr David Barnard, two members of the public, and the clerk, Tom Brindley.

## **2.1 (Agenda 1) To consider Apologies for Absence. None.**

## **2.2 (Agenda 2) Chairman's remarks.**

1. Members were reminded of the council's code of conduct.
2. The chairman proposed an urgent item regarding the resignation of the Youth Club leader and that the press and public would be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

## **2.3 (Agenda 3) Public participation.**

1. County and District Councillor David Barnard addressed the council.
  - a. Grass cutting. Cllr Barnard advised the council that North Herts District Council cut the grass on land belonging to Settle (previously North Herts Homes). Herts County Council cut the grass on other highway verges.
  - b. Katherine Warrington school, Harpenden. The start or term may be delayed due to additional highways work.
  - c. A defibrillator at Cockenhoe had been used by the ambulance service and taken away with the patient. Breachwood Green needed be aware of this regarding the newly installed defibrillator at the village hall.
  - d. The planning application for Bailey's farm Close had been delayed again and as the June planning meeting had been cancelled it was not known when it would be heard.
  - e. The district council did not expect to hear from the Local Plan inspector until after September.
  - f. North Herts District Council was now no-overall control and the administration had been formed by a Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition.
  - g. Cllr Barnard still had some County Council locality budget available to community groups.

## **2.4 (Agenda 14) Highways**

1. The chairman proposed and it was agreed to bring forward Item 14 Highways, while Cllr Barnard was present.
2. Lilley Bottom Rd markings. This had been reported on 19<sup>th</sup> December but still no action. Cllr Barnard to follow up.
3. The clerk will arrange a site meeting with, Graham Bury, county highways officer, on any morning except a Monday.
4. St Mary's Rise verge not cut. It was understood this was a private road and responsibility for cutting was with the residents.
5. The clerk was asked to obtain a map of grass cutting responsibility.
6. Highways issues will be added to the Action Tracker.

## **2.5 (Agenda 4) To adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The minutes were adopted and signed by the chairman.**

## **2.6 (Agenda 5) Matters arising from May meeting not appearing on the agenda. None**

## **2.7 (Agenda 6) Report from the Annual Parish Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

1. The clerk presented a compilation of the survey conducted at the meeting. Several items were highlighted:
  - Village Gateway features
  - Restoration of the church bells
  - Improved highways signage
  - Projector and screen in the village hall.

2. The clerk was asked to share the results with The Breachwood Green Society, Friends of St Marys and the Village Hall committee.
3. Members suggested pursuing a Christmas Tree and arranging carol singing. To be discussed with the Breachwood Green Society.

**2.8 (Agenda 7) Co-option of two members.**

1. No applications received.
2. Cllr Bennett had received one enquiry.
3. It was suggested that a half page advert be placed in the Breachwood times

**2.9 (Agenda 8) To consider grant applications**

1. Application from Breachwood Green Pre-School for money to purchase an awning. Members discussed the application and concluded it would be more efficient for the council to purchase the awning.
2. Application from BreachFest for £500 towards the cost of portable toilets. Members debated the application and whether it would be preferable for to use the Village Hall toilets. The chairman advised that the use of the Village Hall toilets was not within the power of the parish council. Member RESOLVED to grant £500 to BreachFest using powers under Section 137 of the LGA 1974.

**2.10 (Agenda 9) Finance.**

Payments. A list of discretionary and contractual payments was issued (See annex attached).

**2.11 (Agenda 10) Planning**

1. To receive planning applications. None
2. To note decisions and appeals. None
3. Other. None

**2.12 (Agenda 11) Council Working Parties / Special Responsibilities**

1. Members considered the benefits of setting up working parties. The clerk advised that working parties were usually set up when non-councillors were involved. There was nothing to stop councillors meeting outside of Council meetings, although no decisions could be made on behalf of the council.
2. The council had previously assigned special responsibilities, but these had been dropped as all councillors may have an interest in any particular topic.

**2.13 (Agenda 12) Luton Airport**

1. Report on meeting with airport operator.
  - a. Cllrs Thurlby and Graziano had held a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June with Nicole Morris (Air Space and Noise Performance Manager) and Alice Green. Cllr Thurlby had been promised a hand-held noise monitor, but this had not been received.
  - b. The airport agreed to position a tripod mounted monitor in Breachwood Green for September to December.
  - c. A request for permanent noise monitoring in Breachwood Green had been made.
  - d. Cllrs Thurlby and Graziano were given references to access the CAA's Airspace Change portal and will be added to the distribution list for this project and invited to future stakeholder meetings. It was noted if the aeroplanes on take-off are diverted ten degrees further south it will make a difference to Breachwood Green.
  - e. The percentage of aircraft with "new" quieter engines was less than 2%.
  - f. Wizz is now the largest carrier using the airport.
  - g. The airport has sourced some shielding to reduce the light spill.
  - h. The airport advised there have been no complaints from residents in KW Parish in last three months.
  - i. James Dontas had agreed that noise monitoring from Breachwood Green would be listed on the website from September 2019.
2. Future meetings
  - a. A meeting was planned with Hazel Simmons, Leader of Luton Borough Council – Cllrs Graziano and Thurlby and the clerk to attend.
  - b. The clerk asked that he be advised of any future meetings so the council could hold a complete record of contact with the airport.

3. To consider an application to join LLACC.  
Members RESOLVED to apply for a permanent seat on the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee.
4. Air pollution.
  - a. Cllr Thurlby advised that the nearest air pollution monitoring site was at Stagenhoe.
  - b. The air quality at this monitoring station was less than 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>
  - c. Members raised concerns that this site was much further from the airport than Breachwood Green and that planes were much higher over Stagenhoe.

**2.14 (Agenda 13) Play Area.**

1. The fence works are due to start on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.
2. A complaint had been received about the surface underneath the toddler swings. The clerk to inspect and report.
3. The ROSPA report had been received. There were no serious concerns. Minor improvements were noted. Repairs will be scheduled during future months.
4. Cllr Chamberlin advised he was still storing the new bench to replace the damaged bench adjacent to the Zip wire – Richard Dawes to install.
5. The clerk was asked to follow up with Richard Dawes on removing the bark pit from Breachwood Green and replenishing bark at Ley Green.

**2.15 (Agenda 15) KWPC.org website**

1. The clerk advised that the current hosting company had changed hands and the new company did not have a UK bank account. New hosting arrangements will be made.

**2.16 (Agenda 16) Urgent items relating to the Youth Club, Play Area and Open Spaces, Highways and Village Hall.**

1. The youth leaders had requested that the parish council disposes of some surplus furniture and equipment. Cllr Chamberlin agreed to dispose of the furniture. It was agreed to offer two table tennis tables to the school prior to disposal.
2. A resident had raised concern at the cracked window. The clerk advised he had inspected this and as the glazing appeared to be plastic there was no immediate risk. Cllr Chamberlin agreed to pass on the details of a glazier who could effect repair.
3. Cllr Chamberlin advised he had agreed sales of some of the council's surplus gardening equipment. There remains a blower and a mower to sell.

**2.17 (Agenda 17) Correspondence. All had been distributed prior to the meeting.**

**2.18 (Agenda 18) Matters for future consideration. None raised.**

**2.19 (Agenda NEW) Members RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to confidential nature of business to be discussed.**

**2.20 (Agenda NEW) Youth Club Leader**

1. Members noted the resignation of Ross Woolner after 20 years, first as Assistant then Lead Youth Worker.
2. Members RESOLVED a vote of thanks to Ross for his many years of service.
3. Members noted the transition arrangements between Ross Woolner and Andrew Spyrou.
4. Members agreed to fund a leaving party for Ross Woolner.

The meeting closed at 10.05

**Next Meetings:**

Parish Council: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Parish Council: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Signed Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# KINGS WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

<b>PAYMENTS AS OF 19/06/2019</b>					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Status/ Power</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Net</i>
08/05/2019	1	Dawes	Open Spaces	1120.00	933.33
15/05/2019	4	Todeka	Admin	90.00	75.00
15/05/2019	4	T H Brindley	Expenses	69.34	68.86
30/05/2019	7	H3G	Youth Hut	10.21	8.51
31/05/2019	4	HAPTC	Training	70.00	70.00
31/05/2019	7	Scottish Power	Youth Hu	142.84	119.03
31/05/2019	7	Scottish Power	Youth Hu	29.47	24.56
31/05/2019	1	Play Safety	Play Area	210.60	175.50
07/06/2019	5	DCK	Admin	30.00	25.00
07/06/2019	7	Criminal Records Svcs Ltd	Youth Club	68.00	56.67
16/06/2019	1	Dawes	Open Spaces	250.00	208.33
16/06/2019	4	ICO	Admin	40.00	40.00
18/06/2019	4	Todeka	Admin	90.00	75.00
18/06/2019	7	Breach Fest	S137Grant	500.00	500.00
18/06/2019	7	Breachwood Green Pre-School	S137Grant	349.86	349.86
18/06/2019	4	T H Brindley	Expenses	21.45	21.05
18/06/2019	7	CPRE	Subscription	36.00	36.00
				<b>3,127.77</b>	<b>2,786.70</b>

## **Powers:**

- 1 Grass cutting: Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10
- 2 Play area/Glebe land: LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
- 3 HAPTC membership: LGA 1972 s.143
- 4 Audit, Insurance, Training: LGA 1972 s.111
- 5 Salary/expenses: LGA 1972 s.112(2)