

KINGS WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Walden Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Breachwood Green on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: Amanda King, David Bennett, Joe Graziano, Liz Thurlby

Two members of the public and the clerk, Tom Brindley.

- 4.1 (Agenda 1) To consider Apologies for Absence.** Members accepted apologies from Paul Harman, funeral, Jon Chamberlin - Work commitments.
- 4..2 (Agenda 2) Chairman's remarks.**
1. Members were reminded of the council's code of conduct.
- 4.3 (Agenda 3) Public participation.**
- Mr Wayne Gardner updated council on the success of BreachFest. The organisers planned to make this an annual event. There have already been enquiries from new bands. The catering vendors were pleased with the trade and had contributed a % of profits. An overall surplus would be split between donations to local causes and funding for next year. The parish council was thanked for its support.
- 4.4 (Agenda 4) To adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 16th July 2019.** The minutes were adopted and signed by the chairman.
- 4.5 (Agenda 5) Matters arising from July meeting not appearing on the agenda.**
- Defibrillator for Ley Green. The county council had put a moratorium on grants for defibrillators, but this was now lifted.
- 4.6 (Agenda 6) Finance**
1. External auditor's report. The external auditor had approved the accounts without comment.
 2. Payments approved, see attached list.
- 4.7 (Agenda 7) Planning**
1. Baileys Close Farm. Permission refused. The clerk was asked to write to the Local Planning Authority expressing disappointment in both conduct and result of the planning meeting.
 2. Sandon Green. No comments
 3. Chiltern House. This was an application for a lawful development certificate and the council was therefore not a statutory consultee and did not comment.
- 4.8 (Agenda 8) Luton Airport**
1. The chairman had been approached by Lis Greet who reported that she had heard from Nicole Morris, the airport noise monitoring officer, that the council was not concerned about ground noise. Members agreed this was incorrect.
 2. Cllr Thurlby was asked to invite Nicole Morris to the next council meeting.
 3. Cllr Thurlby advised that pollution monitoring equipment had been installed in Breachwood Green.
 4. The clerk was asked to follow up on the council's application for direct membership of LLACC.
 5. It was reported that Luton Airport would hold an open meeting in Breachwood Green village hall on 25th November, 13:00 to 20:00.
- 4.9 (Agenda 9) Footpaths**
1. Pilkington Farm Partnership CEO Tom Duffin, had intended to attend the meeting but had sent apologies. He would attend the October meeting.
 2. Andrew Burton, Herts CC projects officer had promised to supply maps but none had yet been received.
 3. Cllr Thurlby was asked to raise the issue of who is legally responsible for ensuring footpaths are maintained; the tenant or the landowner.
- 4.10 (Agenda 10) Web site.**
- The clerk was asked to obtain quotations from two hosting companies.

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4.11 (Agenda 11) Urgent matters

1. Youth Hut Windows. A fourth quote had been received via Cllr Harman. The quote appeared competitive. The clerk was asked to check if this was for safety glass and secure locks to match the existing windows.
2. Highways
 - a. Cllr Graziano and the clerk had met with County councillor Barnard and Graham Bury, Hertfordshire highways. Mr Bury had issued a report but nothing had yet been actioned.
 - b. Cllr Thurlby had reported an incident at Lilley Bottom/Church Road junction due to missing lines. Highways had replied saying no action was required. The clerk was asked to raise matter directly with Ringway.
 - c. Ley Green speeding. Cllr Graziano was asked to include the road outside the old school in future speed watch monitoring.
 - d. Cllr Bennett advised that Ley Green residents would not support a speed indicator advice.
 - e. Ley Green, junction warning lines. Cllr Bennett advised these were worn out and so the priority was unclear, a consequence of which was increased vehicle speed.
 - f. The clerk advised that North Herts District council had agreed to install Road Name signs at the junction of Church Road and The Heath.
 - g. Orchard Way Ownership was still disputed between the district council and Settle, resulting in the grass not being maintained.

4.12 (Agenda 12) Correspondence

Publications from CPRE and the Chiltern Society were circulated. All other correspondence previously addressed.

4.13 (Agenda 13) Future

1. Discuss a Christmas tree and carol singing in Breachwood Green with the Breachwood Green Society.
2. Instruct an arboriculturist to survey the trees on parish council land.
3. Widen the advertising for the two vacancies.
4. Discuss Gating options with the Breachwood Green Society.

The meeting closed at 9.32 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Parish Council: Tuesday 15th October 2019

Signed Chairman _____ Date _____

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Payments to 18th September 2019

Status	Power	Date	Payee	Description	Chq #	Total	Net	VAT
+	2		R Dawes	Grounds maintenance	FPO	250.00	208.33	41.67
+	4		Todeka	Admin	FPO	90.00	75.00	15.00
+	5		Payroll	Salary	FPO	1866.80	1866.80	
+	4		Todeka	Admin	FPO	90.00	75.00	15.00
	5		TH Brindley	Expenses	FPO	65.82	60.52	5.30
	4		DCK	Payroll	FPO	30.00	25.00	5.00
	2		Playdale	Play area	FPO	176.52	147.10	29.42
	2		Play innovations	Bench repair	FPO	120.00	100.00	20.00
						2,659.72	2,539.75	119.97

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Approved

+ = Already paid

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)