

# KINGS WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Walden Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Breachwood Green on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: Amanda King, Jon Chamberlin, David Bennett, Liz Thurlby, Joe Graziano, Paul Harman.  
Four members of the public and the clerk, Tom Brindley.

**7.1 (Agenda 1) To consider apologies for absence.** None.

**7.2 (Agenda 2) Chairman's remarks.** Members were reminded of the council's code of conduct.

**7.3 (Agenda 3) Public participation.**

1. Wayne Gardner addressed the council regarding Breachfest. Breachfest 2019 had made a modest surplus which will be reinvested in Breachfest 2020. The festival will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Members noted this date clashed with the school fete.
2. A member of the public asked about dog waste bins. The chairman explained that the district council no longer operated dog waste bins, as bagged dog waste could be deposited in the normal litter bins.
3. A member of the public asked about VE day celebrations. The chairman advised that money would be allocated within the 2020 budget. Members indicated they would support an initiative from residents including the closure of Oxford Road for a street party.
4. County and District Councillor David Barnard, who was unable to attend, had sent a written report which was read by the chairman.
  - a. County Cllr Barnard expressed support for the council's application for full membership of LLACC.
  - b. Highways. County Cllr Barnard had met with Cllr Graziano but cautioned he had limited resources.
  - c. Herts. County Council is increasing spend on adult care, now the greatest expense at county level.
  - d. The district council grants policy, that prevents parish councils applying for grants, is being reviewed.
  - e. Cllr Barnard witnessed a fly-tipping incident. He recorded the registration and passed to the police.

**7.4 (Agenda 4) To adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

The minutes were adopted and the chairman was authorised to sign.

**7.5 (Agenda 5) Matters arising from November meeting not appearing on the agenda.**

1. (6.5.1) The youth hut windows will be replaced in January.
2. (6.5.3) The clerk had spoken with Secure-a-Field and their representative had advised he would inspect the site when he was next passing but thought that it would require an entirely new gate.
3. (6.6) Christmas decorations were deemed to be successful. Members noted that for future years, a cherry picker would be required to erect and remove lights.

**7.6 (Agenda 6) Luton airport**

1. London Luton Airport Consultative Committee (LLACC) membership  
Cllrs Thurlby and Graziano had attend a meeting of LLACC. The council's application for membership was considered but was refused with 7 against and 4 for. Members agreed seek permission to attend LLACC meetings with observer status.
2. Noise and pollution monitoring
  - a. The NOX levels recorded were low.
  - b. Noise level report not yet received
  - c. Members agreed to add money to the 2021 budget to purchase or lease noise monitoring equipment.

**7.7 (Agenda 7) Tree survey**

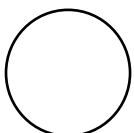
Members **RESOLVED** to proceed with urgent items and seek quotations for less urgent work.

**7.8 (Agenda 8) Website**

The clerk advised the new website was live ([www.kingswalden-pc.org.uk](http://www.kingswalden-pc.org.uk)). The old web address had been retained and will redirect to the new site.

**7.9 (Agenda 9) Vacancies**

No applications received.



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## 7.10 (Agenda 10 Gateway features)

1. Cllr Graziano presented a proposal including a model, for a gateway feature to be located on the entry to Breachwood Green near Windmill Road.
2. Members noted that there were five roads entering Breachwood Green but decided that the Darley Road site be used as a pilot.
3. The clerk was asked to approach Hertfordshire County Council highways to gain approval in principle.

## 7.11 (Agenda 11) Finance

1. The clerk as Responsible Financial Officer presented the third quarter financial report and year-end forecast. Members noted the forecast year-end balance, after earmarked reserves, of £8,350.
2. The clerk presented the 2020/21 budget report. Members agreed the budget with additional items:
  - £1000 on gateway features
  - £1000 on noise monitoring
  - £500 on VE day celebrations
3. The resulting budget shows:
  - Receipts £39,726
  - Payments £35,443
  - Earmarked reserves (31/3/21) £16,364
  - Free reserves (31/3/21) £8,582
4. Payments totalling £7,893.30 were noted/approved, see attached schedule.
5. Grant Application Breachwood Green School
  - a. Cllrs King and Chamberlin declared an interest.
  - b. Members RESOLVED that Cllr Thurlby assume the chair for this item.
  - c. Members approved the grant of £380 to Breachwood Green School.
  - d. Cllr King resumed the chair.

## 7.12 (Agenda 12) Precept

Members **RESOLVED** to set the precept at £70 per band D house.

## 7.13 (Agenda 12) Planning

Members considered application (19/02660/FPH) Retention of existing use of building as joinery workshop, Parsonage Farm, Ley Green. Members **RESOLVED** to delegate powers to issue the council's response to Cllr Bennett and the clerk.

## 7.14 (Agenda 13) Urgent matters concerning Youth Club, Village Hall, Play Area, Highways

1. The clerk was asked to purchase a 'Henry' vacuum cleaner for the youth hut.
2. The cellular signal providing internet connection at the youth hut was proving unreliable. Members **RESOLVED** to install a fixed line high speed connection. Members asked the clerk to approach the Village Hall Committee with an offer for them to share the feed and costs.
3. Members raised concerns about the 5 weeks of road closure at East Hyde.
4. Members raised concern at parked vehicles blocking the pavement in Heath Road.

## 7.15 (Agenda 14) Correspondence

The chairman had received a letter from Lis Greet regarding the Breachwood Green Society. All other correspondence previously addressed.

## 7.16 (Agenda 15) Matters for future consideration

1. Establish ownership of land with ponds.
2. Invite the new police officer to a council meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

**Next Meetings:** Parish Council, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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

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Payments to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## PAYMENTS JANUARY 2020

Status	Power	Date	Payee	Description	Total	Net	VAT	Parks Play Areas	Project	Staff	Admin	Youth Hut	S137
+	2	02/12/2019	J C Agriculture	Xmas	577.25	481.04	96.21		481.04				
+	1	03/12/2019	R J Dawes	parks	250.00	208.33	41.67	208.33					
+	5	05/12/2019	Payroll	Payroll	1940.44	1940.44				1,940.44			
+	5	05/12/2019	DCK	Payroll	42.00	35.00	7.00				35.00		
+	1	10/12/2019	R J Dawes	Grass	2484.00	2070.00	414.00	2,070.00					
+	4	21/12/2019	G Graziano	Xmas	127.76	111.94	15.82		111.94				
	1	06/01/2020	R J Dawes	parks	250.00	208.33	41.67	208.33					
	4	08/01/2020	Todeka	Office Svc	90.00	75.00	15.00				75.00		
	4	13/01/2020	HAPTC	training	40.00	40.00	0.00				40.00		
	1	14/01/2020	Open Spaces	parks	1170.00	975.00	195.00	975.00					
	9	19/01/2020	Parish Websites	Website	820.00	820.00			500.00		320.00		
	5	21/01/2020	T Brindley	Admin	25.10	20.92	4.18			20.92			
	5	21/01/2020	T Brindley	Admin	71.30	67.30	4.00			52.30		15.00	
	7	21/01/2020	BWG School	S137	380.00	380.00							380.00
	9	21/01/2020	BW times	News	6.00	6.00					6.00		
					<b>8,273.84</b>	<b>7,439.30</b>	<b>834.54</b>	<b>3,461.66</b>	<b>1,092.98</b>	<b>2,013.66</b>	<b>476.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>380.00</b>

\* = 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)
- 6 Other, Localism Act 2011
- 7 S137: LGA 1972 s137
- 8 Public Health Act 1936, s234
- 9 Website / newsletter: LGA 1972 s142
- 10 Bus shelters: Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act 1953, s4
- 11 Defibrillator: Public Health Act 1936, s234