



## Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Walden Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Breachwood Green on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Jon Chamberlin, Paul Harman, Brenda James, Joe Graziano, Amanda King (Chair)  
In attendance: the clerk and RFO, Lisa Lathane, District Councillor David Barnard

- 10.1 (Agenda 1) To receive apologies for absence.**  
None.
- 10.2 (Agenda 2) Chairman's remarks.**  
Members were reminded of the council's code of conduct and the requirement to make Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.
- 10.3 (Agenda 3) Public participation:**  
District Councillor David Barnard addressed the meeting.
- a) Police: The Police Crime Commissioner has announced that the Police Force has requested a Precept increase of £10 per annum for a Band D House. This will help to fund:
    - a. 20 PCSOs
    - b. 20 Control Room Staff
    - c. A dedicated Crime Prevention Squad to visit schools etc.
  - b) Local Plan: There is still no update on the Local Plan. The Inspector has been delivered new figures and information which shows that there is no need for development of housing within North Herts to the East of Luton.
  - c) Luton Airport Petition: Bim Afolami MP has created an online petition to stop London Luton Airport expansion. This can be found at [www.bimafolami.co.uk/stop-luton-expansion](http://www.bimafolami.co.uk/stop-luton-expansion).
  - d) Grants: Cllr Barnard has given £500 to each of the primary schools in his district, including Breachwood Green Primary School from his Locality Budget.
  - e) District Council Elections will be every 4 years now from 2024.
- 10.4 (Agenda 4) To adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 18th January 2022.**  
The minutes were adopted, and the chairman was authorised to sign.
- 10.5 (Agenda 5) Matters arising from minutes of 18th January 2022 not covered elsewhere.**  
None.
- 10.6 (Agenda 6) To receive the clerk's report including an update on ongoing projects.**
1. The clerk presented a verbal update on her report.
    - a. Zip Wire: The zip wire seat had a fault so a new one has been ordered and will be collected by the clerk.
    - b. Youth Club: Andrew Spyrou is happy to continue to run the Youth Club and will reopen at the end of March. Cllr Graziano will pass details to the clerk of a possible assistant.
    - c. Stopsley Sharks Football Club: The club have still not been able to use the pitches due to the weather. The Cricket Club fixtures list has been sent to them so that there aren't any clashes with use of the Recreation Ground.
- 10.7 (Agenda 7) Review and adoption of Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Clerk**
1. It was **AGREED** that a third member should be invited to the Airport Committee to create a more balanced view. Cllr Graziano will seek to find an interested party.
  2. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the proposed policies with the agreed amendments.



#### 10.8 (Agenda 8) Village Hall

1. New Lease:
  - a. A new lease will cost between £1500 and £2500 depending on how much negotiation is required.
  - b. It was **AGREED** by members that the Parish Council's Village Hall Committee will meet to put together a first draft of a lease before consulting with solicitors.
2. Changing Rooms:
  - a. A specification has been received which can be used to obtain 3 quotes. It is evident that a full refurbishment at this stage is more costly than first thought. Cllr Harman and the clerk will look at the specification to create a staged refurbishment plan.

#### 10.9 (Agenda 9) Airport Update

Cllr Graziano presented a verbal update on his report which can be seen in annex 1.

1. Luton Rising (Formerly LLAO) are running Statutory Consultation from 18th Feb until 4th April, for the airport expansion (Delayed from 2019).
2. Survey: Members **AGREED** to conduct an online survey to gauge how the parish residents feel about the proposed Luton Rising Airport Expansion Consultation and the Disposal of Wigmore Park. The clerk will organise.
3. An agreement will be made at the next meeting on the Parish Council's response to the consultation following the results of the survey.

#### 10.10 (Agenda 10) Keys / Keysafe

1. The clerk shared the key log with the members, keys held by the Cricket Club and R J Dawes will be added.
2. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Graziano will fit a key safe at the Village Hall to hold a key for the Car Park Barrier.

#### 10.11 (Agenda 11) MUGA Maintenance Update

The clerk presented the members with two quotes to replace the MUGA surface from Play Innovation who originally fitted it. The clerk has asked the company for a cost to just patch up the areas which are showing damage.

#### 10.12 (Agenda 12) Police Update

None.

#### 10.13 (Agenda 13) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

1. Cllr Harman has reserved an outdoor screen for the Jubilee Celebrations, with a cost of £1600.
2. Cllr Barnard agreed to put £250 towards the cost of the screen from his Locality Budget. The clerk will formally apply. The clerk will investigate further Platinum Jubilee grants to support the rest of the cost.
3. Cllr Harman has started putting together a Working Party to organise the event on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> June. Some food vendors have been booked and the Red Lion have agreed to run a bar.

#### 10.14 (Agenda 14) To agree the planting of free trees in the parish

1. Cllr Graziano has obtained 250 free trees to plant in the parish. Some residents have requested some for their gardens.
2. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Graziano and Cllr Chamberlin will walk the boundary of the Recreation Ground to find spaces in the hedgerow where trees can be planted to fill in the gaps.



**10.15 (Agenda 15) Social Media / email Database and the management of information**

1. It was **AGREED** that all Planning Application Notifications will be posted on Facebook, and sent out via the email database. It will be made clear that the Parish Council do not make the decision but acts as a consultee.
2. All Parish Council emails sent to a message to a group of residents with a Full Council agreed message will be sent via the clerk.
3. It was requested that conversations between Councillors outside of a meeting are kept confidential to avoid unnecessary gossip in the parish.

**10.16 (Agenda 12) Finance and Risk**

1. Payments made were **NOTED** and approved. Payments can be seen in annex 2.
2. It was **RESOLVED** to pay £30 to Dementia UK as a thank you to the resident whose electricity was used for the Christmas tree lights. A bank transfer payment will be made under S137. The clerk will also send a card of thanks to the resident.
3. The members **AGREED** to add Cllr Graziano and Cllr Chamberlin as signatories on the online banking.

**10.17 (Agenda 13) Planning:**

1. Planning Applications:
  - a) Reference: 22/00176/FPH The Spinney, Heath Road, Breachwood Green: The members **AGREED** that they had no objections to this application.
  - b) Reference: 22/00318/FP Baileys Close Farm, Pasture Lane, Breachwood Green: The members **AGREED** to object on the following grounds:
    - i. Concerns that this development is no longer Light Industrial Use as per the first planning application.
    - ii. The road infrastructure is unable to cope with the size and number of lorries that will use the site daily.
    - iii. Concerns regarding the residing wildlife at the site.
    - iv. Safety concerns for the village, in particular the school.
  - c) Reference: 22/00414/FPH 32 Chapel Road, Breachwood Green. The members **AGREED** that they had no objections to this application.

**10.18 Matters for future consideration.**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

**Next scheduled meetings:**

- Parish Council meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 19:30



## ANNEX 1

Luton Rising (Formerly LLAO) are running Statutory Consultation from 18th Feb until 4th April, for the airport expansion (Delayed from 2019). Our In-person event is on 21st February at the Village Hall, BWG. Lisa has circulated the details on Social.

In summary:

- Increase in passenger numbers to 32 million
- New DART connection to a Central Terminus (Completed 2022)
- New T2 on Wigmore Valley Park
- Enhanced road connections in Luton
- New Park increases by 10% & relocated in North Herts
- DCO will ensure all land maintained/controlled by LR is under one roof
- New discretionary compensation: Voluntary acquisition of residential properties and relocation costs for those within the 69 dB noise contour
- Hardship scheme for properties in the 66 dB noise contour
- Consider purchases of the homes of those unable to sell their property and who are experiencing exceptional hardship as a result at unaffected open-market value
- Noise insulation schemes - a tiered noise insulation scheme that will replace any existing schemes. The scheme offers a range of packages for homeowners and owners of other special buildings, such as schools, dependent on the noise effects at their properties.
- Light screening for obtrusive lighting from airport
- Enhanced Landscaping (trees and shrub planting) to enhance the environment in DCO
- Updated noise controls etc

As individuals you can comment on this and should do so here:

[Consultation - Luton Rising](#)

As a council we would need to formulate a considered response by 4th April 2022.

Attached, main document to read, all other document addendums are here:

[Consultation - Luton Rising](#)

22 Questions to answer on consultation.

After consultation it will go to full planning.

### Proposal

- The Parish consists of 1110 residents, we need to represent their views and not hold our own.
- 20% estimated work at airport. Cllr Graziano has requested FOI on how many responded to current 19 MPA from village. There is a thought that residents are apathetic and not interested in what's going on.
- We email/write to each person to gain consensus about general feel. We must represent our residents and go with what the consensus is.
- Goes to vote after results and get it recorded.
- Vote yearly on this matter yearly, to keep views reflected and concurrent with what's going on.



- Must happen in March 2022

Initial views:

- Lack of specific tree/bush shielding specifically to BWG, need more of a pin-down to location, how long it would take to screen-off. Consultation talks about landscaping but need specific detail
- Surface access only again discussed in Luton and not as previously raised at Eaton Green/Darley Road Asda junction, potential bottle neck
- New Wigmore Park – mature trees or not?
- Noise contours don't capture left and right of village, what is discretionary policy in terms of Compulsory Purchase / Insulation
- DCO will manage the land, under one roof. Confusion with people thinking T2 is being built on Darley Road field.
- KWPC Fixed Noise monitor postponed until June 2022
- Airport monitor not on list for this year 2022

**FASI Future Airspace Strategy Implementation South (FASI-S) – Online Meeting 22/02/22**

- Design principles on airspace efficiency at national level instructed by DfT and CAA to implement after speaking to stakeholders.
- We are in Northolt, LDN Stanstead, Heathrow shared airspace. There are certain rules which can't be changed ie: flying south over Northolt and over Gliding Cub in Dunstable Downs. Noise needs to be distributed more evenly and consistently.
- Our provisional success is a 15-degree track change gets submitted, aircraft turn 15 degrees at 9 thousand feet right, (3 miles) avoids village and gives respite, await CAA final decision in 2024.

**Cllr Joe Graziano**

## ANNEX 2

### Kings Walden Parish Council - Summary Financial Report as at 25th February 2022

#### Current Account

							£
Balance at 14th January 2022							£ 9,591.28

#### Payments authorised at meeting:

Date	Payee	Description	Payment Ref	Net	VAT	Total
18 January 2022	Zen Internet Ltd	Admin	P-2022-075	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
4 February 2022	Zen Internet Ltd	Admin	P-2022-076	£ 5.99	£ 1.20	£ 7.19
8 February 2022	Google	Admin	P-2022-077	£ 8.28	£ -	£ 8.28
9 February 2022	JC Agriculture	Christmas Lights	P-2022-078	£ 626.28	£ 52.46	£ 314.74
9 February 2022	RJ Dawes	Grass cutting & litter picking	P-2022-079	£ 208.33	£ 41.67	£ 250.00
14 February 2022	Scottish Power	Youth Hut	P-2022-080	£ 116.28	£ 5.81	£ 122.09
18 February 2022	Zen Internet Ltd	Admin	P-2022-081	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00
25 February 2022	McVeigh Parker & Co	Gate	P-2022-082	£ 484.15	£ 96.83	£ 580.98
				£ 1,519.31	£ 211.97	£ 1,367.28

#### Monies received:

Date	From	Description	Total
17 January 2022	Andrew Spyrou	Youth Club	£ 685.66
7 February 2022	Whitwell Football Club	MUGA Fees	£ 60.00
11 February 2022	Lightsource	Solar Farm Grant	£ 2,584.38
			£ 3,330.04
Balance at 25th February 2022			£ 11,554.04

#### Business Bank Deposit Account

Balance at 14th January 2022							£ 24,045.97
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Date	Recipient	Total
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#### Monies Received

9 February 2022	Interest	£ 0.20	
		£ 0.20	
Balance at 25th February 2022			£ 24,046.17

Total bank balances £ 35,600.21