



Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Walden Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Breachwood Green on Monday 25th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Maria Cann, Jon Chamberlin, Joe Graziano, Brenda James, Amanda King (Chair), Martin Mulgrew

In attendance: the clerk and RFO, Lisa Lathane, and 3 members of the public

12.1 (Agenda 1) To receive apologies for absence.

1. Cllr Harman sent his apologies due to work commitments.
2. Members **AGREED** to accept the apologies.
3. The Chairman expressed her sadness at the death of Cllr Bennett. Kings Walden Parish Council appreciated all he did in his time on the parish council, particularly for the residents of Ley Green and Kings Walden.

12.2 (Agenda 2) Chairman's remarks.

Members were reminded of the council's code of conduct and the requirement to make Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

12.3 (Agenda 3) Public participation.

1. Councillor Barnard addressed the meeting:
 - a. The Locality Budget for this financial year will reduce to the pre-covid amount of £10,000.
 - b. A lot of funding has gone into many areas through the pandemic. In particular Adult Care has received: £12.5m towards infection prevention, £7.5m for testing, £1m to help with prevention of Omicron, and £13m in to the care sector in regards to recruitment and staff care. Money from the Government has filtered down to District for help in local areas.
2. Cllr Graziano shared complaints he had received from residents regarding antisocial behaviour from school children from Hitchin Boys who use the bus service. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Mulgrew will draft a letter to Hitchin Boys School, Hitchin Girls School and the Priory, to ask them to speak to their pupils about antisocial behaviour.

12.4 (Agenda 4) To adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 28th March 2022.

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

12.5 (Agenda 5) Matters arising from minutes of 28th March 2022 not covered elsewhere.

None.

12.6 (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. Youth Club: The Youth Club reopened on the 29th March and has had a healthy number of children attending each week. The new Youth Worker started on the 29th March and is doing well. Andrew Spyrou would like to publicly thank the Wigmore Asda for donating Easter eggs to the Youth Club.
 - b. Noticeboard: The new noticeboard for Ley Green will be ready the week beginning the 9th May. Cllr James suggested a plaque for the noticeboard in memory of Cllr Bennett. The clerk will look into costings for a plaque.

12.7 (Agenda 7) To consider co-option of applicants to the council

1. An application for co-option had been received from Mrs Maria Cann. Mrs Cann advised the council that she has lived in the parish for many years, living in Kings Walden.
2. It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mrs Cann as a councillor.
3. Mrs Cann signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in view of the clerk and took her seat on the council.



4. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Cann to the council.

12.8 (Agenda 8) Review and adoption of:

- a) **Standing Orders**
- b) **Financial Regulations**
- c) **Training and Development Policy**

Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the policies with agreed amendments.

12.9 (Agenda 9) To agree date and arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

It was **AGREED** to organise an Annual Parish Meeting on the 28th May in the Village Hall if it is available.

12.10 (Agenda 10) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

1. Breachwood Green resident Leigh Ward has offered to assist the parish council with organising the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.
2. It was **AGREED** that the clerk, Cllr Cann and resident Leigh Ward will work together on arrangements.
3. Cllr Graziano has offered to run a coffee shop for the event via Breachwood Green CIC with a possible Bake Off Competition.
4. Members **AGREED** a budget of £650 + VAT for the hiring of a big screen for the event.

12.11 (Agenda 11) Agreement of Parish Council Meeting Dates

Members **AGREED** the dates of 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November, 16th January, 20th February and the 20th March. These dates will be advertised on the website and parish council noticeboards.

12.12 (Agenda 12) Airport

1. Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and the Communities, has issued "a holding direction" which prevents the local authority from issuing a final decision on plans to increase the annual passenger numbers at London Luton Airport from 18m to 19m which was granted consent in December 2021. The parish council can take part in the inquiry.
2. The disposal of Wigmore Valley Park: It was **AGREED** that as the parish council do not have the funds to bid for the lease of the park there is nothing more we can do at present.
3. Cllr Graziano attended the LLACC meeting held on the 4th April 2022, minutes will be circulated once they have been published by LLACC.

12.13 (Agenda 13) Finance and Risk

1. Payments made were **NOTED** and approved. Payments can be seen in annex 1.

12.14 (Agenda 14) Planning

Members considered the planning report on new applications and Local Planning Authority decisions.

1. 22/00419/FPH – 2 Chapel Road, Breachwood Green, Hitchin, SG4 8NU. Erection of detached wooden summer house in front garden following demolition of existing wooden summer house in the front garden.

Members **AGREED** to support this application.

2. 22/01056/FP - The Fox, Darley Hall, Darley Road, Breachwood Green, Luton, Hertfordshire, LU2 8PP. Change of Use and conversion of The Fox PH to a single residential dwelling (Use Class C3). Erection of side elevation conservatory, insertion of Juliet Balcony and window to existing side elevation, internal alterations, part removal of parking hardstanding and new landscaping. (Part Retrospective).

Members **AGREED** to object to this application for the following reasons:

- a) We have significant concerns with the amount of work that has already taken place without planning permission.



- b) There are concerns over a possible covenant on the car park.
- c) The loss of another public house in the parish is detrimental to the community.
- 3. Decisions have been made by NHDC on the following:
 - a. 21/03372/FP – Frogmore Stables, Frogmore Bottom Road, Kings Walden, Hitchin, SG4 8NN. Conversion of former stables to form one 5-bed dwelling. PERMISSION GRANTED.
 - b. 22/00414/FPH – 32 Chapel Road, Breachwood Green, SG4 8NX. Single Storey front and side extensions as amended by plan received on 18 March 2022. PERMISSION GRANTED.
 - c. 22/00176/FPH – The Spinney, Heath Road, Breachwood Green, SG4 8PL. First floor side extension over existing side extension. PERMISSION GRANTED.

12.15 Matters for future consideration.

MUGA Moss Removal, Parish Newsletter

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next scheduled meetings: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Monday 16th May 2022 19.30



ANNEX 1

Kings Walden Parish Council - Summary Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation as at 22nd April 2022									
Current Account									£
Bank Balance at 26th March 2022									£ 9,349.22
Payments authorised at meeting:									
Date	Payee	Description	Payment Ref	Net	VAT	Total			
1 April 2022	HAPTC	Subscription	P-2023-001	£ 498.48	£ -	£ 498.48			
4 April 2022	Zen Internet Ltd	Admin	P-2023-002	£ 5.99	£ 1.20	£ 7.19			
7 April 2022	Google	Admin	P-2023-003	£ 9.20	£ -	£ 9.20			
12 April 2022	Money transferred to KWPC Business Acc	Bank Transfer	BT-2022-01	£ 8,864.00	£ -	£ 8,864.00			
19 April 2022	Zen Internet Ltd	Admin	P-2023-004	£ 35.00	£ 7.00	£ 42.00			
22 April 2022	R J Dawes	Grass cutting & litter picking	P-2023-005	£ 208.33	£ 41.67	£ 250.00			
22 April 2022	R J Dawes	Hedge Cutting	P-2023-006	£ 260.00	£ 52.00	£ 312.00			
22 April 2022	DCK Payroll Services	Payroll	P-2023-007	£ 25.00	£ 5.00	£ 30.00			
				£ 9,906.00	£ 106.87	£ 10,012.87			
Monies received:									
Date	From								
30 March 2022	Whitwell Football Club	MUGA Fees				£ 30.00			
8 April 2022	NHDC	Precept				£ 15,532.45			
						£ 15,562.45			
Bank Balance at 22nd April 2022									£ 14,898.80
Business Bank Deposit Account									
Bank Balance at 26th March 2022									£ 24,046.35
Date	Recipient								
						£ -			
Monies Received									
11 April 2022	Interest					£ 0.22			
12 April 2022	Money received from Treasurers Accounts					£ 8,864.00			
						£ 8,864.22			
Bank Balance at 22nd April 2022									£ 32,910.57
Total bank balances									£ 47,809.37