**Kings Ripton Parish Council**

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**Minutes of a meeting of Kings Ripton Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 in the village hall, School Lane, PE28 2NL commencing at 7:00 pm**

Present: Councillors Paul Bassitt (Chair), Philip Rayner, Rebecca Rayner and Judith Embley.

Also in attendance: Irene Healiss (Clerk.)

Two (2) members of the public.

**0063/3-22 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Bywater and Criswell offered apologies.

**0064/3-22 Disclosable Interests:** Regulation 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

Declared by Cllr Embley regarding agenda item 0070/3-22 (allotments) and Cllr Bassitt regarding agenda item 0071/3-22 (second planning matter.)

**0065/3-22 Minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2022:**

It was proposed by Cllr P Rayner seconded by Cllr R Rayner and **resolved** to approve the minutes for signing.

**0066/3-22 Matters arising from minutes of 11th January 2022:**

None.

*Close of meeting- 7:05pm*

**0067/3-22 Public participation:**

Resident query regarding progression of the village white gates, to also signify priority traffic. The parish boundary with Wyton (at the location of Camp Beagle) is very muddy and requires re-instatement; these are a County Council matter as the verges identified for the camp and white gates are managed by highways.

Request for a police update regarding the ongoing protests. It was recommended for residents to contact the local MP Shailesh Vara regarding concerns raised - the Clerk will request a police update from Sgt Draper.

It was confirmed that the Ramsey Road drain will finally be addressed.

The village seat at the foot of the church needs to be considered for renewal or replacement. The churchyard is very messy and needs to be maintained. This has historically been carried out be a volunteer, and further volunteers are required to progress this moving forward.

*Re-opening of meeting – 7:27pm*

**0068/3-22 Matters for information and reports:**

1 Cllr Bywater offered a report in his absence - HDC have now set their budget for 22/23 (a £5 increase, 10p per week on a band D property), with no reduction in services, although there remain many financial challenges going forward.

Communication with Lou Woodward at the ‘We are Out’ here festival relayed resident views on noise concerns and a better 24hr hotline. There is a meeting on the 13th of April and organisers are looking at ways to make improvements for this year's event.

MP Shailesh Vara arranged to meet with the owners of the beagle farm, although there has been no further update from the Police or County Council.

1. Election information has been shared with Councillors and via the website to residents. Election posters will also be circulated by the Clerk for information.
2. It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr R Rayner and **resolved** to proceed with the recommended feasibility report, at a cost of around £500 (if undertaken via the Council) which will ensure progression of the CIL application. The Parish Council wish to express thanks to Mr Sattelle for his support.
3. The mobile library will start in May through Kings Ripton and will stop on School Lane between 3:20pm and 4pm on the second Friday of the month. Posters and publicity cards will be sent to the Clerk for promotion.
4. Cllr R Rayner offered an update following the licencing sub-committee meeting held on 3/2/22. There is capacity limit of 19,999 people for this event and two noise monitors will be positioned in Kings Ripton. Maximum noise levels will reach 47 decibels and will not affect church services. Complaints will be received via email. It was raised that more monitors are required around the village, and a telephone complaints system is preferable. A Secret Garden Party representative will attend the next PC meeting.
5. The Clerk will contact the local WhatsApp group to gather opinion regarding possible events for the Living Sport funding.

**0069/3-22 Village Matters:**

1. No updates to report– Cllr Embley will re-submit the A141 consultation letter to Cllr Bywater.
2. The Jubilee trees have been distributed throughout the village. It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr Embley and **resolved** to locate the remaining four (4) trees at the left-hand side of the noticeboard outside the church wall, and approximately 10 metres across. Cllr R Rayner to action. It was proposed by Cllr R Rayner, seconded by Cllr Bassitt and **resolved** to purchase the Queens Green Canopy plaque from Royal British Legion Industries shop as per the design provided; A4 size with stakes, at £154.99 excl. delivery. The Clerk will make enquiries regarding payment options.

Two (2) members of the public left the meeting.

1. The Clerk will contact Bronwen Rayner regarding the Great British Spring Clean litter pick in the village and make arrangements for PC involvement.
2. The Clerk will enquire if first aid training is included within the defibrillator package purchased by the PC through the Community Heartbeat Trust, and if included arrange relevant training.
3. Cllr P Rayner agreed to donate a laptop to the SID Support Team and will contact Mr McCandless regarding this. The SST have an adapted ladder which is suitable, and a minimum of three (3) people are required. The Clerk will contact the local WhatsApp group to request further volunteers. Cllr Embley offered to assist the group.
4. The Clerk to request a village road sweep and litter pick.
5. Concern raised regarding van thefts and stolen tools. Local protestors seen trespassing onto private property.

**0070/3-22 Allotments:**

None.

**0071/3-22 Planning applications, approvals, refusals, withdrawn**

**Planning Applications:**

* 21/02806/OUT- Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and kennels and erection of 5 dwellings, all matters reserved at The County Kennels Sapley Road Kings Ripton. Extension to comments approved by case officer for 9/3/2022.

It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr Embley and **resolved** to reject the application based on the following comments to planning:

The semi-agricultural nature of the existing two (2) dwellings in that area being replaced by five (5) dwellings outside of the village is inappropriate, especially when considering traffic concerns.   
There is no improved access - a fatality occurred within 200 metres of the application site during the last year.   
There is no case for permitted development and this brownfield site, (an almost agricultural site) will serve to complete an entirely new housing development.   
This will be out of town and in the middle of open countryside with no sewage provisions.

Cllr Bassitt left the room at 21:15 hours and returned at 21:30, after the following application had been discussed.

* 21/02763/HHFUL – Proposed first floor and single-story extension at 4 Walden court, Kings Ripton, PE28 2FR. Extension to comments approved by case officer for 9/3/2022.

The Council agreed to support this application and offer the following comments to planning:

The application appears to be appropriate for its location, with no issues to neighbours or conservation areas recognised.

**Permitted/Refused/Withdrawn**

* None.

**0072/3-22 Finance:**

(LGA 1972 s150)

1 and 2. It was proposed by Cllr R Rayner, seconded by Cllr R Embley and **resolved** to approve the accounts, Clerks expenditure and overtime (6.5 hours) for payment.

It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr R Rayner and **resolved** to accept the affiliation fee for the CAPALC annual membership (including DPO.)

1. The monthly bank reconciliations were provided by the Clerk and disseminated prior to the meeting. These were agreed by the Council.
2. The Council did not agree to backdate the Clerks’ pay at the 1.75% pay award increase.

Payments for February 2022

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| 18/2/2022 S/O | Clerk’s expenses.  National Woodland Trust. | £7.50  £35.95 |
| 18/2/2022 S/O | Irene Healiss salary | £313.30 |
| 18/2/2022 S/O | HMRC | £78.20 |

Payments for March 2022

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| 18/03/2022 S/O | Clerks’ expenses – flash drive.  Expenses. | £7.99  £7.50 |
| 18/03/2022 S/O | Irene Healiss Salary (incl. O/T) | £249.35 |
| 18/03/2022 BACS | CAPALC (incl. DPO) | £210.74 |
| 18/03/2022 S/O | HMRC | £62.40 |
| 31/03/2022 D/D | Unity charge | £18.00 |

**0073/3-22 Matters as agenda items for future consideration (decisions cannot be made under this item)**

Licencing and festivals, first aid with CHT, CIL feasibility report, Queens Green Canopy, May elections, Secret Garden party and Mistress Mary update.

**0074/3-22 Correspondence:**

* None received

**0075/3-22 The following item is to be held as a closed meeting due to personal information.**

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2).

It was proposed by Cllr R Rayner, seconded by Cllr Embley and **resolved** to hold the following items as a closed meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:40 hours.

* Staffing matter – interviews to be conducted and concluded this week, with appointment shortly after.
* Parish maintenance quotes were considered – It was proposed by Cllr Bassitt, seconded by Cllr Embley and **resolved** to continue with M.A.M maintenance for a further year at £360 for 12 cuts.

The closed session ended at 21:55 hours.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:55 hours.

The next full Council meeting is on Tuesday 17th May at 7:00pm in the village hall.

This will include the Annual parish meeting and Annual Meeting of the Council, following election.