

KINGSTONE AND THRUXTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

**Kingstone and Thrupton Group Parish Council
meeting held on Wednesday 20th January at 7.00p.m.**

Clerk's email address: thelesleyhay@hotmail.co.uk

**Due to present Government restrictions this meeting was
a 'virtual 'meeting held via Zoom.**

PRESENT: Cllr M. Walker (Chairman); Cllr D Lloyd; Cllr L Thorne; Cllr S Walker (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Watkins and Cllr C Pugh.

PRESENT: Parish Clerk: Mrs L A Hay. Mr S Madison – Seven Sports Association.

Chairman welcomed those present to the January Zoom meeting.

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1. **Acceptance of apologies for absence** – Cllr A Vincent.
2. **Declarations of interests**, Disclosable Pecuniary, Non-Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interests. No declarations of Interest declared.
3. **The minutes** from meeting held 16th December 2020 were considered to be a true record and it was unanimously agreed that they be adopted and be signed by the Chairman.
 - 3.1 Possible co-option of Parish Councillor – there has been some interest with regard to filling this vacancy but, unfortunately, the interested person does not have access to Zoom. Cllr. Thorne will contact and explain that it is only necessary to have a laptop or iPhone. Item to remain on the agenda.

3.2 C1221 –The Clerk reported that she had established that the road is not officially registered with a road name but it is known as the C1221.

If the road name is to be considered for consultation and officially registered, there would need to be an accurate description of where Church Lane starts and finishes.

All occupants of the residing properties would need to participate in the consultation and all agree with the change in their addresses, which will incur a cost of £72 including VAT per household.

Taking into consideration the fact that the road had never been officially registered – Ward Cllr Bolderson was asked to enquire if there was any dispensation with regard to reducing the quoted £72 per household as it was very unlikely, taking into account these costs, that the houseowners would be prepared to support this.

4. Chairman's Report:

4.1 Speeding issues on the C1221 which connects with the B4349 and the B4348. The Chairman explained as lockdown restrictions are still in place, he had not contacted Ian Connelly from the Safer Roads Partnership. Maybe by the next meeting, restrictions will have eased and a meeting can be arranged. Chairman will notify Cllr Pugh of the date and time.

5. Financial matters

5.1 Finance: Accounts sheet/schedule of payment sheet had been circulated. The only additional payment since 16th December was the direct debit to ICO

KINGSTONE AND THRUXTON GROUP COUNCIL Schedule of Payments Required Date: to the end December 2020

PAYABLE TO	FOR	GROSS AMOUNT	VAT	NET AMOUNT

HMRC	December PAYE	£75.00		£75.00
Expenses	December Expenses	£18.64	2.60	£16.04
D Addis	Mowing	£950.00		£950.00
P R Wright	Lengthsman	£35.00		£35.00
ICO	Data Protection	£35.00		£35.00

6. Ward Councillor's Report – see report at the end of the minutes

6.1 Open session – no members of the public present

- (a) The Parish Council had been asked to consider a pavement being put in from the junction of Barrow Common along to Rose Cottage to extend along past the Alms houses.

The above request was discussed and it was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged when restrictions have been eased and then an application made for funding maybe from the 106 monies associated with Lagan Homes.

There was a lengthy discussion on the 106 monies – in particular if there would be additional 106 funds associated with the additional 31 houses that were now planned for Phase 3 of the Lagan Homes development.

Ward Cllr Bolderson explained that the allocation of 106 monies had been on hold during the reviewing process and monies are only released as and when houses are completed and released. Ward Cllr Bolderson was asked if she would monitor the situation and to make sure the additional 106 monies do not go to 'reserve matters' as has happened in the past.

Ward Cllr Bolderson is now hoping to go ahead and revisit footpaths included in the 106 monies allocation together with any other identified areas in the public consultation plan. Hopefully

the above suggestion with regard to a pavement can be included in that plan.

Cllr Lloyd pointed out that the new pavement associated with Lagan Home stops before it gets to the KS25 Footpath – forcing walkers to cross the road for a few yards than cross back over to access the KS25. Ward Cllr Bolderson explained that was still some flexibility to ask for improvements. Cllr Lloyd offered to take some photographs and forward to the Ward Councillor.

6.2 The Chairman closed the open session

7. Highways and Environmental Matters

7.1 Drainage up date.

Despite the recent drainage work, there are still serious drainage problems throughout the village.

The ditch thought to be most associated with this flooding is the responsibility of Herefordshire Council and Ward Cllr Bolderson was asked to follow up when work will be carried out on this ditch and will feed back. Ward Cllr Bolderson was asked to highlight this work as urgent in view of the fact that Cllr Pugh's house had again nearly flooded in late December and, with the recent weather forecast, there is a permanent risk of serious flooding.

Mr Madison very kindly offered to help Cllr Pugh dig out the ditch if there was another serious risk of flooding.

Cllr Watkins confirmed that he had 1 ¾ pallets of sandbags – and would be prepared to delivered in an emergency.

7.2 Speeding issues (circulated) particularly C1221.

See Chairman Report. It was agreed that following the site visit with Ian Connelly and depending on his findings and

recommendations – then to consider contacting the Police Commissioner with regard to help with funding.

- 7.3 Parking issues Deans Pool remain hazardous and there have been several emails expressing concern. Mr Madison explained that the developers have confirmed that they have the budget and that the project is on the priority list – however, he has now put pressure on the developers and has a firm promise that there will be a hard standing for parking on the playing fields by the end of next week.

If this has not happened within the promised time scale, then Mr Madison will be asking the developers to remove all their equipment from the site – this will incur a great deal of expense – so, to fulfil their promise to have the parking area established, is a much cheaper option.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, extended a vote of thanks to Mr Madison for agreeing to provide this hard standing parking area – without this co-operation the parking at Dean Pool would have remained hazardous.

7.4 Lengthsman - Balfour Beatty 2021-22 Contract

It was noted that the Lengthsman's Contract will come up for renewal on the 1st April 2021. The Clerk has contacted various local Lengthsmen and received three quotes (all circulated). However, there is one quote still to come in. The various options were discussed and it was agreed to defer making a decision until the next meeting. The Clerk to ask for an extension in completing and submitting the Lengthsman and P3 contract to Balfour Beatty.

7.5 The Clerk reported the following road works but did warn Councillors these dates are subject to change. B4348 – Gooses Foot, Stoney Street, Kingstone - *Friday, 12 February 2021 to (and including) Friday, 19 February 2021 Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours daily*

8. Planning –

8.1 Planning application: No 204147 – 204248 Brynfa Kingstone
After discussion – it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to this planning application. Clerk will inform the Planning Officer.

8.2 Planning Re-consultation application: 200296 - proposed replan of 173522 – increase to 89 dwellings. No further discussion. Possible additional 106 monies to be monitored by Ward Cllr Bolderson.

9. Sports Ground – Mr Madison reported receiving an email from a resident expressing her concern about health and safety issues in the play area. Mr Madison has met with the resident and her friend and explained to them the various difficulties due to the lock down restrictions which have curtailed the repairing of broken equipment; replacement of parts and taking delivery of the new equipment.

Mr Madison explained that vandalism continued to be a problem and often contributed to the equipment being damaged and unsafe.

It is still hoped that a contribution from the 106 monies would be available to help maintain and improve the playing fields.

Mr Madison explained that the play park had not had an annual inspection this year due to the lockdown restrictions but usually has a full annual inspection with report provided by Fran Wright. This lack of a current inspection/certificate does not affect the play park insurance policy.

The resident and her friend are willing to help support Seven side sports area and hope to encourage their husbands to get involved.

Mr Madison explained it is a charity and all volunteers are most welcome.

10. Date of next full council meeting: Wednesday 3rd March 2021 – 7.00p.m. start

This meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Signed

Date

Ward Cllr Bolderson's report

Although we are all in lockdown, council business is as busy as ever. There is much going on at the moment, and to ensure you do not miss anything, I would like to highlight the function to register for email alerts on a range of topics which may be of interest to you via the council website (<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council/sign-alerts?documentId=832&categoryId=200148>) and to the "My Neighbourhood/My Account" functions at the top of the website banner. This enables information relevant to a particular geography or postcode area to be listed and displayed thereby enabling a degree of personalisation.

Here is a brief summary of elements that may be of interest.

New Herefordshire Council CEO

The recruitment of a new Chief Executive is underway with recommendation to Full Council on 22 January.

Budget

Budget consultation ended last weekend with the Administration preparing for a worst case scenario budget gap of up to £16 million in the next financial year. The budget for next year assumes a total Council Tax increase of 4.99%. This would be made from an increase of 1.99% to core Council Tax which would contribute £2.2 million towards council

services. A social care precept of 3% would contribute a further £3.2 million to be used on social care services. The budget will be scrutinised by [Adults and Wellbeing](#) on 13 January, [Children and Young People](#) on 12 January, and the [General Scrutiny Committee](#) on 15 January. All Herefordshire Council committee meetings are open to the public and are live streamed via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/HerefordshireCouncil>. The rules and deadlines for asking questions at these meetings can be found on the council website <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council>.

Laptops 2 Kids

Laptops 2 Kids is a charity which has been set up recently to clean up and recycle second-hand laptops to children in Herefordshire who would otherwise be unable to keep up with schoolwork and/or isolated either through the pandemic or deprivation. Having been in operation for just a few weeks, they have a number of laptops ready to distribute and are liaising with local schools, with more promised through their appeals. Further details can be found at <https://laptops2kids.co.uk/>.

Covid-19

There have been 641 positive cases in Herefordshire a rise of 76% for the week ending 6th Jan 2021 with the rise in England being 46%. For all the latest data and information slides for Herefordshire, visit our [Herefordshire Covid-19 dashboard](#). The latest data slides can found on the [Understanding Herefordshire Covid-19 weekly summary page](#)

Work continues to support the delivery of vaccinations to priority groups across the county. There are vaccinations being delivered in care homes and through local vaccination sites in Hereford, Ross and Leominster by Primary Care Networks, and the Hereford County Hospital vaccination site is now fully open. We expect the vaccinations to accelerate in the coming weeks and we are doing all we can to support the NHS, as the operational lead for the national vaccination programme. Staff are all being supported with wellbeing advice and activities for mental and physical health.

The Talk Community response is available to provide support to those in the community who have no other available support. There are web pages to provide support to the community on a number of different areas that are particularly relevant including [money worries](#), [Covid](#)

[testing](#), [mental health](#), [help talking to children](#), [mythbusting](#), and the [Love Local](#) map. There are also web pages in development to provide practical advice for those supporting [children learning at home](#) and local information about vaccinations.

Herefordshire residents are being urged to STAY AT HOME in order to protect the NHS and save lives, following the Government's announcement of a third national lockdown. The instruction comes in the wake of a sharp increase in COVID-19 cases across the country, including Herefordshire, in recent weeks. The latest guidance stipulates people should only leave home for specific reasons:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise once a day locally with one person from your household (or support bubble) or one other person
- meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible

The lockdown is due to last until at least mid-February. For full details of the Government's lockdown rules visit www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home. Anyone who has medical appointments should attend as normal, while people concerned about their physical health and/or mental wellbeing are advised to seek the help and support they need, for example through the NHS 111 phone number.

Business support

In response to the third lockdown, closed businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors are to receive a one-off grant per business rated property as follows:

- £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under
- £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000.

The local restrictions grant team are identifying and emailing eligible businesses to ensure those mandated to close receive a business support grant. Please ensure you respond to emails from localrestrictionsgrant@herefordshire.gov.uk to receive grant support.

More information on the support available to businesses is available at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/business-1/business-advice-support/9?documentId=540&categoryId=200145>

The future of rubbish and recycling in Herefordshire - survey closes Sunday 7 February 2021

A consultation is now live on the future of rubbish and recycling collection services in the county. The consultation follows a general scrutiny committee task and finish group waste management strategic review, to consider how waste management services could be delivered across the county in the future.

The council's current rubbish and recycling collection contract is due to end in 2023. Since the current service was introduced the government has announced a new national resource and waste strategy and the council will have to make changes to collections to ensure it meets new requirements. Making sure that as much as possible is recycled will be an important element of future plans, in line with the ambition for a more sustainable county outlined in the County Plan.

To find out more and to complete the survey see the consultation page on the council website

at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/wastesurvey. People without internet access can call FREEPHONE 0800 0730 348 (Mon – Fri, 9am-5pm) to complete the survey over the phone or request a postal survey.

Highway or Footpath Defects

Rather than contacting the Locality Steward directly, please can I encourage you to report any defects and potholes by phone 01432 261800 or by logging onto the Herefordshire Council website <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads>.

You can report the following items online:

- [Faulty street light](#)
 - [Flytipping](#)
 - [Public right of way problem](#)
 - [Highway drainage issue](#)
 - [Overhanging tree](#)
 - [Pavement needing repair](#)
 - [Pothole](#) or use the [ReportingApp](#)
 - [Road needing resurfacing](#)
 - [Road sign defect](#)
- [Worn road markings or missing cats eyes](#)