

# KINGS WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Walden Parish Council held via Zoom Video Conferencing on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: Amanda King, Jon Chamberlin, Joe Graziano, Liz Thurlby, District Councillor Claire Strong, two members of the public and the clerk, Tom Brindley.

### 2.1 (Agenda 1) Apologies for absence

Members accepted apologies from Cllr D Bennett.

### 2.2 (Agenda 2) Chairman's remarks

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

### 2.3 (Agenda 3) (Agenda 4) Public participation

1. The clerk referred members to the written report submitted by County and District Councillor David Barnard.

The chairman invited District Councillor Claire Strong to address the council.

- a. NHDC had requested the Local Plan examinations continue via video conferencing.
- b. The Chief Executive, David Scholes, had taken voluntary redundancy and Anthony Roche, formerly Deputy Chief Executive, had been promoted to Managing Director.
- c. NHDC has decided not to reopen outdoor swimming pools this year.
- d. The next Southern Rural Area Committee would be held in September. Parish councils were now permitted to apply for grant funding.

### 2.4 (Agenda 4) To adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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

### 2.5 (Agenda 5) Matters arising from June meeting not appearing on the agenda. None

### 2.6 (Agenda 6) Village Hall Liaison

1. Members **RESOLVED** to set up a Village Hall Liaison working party.
2. Cllrs King, Thurlby, and Graziano, together with the clerk, were appointed to the working party.

### 2.7 (Agenda 7) Hertfordshire County Council Speed Strategy

Members delegated responsibility for a response to Cllrs King and Graziano, together with the clerk.

### 2.8 (Agenda 8) Luton Airport

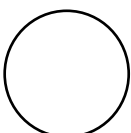
1. Membership of LLACC  
Members **RESOLVED** to reapply to join LLACC subject to discussions with the Breachwood Green Society.
2. Luton Airport expansion plans
  - a. Members delegated responsibility to Cllrs Graziano and Thurlby to prepare a response.
  - b. Cllr Graziano had contacted to Bim Afolami MP regarding the revised plans.

### 2.9 (Agenda 9) Covid Help Line

Members agreed to wind up the help line as alternative sources of help were available.

### 2.10 (Agenda 10) Assets of Community Value

1. The clerk advised that the period of declaration of an Asset of Community Value had expired for The Plough and Ley Green Recreation Ground.
2. Members **RESOLVED** to apply for the following to be made Assets of Community Value:
  - a. The Plough, Ley Green
  - b. The Fox, Darley Hall,
  - c. The Red Lion, Breachwood Green
  - d. The Ley Green Recreation Ground
3. The clerk advised that Wigmore Park was still recorded as an Asset of Community Value, registered with Luton Borough Council.



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## 2.11 (Agenda 11) Finance

1. Payments made were noted.
2. The clerk presented the first quarter financial report, which was noted.
3. Year-end forecast and revised budget. Members reviewed the forecasted receipts and payments to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.
4. Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised budget.

## 2.12 (Agenda 12) Planning

1. Members noted the planning report was now on the council website and included links to NHDC planning portal.
2. The clerk was asked to ascertain the ownership of land in Orchard Way where a grove of trees was sited.

## 2.13 (Agenda 13) Clerk's report

1. The clerk presented a report on ongoing work.
2. Tree work at Breachwood Green was complete apart from the ash tree which could not be completed until UK Power Networks could disconnect an overhead power line.
3. The tree work at Ley Green is now complete.
4. Breachwood Green Play Area
  - a. The ROSPA safety inspection identified some areas of risk which are being addressed.
  - b. The safety surface under the swings was installed and required watering.
  - c. An outside tap was installed at the Youth Hut and a security cover was on order.
5. Breachwood Owl  
The carving of an owl and a squirrel is complete and well received by residents.
6. Noise Monitoring
  - a. Following the quote from Cirrus Research, the clerk had sought additional quotes for noise monitoring equipment but, so far, all other suppliers were offering general equipment suitable for monitoring outdoor event but not aircraft.
  - b. The clerk had received a grant pledge of £500 from County Cllr Barnard towards the purchase of noise monitoring equipment.
7. **Bus shelter.**
  - a. The quote to replace the cedar shingles on the Oxford Road bus shelter had been received, but the contractor was unable to start work until the end of the year and an alternative contractor will be sought.
8. **Youth Hut Doors.**  
The contractor had advised he could not commence work on the doors until the end of the year.
9. **Council Logo.**
  - a. The Logo competition was advertised on the web site.
  - b. Members agreed to advertise a competition on local social media.
10. **Kings Walden Sign**  
Members had noted the sign was deteriorating. The clerk advised that there was no original artwork on file and that he would tryh to contact the original supplier.

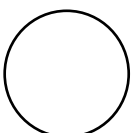
## 2.14 (Agenda 14) Matters for future consideration

Members were asked to table items for the next meeting by 5<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting closed at 20:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 19:30

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



## Payments

| Date       | Payee               | Account                  | Gross   | Net     | VAT     |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 16/06/2020 | Ley Green Society   | Litter Pick              | 200.00  | 200.00  | 0.00    |
| 24/06/2020 | M English           | Ley Green play equipment | 40.00   | 40.00   | 0.00    |
| 18/06/2020 | Zen                 | YH Broadband             | 42.00   | 35.00   | 7.00    |
| 24/06/2020 | Village Hall        | Hall rental              | 240.00  | 240.00  | 0.00    |
| 30/06/2020 | Honey Tree Surgeons | Tree maintenance         | 1440.00 | 1200.00 | 240.00  |
| 07/07/2020 | Scottish Power      | YH Electricity           | 30.41   | 28.96   | 1.45    |
| 06/07/2020 | R Dawes             | Swing surface            | 1359.60 | 1133.00 | 226.60  |
| 06/07/2020 | R Dawes             | Litter Pick              | 250.00  | 208.33  | 41.67   |
| 06/07/2020 | Knebworth Carvings  | Carving                  | 600.00  | 600.00  | 0.00    |
| 06/07/2020 | Todeka              | Office Svcs              | 90.00   | 75.00   | 15.00   |
| 26/07/2020 | T H Brindley        | Expenses                 | 175.90  | 155.81  | 20.09   |
| 10/07/2020 | Honey Tree Surgeons | Ley Green oak tree       | 420.00  | 350.00  | 70.00   |
| 01/07/2020 | M English           | Ley Green play equipment | 40.00   | 40.00   | 0.00    |
| 09/07/2020 | CPRE                | Subscription             | 36.00   | 36.00   | 0.00    |
| 19/07/2020 | Zen                 | YH Broadband             | 42.00   | 35.00   | 7.00    |
| 13/07/2020 | Honey Tree Surgeons | Tree maintenance         | 6500.00 | 5416.67 | 1083.33 |
| 20/07/2020 | Play Safety         | Play Area                | 210.60  | 175.00  | 35.00   |
| 16/07/2020 | Honey Tree Surgeons | Ley Green trees          | 1560.00 | 1300.00 | 260.00  |
| 24/07/2020 | Todeka              | Play Area                | 19.91   | 16.59   | 3.32    |
| 24/07/2020 | Streetscape         | MUGA spares              | 96.00   | 80.00   | 16.00   |
| 27/07/2020 | Setters             | Zip wire repairs         | 711.60  | 593.00  | 118.60  |
| 07/07/2020 | CDA                 | Subscription             | 35.00   | 35.00   | 0.00    |