

KINGS WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Walden Parish Council held via Zoom Video Conferencing on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: Amanda King (Chairman), Jon Chamberlin, David Bennett, Paul Harman, Joe Graziano and Liz Thurlby

Public: Sgt Guy Westwood, Herts Police; the clerk, Tom Brindley.

4.1 (Agenda 1) Apologies for absence

None.

4.2 (Agenda 2) Chairman's remarks

1. Members were reminded of the council's code of conduct and the requirement to make Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.
2. The chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.
3. The chairman announced the sad death of Sue Barnard wife of County and District Councillor David Barnard and mother of District Councillor Faye Frost. The clerk had sent a card on behalf of the parish council.

4.3 (Agenda 3) Public participation

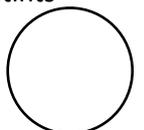
1. The chairman invited Sergeant Guy Westwood to address the council.
 - a. Sergeant Guy Westwood thanked the council for the opportunity to speak.
 - b. Sergeant Guy Westwood gave an update on rural police organisation. Inspector James Lant leads the SMP team and, locally, rural policing is led by Sgt Westwood and Sgt Alan Clarke. Police Constable Jonny Streeter's patch includes Kings Walden, along with PC Gary Pugsley and they are soon to be joined by PC Clare Wallace. The police team is supported by PCSOs Heather Burrows and Stuart Stone.
2. Members were invited to ask questions
 - a. Cllr Graziano asked about speeding vehicles. Sgt Westwood said he was now resourced to give more help to Drive safe and officers would be able to accompany the DriveSafe team, meaning offenders could be prosecuted. Regarding changes to speed limits in Darley Road, Sgt Westwood suggested the council contacts Guy McCallan who is the police lead on traffic regulations.
 - b. Anti-social behaviour at the recreation ground. PCSO Heather Burrows has increased patrols but not seen any occurrences. Sgt Westwood asked that anyone observing an incident call through and the police will try to attend.
 - c. Cllr Harman asked if there had been an increase in horse theft. Sgt Westwood said he was not aware of an increase but that there had been an increased in cat theft.
 - d. Cllr Thurlby asked about some recent burglaries. Sgt Westwood was aware of a break in at Lilley Bottom, the theft of a cat from Breachwood Green and broken windows (probably by a catapult fired from a moving vehicle) in Lower Road and Pasture Lane. There had been reports of pheasant poaching using catapults.
 - e. Asked about fly tipping, Sgt Westwood advised he had recently attended a meeting with the NFU and NHDC. The police had supported David Furr (North Herts District Council) in a successful prosecution.
 - f. Sgt Westward talked about ECHO, the system for setting police priorities and said he would send details of how the council could contribute.
 - g. Cllr Graziano asked about abandoned vehicles and a report that vehicles had been transported on a low loader. Sgt Westwood advised that it would be helpful if a number plate or a note of any signwriting on the transporter could be recorded.
3. The chairman thanked Sergeant Westwood for his attendance.

4.4 (Agenda 4) To adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting 15th September 2020

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

4.5 (Agenda 5) Matters arising from previous meetings not appearing on the agenda.

1. (various) Cllr Graziano announced that the DriveSafe scheme was back in operation. Some volunteers had dropped out and two new volunteers had joined, but more were needed. Two stints in October had recorded 21 offending vehicles, including one at 55 mph and one at 49 mph.



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4.6 (Agenda 6) Clerk's Report

1. The clerk presented his report which was noted.
2. Regarding CCTV at Breachwood Green Recreation Ground
 - a. The clerk had examined the current CCTV system, which covered only the MUGA and stored a maximum of three weeks data.
 - b. The system was not accessible remotely and was very difficult to use.
 - c. The clerk was asked to investigate upgrading the system and expanding it to include coverage of the car park and the play area.
 - d. Members noted that the car park was leased to the village Hall and that discussions with the Village Hall committee would be required.

4.7 (Agenda 7) Council Logo

1. Members reviewed the logos submitted.
2. Cllr Graziano had submitted a design which incorporated a stylised picture of an owl. Cllr Graziano advised the council that he had drawn the owl and that it was not subject to copyright.
3. Member **RESOLVED** to adopt the logo submitted by Cllr Graziano.

4.8 (Agenda 8) Container on the Breachwood Green Recreation Ground.

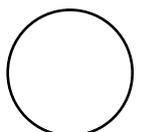
1. The clerk reported that repairs to the container had shown that the roof was structurally unsound. The container had proved very useful to store equipment and spare parts.
2. The clerk advised that he had asked a local company to provide a formal quote for a replacement and that the cost was likely to be around £2,000 including transportation and removal of the old container.
3. Members agreed that the container was a useful resource and that the clerk should proceed to obtain quotes for a replacement
4. Members suggested a planting scheme to hide the container

4.9 (Agenda 9) Finance

1. The External Auditor's report had been received and the audit section of the Annual Governance Statement signed without issue.
2. The clerk drew members attention to the note from the auditors regarding the delay in the council approving the AGAR and the publication of the public right to view the accounts. The clerk explained that this delay had been while he was ensuring Covid-19 regulations allowed for the public inspection of documents.
3. The clerk presented the six-month financial report and the full year forecast. Members noted the year end forecast was for earmarked reserves of £21,000 and free reserves of £5,508.
4. Payments made were noted.

4.10 (Agenda 10) Luton Airport

1. Membership of LLACC.
 - a. The application to join LLACC was on the agenda for the next LLACC meeting, postponed to November 2nd. The clerk and Cllr Graziano will represent the council.
 - b. The clerk was asked to update the presentation given previously by Cllr Thurlby to include the proposed noise monitoring equipment, and the encroachment of the airport to within the parish boundary.
2. Noise Monitoring
 - a. The clerk reported that the Southern Rural Area Committee (SRAC) meeting had been postponed and that had allowed the council's grant application to be heard.
3. Expansion to 19m and relaxation of Noise Limits
 - a. Members noted that Luton Airport had opened a consultation on expansion from 18m to 19m and relaxation of noise limits, but the council had not been formally invited to participate.
 - b. Members **RESOLVED** to write to Luton Airport objecting to the expansion from 18m to 19m and any relaxation of noise limits, and also to the omission from the consultation process.
 - c. The council **RESOLVED** not to submit a response using the consultation form.



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4.11 (Agenda 11) Planning

Members discussed the application for development at Austage End and **RESOLVED** not to comment.

4.12 (Agenda 12) Matters for future consideration

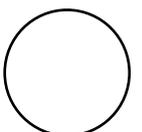
- Members were asked to consider projects for inclusion in the 2021-22 budget.
- Introduction by Breachwood Green Ltd (CIO)

The meeting closed at 21:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th November 2020 19:30

Signed Chairman _____ Date _____

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Payments

October

Status	Power	Payee	Description	P Ref	Total	Net	VAT
*+	1	Paul Cullen	Works	P-2021-055	880.00	880.00	0.00
*+	4	PFK Littlejohn	Audit	P-2021-056	240.00	200.00	40.00
*+	1	Just Rackets	Basketball	P-2021-057	239.94	199.95	39.99
*+	1	R Dawes	Litter Pick	P-2021-058	250.00	208.33	41.67
*+	4	Todeka	Office Svcs	P-2021-059	90.00	75.00	15.00
*+	5	Tom Brindley	Expenses	P-2021-060	20.80	20.41	0.39
*+	2	Zen	Youth Hut	P-2021-061	42.00	35.00	7.00
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					1762.74	1618.69	144.05

* = Approved/Contracted

+ = Already paid

Powers:

Grass cutting: Open Spaces Act

1 1906 s.10

2 Play area/Glebe land: LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

HAPTC membership: LGA 1972

3 s.143

Audit, Insurance, Training: LGA

4 1972 s.111

Salary/expenses: LGA 1972

5 s.112(2)

Other,

Localism Act

6 2011

S137: LGA

7 1972 s137