

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Kingham Parish
Held on Wednesday 18 March 2020, 8.05 pm**

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Chairman of the Parish Council: Cllr K Hartley

Clerk of the Parish Council: Anne Ogilvie

Attendees: Cllr Colston, five members of the public.

1 Apologies – Cllr Hibbert-Biles, representatives from Ambulance Community First Responders

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 20 March 2019 were approved and signed.

3 Parish Council Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Cllr Hartley, gave his report, a brief overview of the Council's major actions during the past year.

Councillor changes – The Council has welcomed one new councillor, William Blomefield. Jill Harvey has stepped down as Vice-Chairman but has remained on the Council.

Mill House Hotel – There may be some movement regarding planning, as Daylesford have requested a meeting with the Council to discuss plans.

Trees on the Green – The tree planting has been completed, with the exception of the Christmas Tree.

Kingham Tidy Up This event went well last year, this year's has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

Gigaclear Project – This has been contentious within the village, but is now nearly completed. The Council will be arranging a meeting with Gigaclear to ensure that everything has been cleared up and areas made good.

Church Street Development S106 – This project is ongoing.

Defibrillators There are now two defibrillators, one at the Football Pavilion, the other in the old phone box. They are both now active.

"Legion Car Park" The Legion decided not to take on the responsibility for this car park, so this has now reverted to a car park for the village. The sign will be put back up.

Hedge along Daylesford Road – Thanks were offered to Daylesford who have reduced the corner hedge to allow better visibility for vehicles.

Big Festival Donation – The donation received from 2019's Big Festival was used to support the Villager Bus, and moving the defibrillator from the Wild Rabbit to the phone box.

Village car park The vegetation maintenance has been taken on by Kingham Garden Services in return for allowing them to advertise that they carry out this service.

Website This has been updated and is active.

Burglaries – In response to the number of thefts and burglaries the Council has been investigating Neighbourhood Watch options.

Verges- The problem of deteriorating verges has been discussed, but a solution has not yet been found. More consideration on this issue is required.

Bridleway – The registration of the unregistered section of the bridleway from West End is being progressed by the British Horse Society.

100 Club – This now has 52 members, and the Council will have to decide whether to continue this as a fund-raising activity for the benefit of the Village Hall. If it does not continue other ways of raising funds for the Village Hall will be required.

Precept – The precept for 2020-2021 has been set at £27,919, based on a forecast of expenditure for the year.

Decrease in organised social activities - The Chairman noted, with regret, the closing of some of the village clubs and activities like the Garden Club, and the walkers. He noted that the Newsletter is due to stop publication in July.

Signed

(Chairman)

Date

4 County Councillor report – The County Councillor had sent her apologies.

5 District Councillor Report – Cllr Nigel Colston

Cllr Colston noted that that he was up for election this year. Last year was swamped by Brexit, and now the coronavirus outbreak has made the District Council fairly quiet.

The items he noticed of greatest concern for the Parish are planning and waste & recycling.

The Mullin Museum application has been a big planning matter in the last twelve months, with the possible impacts on Enstone and the surrounding area from increased traffic.

Cllr Colston noted some of the things that cause him worry:

- verges and the traffic – he is concerned that the verges will continue to deteriorate with the increased traffic;
- parking;
- flytipping;
- litter generally.

Cllr Colston sits as the West Oxfordshire representative on the Cotswold Conservation Board.

He noted that the proposed change to National Park has not progressed very far. He believes that eventually the Cotswolds will upgrade to a National Park. He noted that WODC do not support the change if this means they would lose control of planning matters. He believes that the majority of other councils within the AONB area are not in favour of the area having National Park status.

He ended by commenting that he believes that community spirit is not as it once was, and that people moving into the area are not joining the “community”.

6 Ambulance Community First Responders – They sent their apologies.

7 Open meeting – There were no comments.

8 AOB- Nil

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Date