**Minutes of the Meeting of Kingham Parish Council**

**Held on Wednesday 16 February 2022, 7.30 pm - 20220216**

**Present:** Cllrs K Hartley, R Sale, J Dewar, J Hart, E Campbell, T Hunter & A Unwin

**Absent:** Cllr W Blomefield and Gemma Tindsley (Clerk)

**Acting Clerk**: Cllr J Dewar

**Also present:** Two members of the public

**1 Welcome from Chairman**The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr W Blomefield

**3 To approve and sign minutes of meeting on 19 January 2022**The minutes of the meeting on 19 January 2022 were approved and signed.

**4 To receive declarations of interest from members**None

**5** **Public participation**

 None

**6 To receive reports from WODC and OCC councillors**

 OCC - The X8 bus will cease service on 1 April 2022. This is because a government subsidy ceases at this point and the service is not well supported (the approximate cost is £62/passenger), so does not feel, given the pressures on its budget, that it can continue to support this service.

 Road Maintenance. This will continue to be unsatisfactory. To correct all current anticipated works would cost approx.. £45M, but there is only £15M available.

WODC - None

**7 To receive and comment on Clerk’s report**

The Clerk’s report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. No comments.

**8 Business**

1. **To discuss the NS & I savings accounts and poor interest rates.**

It was agreed that it is currently very difficult to obtain satisfactory interest rates at an appropriate degree of risk.

**Action:** Cllr Sale to report back.

1. **To discuss plans for the Jubilee Celebrations.**

Cllr Hunter has formed a small committee and suggests that there should be a Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5 June 2022 on the Playing Field since this has the advantage over the Green that toilets and electricity are available. Participants would bring their own food, rugs etc. but a bar and possibly music would be provided. The possibility over having a commemorative coin to be presented to each child (possibly of primary age only) was discussed. Agreed a provisional overall budget of £2000. Cllr Hart to join the committee. Cllr Campbell has kindly agreed to provide posters and a sample was discussed and agreed.

1. **To consider the well on the Green.**

It had been noted that it is overgrown but since it cannot be used (the water in not deemed potable), no action was needed.

1. **To discuss the fencing at Millenium Woo**d.

No action needed.

1. **To consider the cost of having 8 individual email addresses under the domain name (kinghamoxfordshire.com) for Parish Council matters.**

It was agreed to proceed with this proposal since it is desirable for data protection purposes.

1. **Planning**
	1. **22/00208/HHD | Proposed greenhouse with landscaping works | Old Pound House The Green Kingham Chipping Norton Oxfordshire OX7 6YD**

Planning permission for this is only required because the property is listed. No action was considered necessary.

* 1. **22/00383/HHD | Additional Dormers and Alterations | 22 Manor Farm Close Kingham Chipping Norton Oxfordshire OX7 6YX**

This application has only just been listed and so will be looked at and assessed.

**10** **Finance**

**a. To approve current expenditure and sign cheques**Payments were approved and made for the following:

Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd (re-issued cheque) chq 101103 £218.00

Gemma Tindsley chq 101104 £737.92

Kingham Gardening Services chq 101107 £625.00

Kingham Gardening Services chq 101108 £565.00

 WGT Fencing chq 101109 £744.00

Churchill Surfacing Contractors chq 101110 £3720.00

**b. Monies received**

None

**c. Bank account update**

Parish Council current account balance as of 31st January 2022 - £45,065.97

1. **To approve budget update**

 Updates circulated to Council were approved.

1. **To approve finance update**

Updates circulated to Council were approved.

1. **To approve bank reconciliation**

Reconciliations circulated to Council were approved.

1. **To receive items for information only and for next agenda**

Playground. Keen for this to progress, especially as regards Wicksteed. Cllr Unwin will pursue this.

Trees on West Street. To contact relevant person in OCC and request safety inspection of the trees. (note person was identified when Gigaclear appeared to have damaged some tree roots)

**Next meeting**Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.30 pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.35 pm**