

Minutes of the Kingston Village Action Group Meeting held on 12 December 2017

Present: Vicki Scott, Tim Ambrose, Steve Berry, Will Dorman, Barrie Lambert, Tony Wheeler

Apologies: Barrie Lambert

- 1 The **minutes of the previous meeting** held on 24 October were agreed.

2 Matters arising

2.1 Membership of the Group

No-one had come forward. Steve would ask Carole Walton. He had asked Parviz Behdad but he had declined.

2.2 Village web site

Steve was now sending the KPC Clerk the agreed minutes of the Group's meetings on a regular basis.

2.3 Hedge trimmer

Steve would provide the KPC Clerk with details of the hedge-trimmer the Council had offered to buy for the Action Group volunteers.

3 Finance

3.1 The situation was unaltered from the previous meeting so the bank balance was still £740.19. Of this, £292.76 was owed to Steve for earlier bulb purchases and a further £151.29 was earmarked for later purchases. This left an uncommitted balance of £296.14.

3.2 Steve had obtained the signatures of Beryl Burrell and Diana Arlett giving their consent to being removed from the authorised list of those who could sign cheques but had now been sent yet another form from the bank requiring further consents.

4 Environmental update

4.1 Footpaths

There was no further news about the proposal to improve the path between Wyevale and the Swanborough fishing lakes.

4.1.1 Steve had taken no further action on the issue of getting two footpaths on Kingston Hill registered as public rights of way.

4.1.2 The issue of horseriders using the footpath from Kingston to Swanborough was still causing concern. Evidently landowners **could** give permission to horseriders to use footpaths

in this way though under those circumstances the local authority had the power to call a halt to this on safety grounds. It was agreed to ask KPC to make a formal approach to ESCC.

4.2 Tesco “Bags of Help” scheme

The application was progressing through the system. A reply – positive or otherwise – had been promised within six months of the application –i.e. by 21 April.

5 Planning and transport

- 5.1 Although the SDNP had been offered development land by Mr Hanbrook, their preferred site was still Castelmer Fruit Farm. A mini roundabout at the foot of the Ashcombe Lane hill could ameliorate the problem of additional traffic causing a safety hazard at this junction. This might be financed as a “planning gain” under Section 106 (of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990). However, the Hanbrook arrangement appealed more to the KPC since it involved the donation of land for a car park. No further news was expected until March or April 2018.
- 5.2 John Crabb was pursuing with ESCC the issue of the (generally ignored) width restriction which was supposed to apply to traffic passing under the railway bridge on Ashcombe Lane and the signage there.
- 5.3 Details of Planning Applications were now being displayed on all notice boards in the village.

6 Zero Heroes Money/ Village information leaflet

- 6.1 Many of the comments made on the draft had been incorporated into a revised text. The next step was to produce a brief for a designer covering such matters as size/length and illustrations. A decision would also have to be made about the number of copies to be produced and how these would be distributed. The Editor of The Kingston News had offered to print the agreed text. Steve wondered whether, given that there was more information available than could be comfortably incorporated within a leaflet, a longer version of the text – including additional illustrations - might be usefully made available on-line.
- 6.2 The SDNP had said that they would happily advise on the text; for example on the inclusion of the Countryside Code.
- 6.3 The possibility of financing the leaflet (in the event of the cost exceeding the money now available) through including advertising was discussed, but inconclusively.

7 Speedwatch

- 7.1 In Barrie’s absence, no-one knew whether he had asked Ray Harrison – as a former Police Community Support Officer – to elucidate the written advice obtained from the police about the conditions under which speed monitoring equipment could be borrowed. These were opaque.

72 It was clear at least that to monitor speeding vehicles, a substantial number of volunteers would be needed, perhaps as many as 12.

8 Next meeting

This would be at 4.45 pm on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at The Pavilion.