

Kingston Parish Council (KPC)
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held at 7.00pm
on 20th August 2024 at Kingston Village Hall

Parish Councillors present:

Sue Dagleish (SD), Julie Conder (JC), Miki Ellar (ME), Mark Nicholls (MN),
Paul Wheeler (PW)

Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

1. Apologies

None

2. Planning Application

Planning Application No 24/02899/REM – Kingston Pastures Farm, Old
Wimpole Road, Arrington, Cambridgeshire, SG8 0BX

The Councillors considered the Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the Demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of up to five dwellings. Access provided from Old Wimpole Road using previously approved (S/0829/18/FL) following outline planning permission 20/02114/OUT.

The Councillors decided that after consideration of the plans their decision was Neutral.

SD will register this decision on-line.

3. A.O.B.

3.1 Street lighting (SD)

SD highlighted that the parish council has been advised of a possible large increase in the daily standing charge for the village street lighting supply as a result of a change in government legislation when the existing fixed rate electricity supply contract with ESPO comes to an end in October 2024. SD has contacted ESPO for further details and will report back to the council.

3.2 Re-Wilding

The question of whether we could look into re-wilding certain areas that the parish council are responsible for was discussed. It was decided that areas close to roads where good visibility must be maintained for safety reasons will continue to be cut however the parish council will look into developing a trial area when we are creating details for the grass cutting schedule for our new

contractor – the topic will be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

3.3 Dovecot

A request was received for historical details in respect of the Dovecot located in the village. MN offered to check existing parish records and will provide details to SD who will respond to the enquiry. Further research will also be carried out with residents from the village to find if further historical details can be found (SD).

3.4 2024/25 Budget Forecasts

A brief discussion was held to discuss research JC has carried out to look into the effects of the increase in costs for 3 specific areas - village grass cutting following the appointment of a new contractor, increase in Clerk's Salary if we appoint a professionally qualified parish clerk and increased street lighting electricity costs. As each of these costs are predicted to increase significantly over the next year the parish council wished to create an estimate of these increased costs and their effect on the parish council budget and annual precept figures. These figures will be discussed further at the next two parish council meetings in September and November and feed into our Annual budget setting process later in the year.

Meeting closed: 8.05pm

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