

KINGS CAPLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 7th August 2013 7.30pm, The Old School, Kings Caple

Present

Jake Keogh (JK) Chair, Harry Waymouth (HW) Vice Chair, Julie Brandon-Jones (JBJ)
David Williams (DW)

Attending

Liz Parry-Jones (LPJ) Clerk, 3 members of the public

1) Representations from the Public

A member of the public expressed his frustration at the inconvenience caused, particularly to those people dependant on the bus service, by the prolonged road closure at Hoarwithy Bridge and asked why the Parish Council was not doing more to cull the badgers and to repair the road. The chairman sympathised with resident and explained that both the Parish Council and Ward Cllr Barry Durkin had been very active in keeping up pressure on Amey to ensure that the work was progressing as quickly as possible. The chairman explained that a badger cull was not within the remit of the Parish Council and that the responsibility for preventing the damage occurring and for repairing the road is the responsibility of Herefordshire Council/Amey. The Chairman agreed that enquiries could be made on the resident's behalf to find out if the bus company is to make any alterations to its service in light of the extended closure.

Another member of the public queried whether sufficient notice is given for meetings of the Parish Council. The Chairman gave assurance that the notice of meetings was always placed on the Parish Council's notice board with the required notice period.

It was asked as to when a response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act would be received. An assurance was given that a response was being prepared.

2) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Andrew Beckett, Russell Nunn and Mike Harris and were accepted.

3) Acceptance of Office David Williams

It was noted that David Williams had completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4) Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None

5) Planning

a. Comments to be made to Herefordshire Council on new applications

- i. 131763/F Poulstone Court. Demolition of existing extension and erection of new extension and carport.

**Resolved: to send the following comment to Herefordshire Council:
KCPC has no objection to this application**

- ii. 131938/F Lower Penalt Farm. Installation of photovoltaic panels to roof of agricultural building

**Resolved: to send the following comment to Herefordshire Council:
KCPC has no objection to this application.**

b. Adoption of a policy for commenting on planning applications between scheduled meetings

A copy of a possible policy was circulated to members.

Resolved: to defer discussion of this matter to a later meeting

Signed

Date

c. Other planning matters

None

6) Update on Road Repairs at Hoarwithy Bridge

The Chairman reported that Amey had reported that the ground had now been stabilised and the banks had been cleared in order that proactive mesh could be put in place. It was hoped that the works would be completed by the end of August.

HW reported on a meeting between Amey and the Commoners at which agreement had been reached for Amey to access the common and if necessary fell trees in order to complete the works and that the land would be returned in the best state possible.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

Signed

Date