

MEETING OF KINWARTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Alcester Academy, Monday May 13th 2024

Update from District and County Councillors

Piers Daniell - County Councillor

- Hopkins precinct to be resurfaced and extra parking bays put in. June 2nd, 2024.
- Moorfields site going up for sale. ATC want to be involved and KPC may wish to give opinions on how this area should be used. Old library becoming adult social care site and old doctors' surgery to become commercial site.
- Pavements – some areas in Kinwarton are rising up the list of priorities for WCC Highways.
- Road crossing on Captain's Hill. Highways continue to work on this possibility.
- Councillor grants opening 20th May – community projects. Amounts of £350 or less may be processed fairly swiftly if they fit the criteria for the application. E.g trees/road name plates/planter/grit bin for KPC.
- Wixford Bridge – no footpath across any longer after many complaints.
- Speed surveys been paid for from Cllr Daniel's budget and awaiting costing for crossing.

AGENDA

1.Apologies

None received.

2.Disclosure of interests

None disclosed.

3.Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes confirmed as a true record of the meeting held April 2024. Proposed KR, seconded GF

4.Ongoing matters

a) The Pastures

-ownership of hedges. Recent Redrow letter states that Betts will continue to maintain the hedges to no further cost to residents. However, no clarification about what the specific standard is.

-speeding. No further updates.

b) Trees on Captains Hill central reservation

WCC Highways has decided against any trees being removed. Trees will be cut back near roundabout but no clear timescale yet.

c) Private hedges around the parish.

ZIC has delivered letters to households with hedges/shrubs overhanging pavements requesting that they are cut back vertically to the back of the pavement.

d) St Mary's Park

- Trees. Two trees require attention: a tree has fallen into the river and needs to be removed and there is a leaning ash tree on St Mary's road which requires reduction. Two quotations have been gathered:
- Edwards tree care - £3350 – removal large willow from river
£120 - reduce leaning wounded ash
- Roots to Shoots - £1500- removal of willow tree from river
£150 – reduce ash

Councillors agreed to request Roots to Shoots to complete ash tree and hedge by Fenwick close but to leave the willow tree as it is an expensive job. ZIC to chase WCC Forestry Team and Environment Agency to assist.

e) KPC Credit card. HSBC not keeping telephone appointments. Ongoing.

f) Parking on central reservation on Captain's Hill. 'No parking' signs being observed currently. Councillors continue to observe situation and put bollard installation on hold.

g) Tree needing cutting near ATC boundary. ZIC to invite Warwickshire Rural to meet in person to discuss the tree with land registry document. Cllr Barnett suggests that a drain comes from the carpark (WR land) which supports KPC opinion that tree lies on their land.

h) Grit bin – Coughton Fields Lane junction – replacement needs to be paid for by KPC and then will be filled by WCC. ZIC to get a quotation.

i) Hedge by gravel store on B4089. Remains in a dangerous state, with large branches hanging down and blocking the pavement. ZIC to report again to WCC. Cllr Daniell also aware and will liaise with Highways.

j) Planter replacement. ZIC has paid Alcester in Bloom for the planter. It will be installed when it is replanted.

k) New website has been set up and can be found at

<https://kinwartonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> Email addresses will be set up soon.

l) DBS checks. All councillors have completed the required checks for being on the school premises.

m) Hedge/trees at Fenwick Close

Quotes were gathered for the required work for safety purposes on the hedge outside Fenwick Close.

Edwards Tree care £550

Roots to Shoots £600

Councillors agreed to appoint Roots to Shoots to the job. Recommendation for pollarding to 3' by tree surgeon. Councillors agreed to cutting the trees to 5' for shoots to provide quick growth and higher immediate screening for nearby residents. ZIC to write letter to 7,9, 11 and 15 Fenwick Close to explain the work.

5. Planning applications

No new applications.

6. Financial Matters

a) Invoices:

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| • 1&1 internet (DD) April | £18 |
| • HSBC monthly charge (CHG) | £8.00 |
| • ZIC wages April | £568.40 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) April | £430.66 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) April | £30.06 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) May | £387.70 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) May | £29.02 |
| • Limebridge inv 3001 strimming and mowing | £1065.60 |
| • Alcester in Bloom – reimbursement for planter | £396.00 |
| • Invoice from Parish Council websites | £386.64 |

Registration of kinwartonparishcouncil.gov.uk domain name for a period of two years, from 01/05/2024 to 01/05/2026. Price takes into account the grant provided by the CDDO.

Website hosting and support for kinwartonparishcouncil.gov.uk at a cost of £21.85 per month (billed annually) from 08/05/2024 to 08/05/2025 inclusive.

Proposed GF, seconded SB

b) £14,500 received from SDC for first instalment of Precept.

7. Correspondence

- Horton Close letters.

Residents of Horton Close very upset by the intrusive nature of works carried out by Virgin Media, without prior notice. Driveways blocked, residents unable to attend appointments etc and equipment/materials put on driveways without permission.

Cllr Daniell able to explain that Telecoms companies hold licences to proceed without needing to notify. It was assumed by parishioners that KPC were informed but this information does not reach the parish council. Licence from Highways. Letters and complaints can be sent to Cllr P Daniell or to Virgin Media.

- Tel 0333 000 5925

- expansionworks@virginmedia.co.uk

ZIC to write to residents of Horton Close to commiserate, inform we were unaware and advise they complain to WCC/Virgin Media

8. A.O.B.

- Financial regulations – no time for full discussion. To be discussed further at next meeting. Finance Committee to produce draft suggestion.
- BHIH insurance renewal £856.12 – was £804.80 last year – agreement on block
- Application for a Street Trading Consent in the Stratford on Avon District Zone Three – no objections made. Supporting a small local business.

- Cllr Loomes has resigned from Kinwarton Parish Council. Thanks extended by other councillors for his service to the parish. Letter of thanks to N Loomes to be written by ZIC
- Cllr B Barnett – unhappy with the progress of change and improvement in the parish. He believes a number of areas need to be addressed and councillors responded:
 - Drains
Cllr Barnett to log what3words locations of blocked drains to report
 - Road markings outside school, junction Captains Hill going down, SLOW sign
Specific areas need to be logged that require improvement, using Cllr Daniell and WCC Report it website.
 - Neighbourhood watch signs faded
Old signs can be removed.
 - Speed limit signs etc weathered.
WCC will not replace unless illegible.
 - Seymour rd cleaning up and edges clearing back
Tax payer's money cannot fund the maintenance of private gardens, but KPC can write to residents in Purton Close to request hedges are cut.
 - Burst post on Captain's Hill
Report to WCC
 - Tree beside new planter
Application for grant from Piers on new councillor fund.
 - Bunting
Other councillors expressed a dislike for the idea. Also questions regarding planning permission and how it would be attached.
 - Blower and strimmer
Cllr Barnett to send costs of this equipment.
Request in the next newsletter for whether a resident would like to donate a blower/trimmer

9. Date of next meeting

Monday June 3rd 2024