

MEETING OF KINWARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Alcester Academy, Kinwarton

Monday June 3rd 2024 at 7:30pm

Present

Cllr Holmes (district councillor)

Cllr Moore

Cllr Giddings

Cllr Rees

Cllr Barnett

Cllr Barley

MOP 1

MOP 2

Mrs Z Illes-Cody (clerk)

Update from District Councillor, Cllr Holmes

See written report from Cllr Holmes for further information.

1.Apologies

Cllr Langdon

Cllr Forman

2.Disclosure of interests

No interests disclosed.

3.Confirmation of the Minutes

Amendment made to the Minutes, in section d, from “environmental health” to “environment agency.” Initialled by Cllr M. Moore. Minutes confirmed as a true record of the meeting held May.

4.Ongoing matters

a) The Pastures

-**ownership of hedges.** Awaiting response from Redrow regarding their hedge cutting specification. Betts have cut the top this month but the pavement remains blocked by the outside edge of the hedge. Complaint to be written to SDC planning for not enforcing planning conditions which were stipulated. ZIC to look at quote from Limebridge from last year and review whether KPC need a further quote to keep the pavement clear.

-**speeding.** Speedwatch on Captain’s Hill. It appears that speeding occurs more often going uphill, leaving Kinwarton. A further session occurring on Kinwarton Farm Road imminently.

b) Trees on Captains Hill central reservation – awaiting cutting timescale, though this is likely to be some months. ZIC to contact Piers and Highways again about cutting. Councillors held a long discussion surrounding the need for purchasing combi tool for strimming/hedge cutting for voluntary use by Cllr Barnett. While this would be a significant outlay for the purchase of the equipment, councillors felt that the cost would quickly be re-couped in comparison to payments made to contractors.

Cllr Barnett to provide definite price, and await confirmation from the councillors before any purchases are made.

Proposed MG, seconded KR.

c) Private hedges around residents. Letters to Purton Close as hedges are obstructing the pavement there.

d) St Mary's Park

- Trees. Forestry Team at WCC unable to assist as tree is in KPC land. Environmental Health at SDC unable to help. ZIC to contact Environment agency again.
- Roots to Shoots - £1500- removal of willow tree from river – currently too expensive so will not be paid for at this time.

e) KPC Credit card. Application ongoing. ZIC to proceed with a debit card application and continue to attempt to get credit card.

f) Parking on central reservation on Captain's Hill. Currently the small signs installed at the top of the hill are working and bollards are not required.

g) Tree needing cutting near ATC boundary. ZIC to meeting Warwickshire Rural on 14/6/24 to discuss tree ownership.

h) Grit bin – Coughton Fields Lane junction. ZIC to get quotation.

i) Hedge by gravel store on B4089. Member of public and District councillors to support dealing with poor state of hedge. Report it on WCC website should be used to log complaints about this section of hedging.

j) Planter replacement. Awaiting replacement and planting by Alcester in Bloom.

k) New website and Email addresses. All up and working. Cllr Moore and Cllr Giddings to set theirs up.

l) Hedge/trees at Fenwick Close. Roots to Shoots will cut on 5/6/24. ZIC to support the tree surgeons and residents to ensure no concerns.

m) Financial Regulations

Financial committee meeting to discuss details of document. Proposed date of 15th July 2024. TBC.

5. Planning applications

No new applications to report.

6. Financial Matters

a) Invoices:

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| • HSBC monthly charge (CHG) | £8.00 |
| • ZIC wages April | £568.40 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) June | £361.23 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) June | £29.64 |
| • Additional VAT payment to Krowe Accountants | £40.56 |
| • Ink cartridges (reimburse ZIC) | £53.34 |
| • Cllr Barnett reimbursement – Petrol and broom (paid) | £46.55 |
| • Annual dog bin emptying charge SDC | £684.00 |
- Proposed MG and seconded KR

b) Transferred £20,000 from current account to savings account

7. Correspondence

Covered within other areas of the agenda.

8. A.O.B.

a) Flood action online presentation from GAPC. Link to be sent through to councillors. Cllr Barnett has inspected 310 drains: Captains Hill, service rd, and down to Great Alne are the blocked ones. Culverts by Coughton Lane are higher than the drains. Cllr Barnett believes that the drain going towards Great Alne – pipe work is blocked not the drains. ZIC to pass on list of blocked drains to PD.

b) Round Table event in St Mary's park, 2-5pm. BBQ and games. Councillors are supportive of the event and in agreement to the event.

Suggestion of portaloos rental and requested that no BBQs are used that will scorch the grass.

Cllr Rees may be available to take a photograph for the newsletter.

c) Bench refurbishment. Thanks extended to Cllr Barnett for the work he has done on the bench on B4089 towards Great Alne.

d) New venue for meetings required from September 2024 as Alcester Academy unfortunately cannot host the council for meetings any longer due to Health and Safety issues. Cllr Rees to investigate Church House. ZIC to email thanking for the hospitality and regretting the fact that KPC have had to change venue.

e) Road name plates.

16 left to replace. Majority, bar 1, are plastic. 2 are not accessible.

Estimated costs (depending on length of sign:

£85+VAT

£87+VAT

£83+VAT

Brackets are £3-4. Free delivery over £300 for the new signs.

Proposal to order 3 signs. All councillors in agreement.

f) Bollards – need rubbing down and staining. Cllr Barnett to proceed. Councillors in agreement.

g) Paint for Kinwarton sign - £60 Bill to find out exact price and email ZIC.

h) Check link for Grant application. ZIC to complete road name plates grant application.

i) Mower due to go in for service. All councillors in agreement.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday July 1st 2024