

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Members of Kingston Parish Council are summoned to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **8th March 2023 at 7.00 p.m.** in Kingston Community Pavilion.

The meeting is open to the press and public unless the council do otherwise resolve to enter private session where members of the press and public are excluded.

Please note an audio recording may be taken of the meeting to assist the clerk with the drafting of the minutes. Once the draft has been produced the recording will be destroyed.

Signed: *Julie O'Donnell* (Clerk to Kingston Parish Council).

AGENDA

1. Apologies and reasons for absence
2. The Chairman will invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in the following agenda items.
3. Minutes of 9th November 2022 and 11th January 2023 Parish Council Meeting to be agreed and signed as a true record.
4. **Public Forum:** A period not exceeding 20 minutes is available for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda.
5. Representatives from Safer C7 will give a brief overview of the project and answer any questions the parish council may have.
6. Clerk and Councillor reports arising from the minutes 11th January 2023 not covered elsewhere in the agenda:

7. Reports from other bodies: Written reports to be taken as read. The council can raise questions.
 - 7.1. District Councillor William Meyer
 - 7.2. County Councillor Sarah Osborne
 - 7.3. Kingston Action Group
 - 7.4. Pavilion Committee report
8. Report back from meetings attended by councillors on behalf of KPC:
 - Kingston Action Group
 - LDALC
9. To agree to change the date of the Annual Parish Council meeting to the 17th May 2023. This is due to the Coronation bank holiday.
10. To agree to the date and format of the Parish Assembly.
11. For 2023 East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is offering all Parish and Town Councils the option of reduced rural cuts to aid biodiversity. This is being done as an extension to an ongoing trial that took place in 2021 and 2022. Due to the timing of the parish council meeting and the deadline to participate KPC agreed via email to trial the initiative for 2023. Council to ratify the decision to participate.
12. Pavilion energy contract – review and agree any change of energy provider to reduce energy costs.
13. Saxondown Easement – clerk to update.
14. Tennis court – root barrier work.

The tennis club has been in discussion with the owners of the neighbouring property to the courts regarding tree root damage to the tennis courts. A work plan has been agreed and a contractor has been asked to quote for the work. The tennis club and neighbouring property are happy with the work proposed and the cost to be incurred. The neighbour has generously agreed to fund most of the cost with the tennis club and parish council paying the balance.

Council to agree to the work and the balance of £852 to be paid from the Tennis Club fund. A fee of £235 is also due to ESCC Rights of Way to close the bridleway for one week.
15. Saxondown project funds: To receive updates from the project leads.
 - 15.1. Cllr Halanen to update on the new play park equipment at the village green.
 - 15.2. Cllr Bewick to update on the proposed outdoor sports equipment for St Pancras Green.
 - 15.3. Cllr Moulder to update on the Parish Hall
16. Village green play area
 - 16.1. To acknowledge receipt of the Play Park Inspection report for January and February and agree any actions.
 - 16.2. Cllr Halanen to brief the council regarding the repairs required at the play park and the council to consider his recommendations and agree work where required.

17. Traffic and Highways: To receive updates from Cllr Bewick and Cllr Hoare

17.1. Report from Cllr Bewick updating the position of traffic calming measures to include -

- Summary of KPC objectives,
- identifying those parts of Ashcombe Lane/ Wellgreen Lane (C234) identified by KPC as likely to benefit from traffic calming measures,
- the findings from the feasibility study carried out on the Ridge and a suggestion for the use of camera technology as a means of controlling average speeds and traffic volumes.
- Cllr Bewick would like to propose forming a Traffic Steering Group of council and co-opted members to ensure continuity of efforts.
- To discuss whether there is likely to be any benefit in a remote meeting with Maria Caulfield and if there is, to identify what we would hope to achieve from such a meeting.

17.2. Safer C7 project – Council to consider whether to contribute to this project and how much funding should be made available.

18. Kingston Mapping Project – update from Cllr Moulder

19. Rights of Way – update from Cllr Hoare

20. Planning: To receive a planning update report on ongoing planning applications from Cllr Hoare and to note applications received.

20.1. South Downs Local Plan Review – to review Kingston Parish Council submissions and agree a way forward.

21. Financial Matters

21.1. To approve and authorise accounts payable for February 2023 and March 2023 (as detailed on the payment list).

21.2. To acknowledge the RBS reports circulated by the Clerk – Summary Receipts and Payments and Cash and Investment Reconciliation.

21.3. Small Grants Scheme – consider the application from Kingston Action Group.