

KING'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2018 IN THE KING'S SUTTON MILLENNIUM MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs R Burrell (Chairman), D Bridson, R Burne, J Creed, T Forde,
W Dowling and R Irving
Mr D Hall and Mrs A Burrell, Parish Paths Wardens
Cllr G Hopkins, SNC
Cllr R Breese, NCC
Mrs S Barrow, Public Transport Liaison Correspondent
Miss M Hanmer, School Road Safety Project
Ms J Maddams, Emergency Planning Officer, NCC

15 members of the public

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Le Druillenec (Clerk)

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the Annual Parish Meeting.

APM: 1/18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from:
Cllrs M Bailey, R Sykes
Mr A Waite, War Memorial Warden

**APM: 2/18 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD 12TH APRIL 2017:**

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Creed and seconded by Cllr Dowling to Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 12th April 2017.

**APM: 3/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017
NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None.

APM: 4/18 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Cllr Bob Burrell:
(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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As per convention, Cllr Burrell read out his Report.

There were no questions from the floor.

APM: 5/18 PATHFINDER II FLOODING RESILIENCE PROJECT: Presentation by Joanne Maddams, Emergency Planning Officer, Northamptonshire Emergency Planning Team:

King's Sutton was one of 30 communities that had signed up to the Pathfinder II Project. It would run until 2019. Funding had been secured for Pathfinder III.

The Parish Council would be closely involved in the Pathfinder II Project and would be helped to develop an emergency plan based on the use of available community skills and capabilities to cope with any emergency.

Pathfinder II would attend the Summer Madness event on 7th July 2018 to engage with the community and to recruit Flood Wardens. There were currently 80 in the county. Training is offered to Flood Wardens.

Volunteers would be required to monitor ditches and water courses and to help clean them out.

David Smith Associates walked the surface water catchment area in King's Sutton earlier in the year and marked out any issues on the flood maps. The final report would be ready in October 2018.

The Project has flood protection funds for flood sacks and other small works. Flood Toolkit postcards were available to take away.

From the floor:

i) College Lane: There was a drainage issue due to the surface water drains being clogged up with mud.

The resident was advised to report this to Street Doctor.

ii) Was there any connection between the problems associated with different types of drains e.g. storm drains and foul/waste water drains?

iii) Inadequate allowance had been made for the effect of climate change.

The Chairman thanked Ms Maddams for her presentation.

APM: 6/18 PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES:

6.1 Cllr Gregor Hopkins, SNC:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)

Cllr Hopkins spoke to his report which addressed the following topics:

i) SNC Finance

ii) Grant funding

iii) Horton Hospital Consultation

iv) Home Safe scheme

v) Quality of Life and Recycling

vi) Flood Prevention and Planning

There were no questions to Cllr Hopkins on his report.

6.2 Cllr Rebecca Breese, NCC:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)

Cllr Breese spoke to her report:

- i) Finances: Northamptonshire County Council had received the second lowest grant amongst shire counties from central government. The fixed budget was facing increasing demands which was a great challenge.
- ii) The 499 Bus Service: Efforts were being made in an attempt to enable the service to continue beyond July 2018. Parish Councils were working with the Senior Bus Officer, NCC to find a replacement service between Brackley and Banbury. However, bus usage was low.
- iii) Inspector's Report: This provided a harsh analysis of how NCC had been operating. The Caller Report gave no recognition to the good work by South Northamptonshire and Cherwell District Councils over the previous 8 years.
- iv) What's Next? Proposal: The Government had indicated its preference for the creation of 2 unitary authorities for Northamptonshire. There would be a 'meaningful' consultation. Currently there was uncertainty but the Government had indicated its intention to send in Commissioners to run NCC in the interim period.

From the floor:

- i) Q. Will Council Tax 2018/2019 change?
A. There would be no change as the Council Tax 2018/2019 had been set. However, the new authorities would be able to re-set the Tax Base.
- ii) Q. What proportion of the Adult/Social Care and Education Budgets would be taken up by Northampton Borough?
A: No information.
- iii) The timescale was ridiculous!
- iv) Q. If Commissioners were sent in would County Councillors continue to serve?
A. NCC would continue in being. Members were still involved in the delivery of services. Elections to the new authorities were expected to be held in 2020.
- v) Q. Will the County Council fund the Commissioners?
A. Yes.

APM: 7/18 SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PROJECT: Miss Maureen Hanmer talks about her work to raise awareness of road safety:

The 'Glowworm' project began 7 years ago. It was about being seen and being safe and was for parents and children. It was fun and easy to understand and used colour, rhyme and stickers to convey the message. Road safety awareness afternoons had been held using a traffic lights theme, posters were produced, games and road safety quizzes organised, and songs composed. Colouring pencils had been purchased from funds raised. A competition had been held to design a Road Safety Book cover.

Dangers: Parking on pavements, speed of traffic, alighting on the road side.

From the floor:

- i) Q. Had the Police been involved in the project?
A. Yes.

The Chairman thanked Miss Hanmer for her presentation.

APM: 8/18 POLICE REPORT:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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31 Crimes relating to King's Sutton for a 12 month period from 1st April 2017 included:

Theft – 9
Burglary non-dwelling – 4
Criminal Damage – 12
Burglary Dwelling – 2
Robbery – 1
Drugs – possession – 1
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2

There were no questions on the Report.

APM: 9/18 Q&A on WRITTEN REPORTS:

(available from the Clerk from 12th April 2018 and website: www.kingssutton.org)

9.1 PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS:

9.1.1 Finance Governance & Policy Committee:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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There were no questions to Cllr Irving on his Report.

9.1.2 Planning Committee:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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From the floor:

i) Q. Would other houses be built in the village as the application for 14 dwellings at land off Halestrap Way had been refused?

A. The Local Planning Authority is required to have a 10 year land supply.

9.1.3 Flood Alleviation Group:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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From the Floor:

i) Q. A Flood Consequence Assessment for Waverley Close had been carried out at the time the properties were being built but no allowance had been made for climate change. The retention tanks were under the road. Who was responsible for their maintenance? They were now 12-13 years old.

A. The Flood Risk Assessment was reviewed by the Environment Agency and had been compliant for the former Moon Garage (now Waverley Close) site. An allowance of 30% had been factored in for climate change.

The retention tanks would be the responsibility of the Residents' company, which was registered with Companies' House.

ii) Q. Why had the flood risk been downgraded?

A. WSP Engineers had taken account of the substantial Flood Retention Scheme on the north bank of the River Cherwell. This hydrobrake system had cost £12million.

iii) Comment: The retention tanks were working. The gardens of Nos. 4, 8, 10, 12 and 14 Wales Street become flooded before the field does. The field was meant to take water from Waverley Close. One person had objected to the proposed Bund.

9.2 PARISH COUNCIL REMITS:

9.2.1 & 9.2.5 Amenities & The Rec:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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There were no questions to Cllr Dowling on his combined Report.

9.2.2 The Cemetery:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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There were no questions to Cllr Creed on her Report.

9.2.3 Communications:

(Communications Report and Report from Editor of KS Times previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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There were no questions to Cllr Bridson on either his Report, or on the King's Sutton Times Editor's Report.

9.2.4 Footway Lighting:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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There were no questions to Cllr Burrell on his Report.

9.2.6 Traffic Calming and Highways:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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There were no questions on the Report.

The Chairman asked if there were any problems with parking for The Rec.

Response:

Concerned about this at holiday times.

Despite the signage people parked near the play equipment.

Volunteer Wardens and more signage was needed.

9.3 WARDENS:

9.3.1 Parish Paths Warden:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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9.3.2 War Memorial Warden:

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There were no questions on the Report.

9.3.3 Tree Warden: No Report.

9.4 ORGANISATIONS:

9.4.1 Public Transport:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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Mrs Barrow spoke to her report. The 499 Bus Service was safe until the end of July 2018 but it needed to be replaced. One daily return service Brackley to Banbury; and 2 daily return services from Banbury to Brackley would probably be self-supporting.

The new train timetable would come into effect on 20th May 2018.

Cllr Irving reported on the efforts made to continue with a bus service. Mr John Ellerby, Principal Bus Officer, Northamptonshire Highways and Cllr Hopkins, SNC had worked to establish the usage village by village. King's Sutton accounted for 53% of passengers over the entire route. Journey data was still needed. Once statistics were known it was intended to hold a meeting of all the Parish Councils in the area, together with SNC, to try to find a sustainable package for a replacement service. The current annual subsidy was £50-60K.

From the floor:

- i) Comment: The Bus Companies were 'cherry picking' the routes.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Irving for his report.

9.4.2 Poor's Allotment Charity:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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There were no questions to Cllr Burrell on his Report.

9.4.3 King's Sutton Millennium Memorial Hall and Health Centre:

Cllr Burrell was willing to take questions but his report would not be available until after the AGM of the KSMMH on 21st May 2018.

There were no questions to Cllr Burrell.

9.4.4 King's Sutton Playing Fields Association:

(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report.

APM: 10/18 QUESTIONS from Parishioners:
(limited to 3 mins).

The Chairman invited suggestions and/or observations regarding the work of the Parish Council in the coming year.

None were received.

At the local elections in May 2019 the number of seats on the Parish Council would be 11 (currently 15). Residents were encouraged to consider standing in the elections or to express an interested in coming forward this year.

Closing remarks:

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting, particularly the speakers.

The Annual Parish Meeting 2018 ended at 9.05 p.m.