

KING'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2015 IN THE KING'S SUTTON MILLENNIUM MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs B Burrell (Chairman), J Creed, T Forde, C Hill, R Irving, W Mullis,
M Paterson and R Sykes.
Cllr R Sawbridge MBE, NCC
Cllr I Morris, SNC
Mr D Hall, Parish Paths Warden
Mr Andrew Waite, War Memorial Warden
Mrs S Barrow, Public Transport Liaison Correspondent
9 members of the public

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Le Druillenec (Clerk)

APM: 1/15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:

Cllr D Bridson, PCSO Graham Suppiah, Northants Police

**APM: 2/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD 16TH APRIL 2014:**

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Irving to Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 16th April 2014.

**APM: 3/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2014
NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None.

APM: 4/15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Cllr Bob Burrell:

Cllr Burrell read out his Report.
(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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From the Floor:

- i) Does it damage the Parish Council to have fewer than 15 nominations? 15 seats is a disproportionately high number but it is a judgment of balance as there are several roles for Members to fill.
- ii) The Way Ahead: Does it have any formal status in planning matters? The Chairman explained that this should be addressed under Item 8.

APM: 5/15 PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES:

5.1 Cllr Ron Sawbridge MBE, NCC:

Cllr Sawbridge read out his report.
(previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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King's Sutton is one of the 13 parishes within the Ward that Cllr Sawbridge represents. Cllr Sawbridge congratulated the Parish Council on the excellent 2014 Village Survey. Cllr Sawbridge also commended the Parish Council for being, in his opinion, one of the best run Parish Councils.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sawbridge for his report and generous comments.

From the Floor:

- i) The benefits of outsourcing/rightsourcing: Money that was not currently available to the County Council could be raised in this way. Cllr Sawbridge felt that more costing out and consultation was required.
- ii) There was concern at how NCC Members would hold contractors to account, how often would there be a structural review, whether decisions were reversible, and what the view was of the Local Government Association. Cllr Sawbridge expected that normal practice would be followed in terms of the specification, with close service review and monitoring.
- iii) The comment was made that it was inequitable for a Principal Authority to rely on the low overheads of charities to provide services.

5.2 Cllr Ian Morris, SNC:

Cllr Morris spoke to his report, giving a brief verbal summary.
(Report previously posted on www.kingssutton.org and available at the APM)
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SNC was also going through a sea change, forming small scale, less strategic working relationships with other districts (Cherwell District and Stratford On Avon Councils).

Cllr Morris was not in favour of the creation of Unitary Authority.

Wales Street FAS was high on the SNC Agenda.

King's Sutton Railway Station Car Park Extension was a longer term project.

Council Tax had been frozen for the fifth year in a row.

The district has the lowest unemployment rate.

The Halifax Satisfaction Survey had placed South Northants fourth.

The refuse collection service was very good and the rate for recycling was the highest in the country.

Visit to King's Sutton by Andrea Leadsom MP: 24th April 2015.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Morris for his report.

APM: 6/15 POLICE REPORT: PCSO Graham Suppiah:

PCSO Suppiah was unable to attend.

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

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From the Floor:

- i) Closure of front counter at Brackley Police Station: Mr John Bell, Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator, expressed his concern at the changes and with communication difficulties now being experienced as a result.
- ii) Cuts in numbers of PCSOs: Cllr Morris advised that SNC had written to Adam Simmonds, Police and Crime Commissioner expressing dismay and pressing for the situation to be remedied.

APM: 7/15 Q&A on WRITTEN REPORTS:

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

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7.1 ORGANISATIONS:

7.1.1 Poor's Allotment Charity: Mr Bob Burrell, Clerk to the Trustees:

7.1.2 King's Sutton Millennium Memorial Hall and Health Centre: Mr Bob Burrell, Chairman of Trustees/Committee of Management:

7.1.3 Public Transport: Mrs Sheila Barrow:

Mrs Barrow read out her Report.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Barrow for her report.

7.1.4 King's Sutton Playing Fields Association: Miss Terri Tustian, Treasurer:

7.1.5 King's Sutton Times: No Report.

7.2 WARDENS:

7.2.1 Parish Paths Warden: Mr Dave Hall:

Mr Hall advised that AS32 Portway will open on 1st May 2015 but is subject to further closure if it suffers damage from off road vehicles.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hall for his work as Parish Paths Warden.

7.2.2 War Memorial Warden: Mr Andrew Waite:

Mr Waite read out his Report.

Mr Waite sought confirmation from the Parish Council on the appropriate time for the removal of the wreaths from the base of the War Memorial. Currently Mr Waite looks to do this just before Remembrance Day. The crosses remain in place.

7.3 PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

7.3.1 Finance Governance & Policy: Cllr Irving:

Cllr Irving updated the Meeting on the future of the Thursday Shoppers' Bus service. The operator had ceased trading. The Parish Council is to review the position in May. The service has been subsidised by the Parish Council. The cost of the service to the council tax payer equated to £1 per person per year. The Committee had recommended no increase in the Council Tax for 2015-2016.

7.3.2 Planning: Cllr Forde:

Cllr Forde referred to the most contentious issue: The proposal for 14 additional dwellings for CALA (Banner) Homes and the adjacent Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The Planning Authority had treated both applications as distinct- physically and legally separate.

The CALA Homes application had been withdrawn.

7.3.3 Flood Alleviation: Cllr Forde:

Cllr Forde spoke to his report.

Protection from flooding had been achieved for Windsor Close/Barton Terrace. The Windsor Close/Barton Terrace FAS was now undergoing some modification by the developer, Barwood Homes.

Outstanding concerns: FAS bund to protect properties in lower Wales Street - and the performance of the sewers.

7.4 PARISH COUNCIL REMITS:

7.4.1 The Cemetery: Cllr Creed:

7.4.2 Communications: Cllr Bridson:

7.4.3 Footway Lighting: Cllr Dowling:

7.4.4 The Rec: Cllrs Hill and Mullis:

Cllr Hill had received the following queries:

Grasscutting at The Rec: To be cut w/c 20th April 2015.

Play Project Construction: Delays were due to non-delivery of posts for the zip wire. It was not possible to give a fixed date for completion of the project.

Currently the project is in the eighth week.

Rippin Rocket: Removed for refurbishment, welding and conversion into a seat with plaque in memory of John Rippin.

7.4.5 Traffic Calming and Highways: Cllr Sykes:

Cllr Sykes spoke to his report.

Point 4: The Appeal challenge had been acknowledged.

Point 5: Funding for the creation of a footpath at Upper Astrop Road had been secured. Cllr Sykes thanked Cllr Sawbridge for pledging £2,500 of his NCC Empowerment Fund towards this project.

Point 7: The Police had confirmed that some enforcement action (parking) had been carried out in King's Sutton although details had not been given.

From the Floor:

Cllr Forde reported that a patch of grass at The Square was now being re-seeded.

Cllr Hill reported that the commercial van parked at Blenheim Rise had been moved to the driveway.

The Chairman thanked the Representatives, Wardens and Councillors for their Reports.

APM: 8/15 THE WAY AHEAD:

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Cllr Irving spoke to the Report on behalf of the Steering Group of 3.

Cllr Irving thanked those who had filled in the Questionnaire. A response of just less than 30% had been achieved. This was a reasonable response. Cllr Irving offered his Apologies for the delay in producing the results. The West Northants Joint Core Strategy had also been delayed and there might still be time to influence it.

From the Floor:

Formal Status of the Village Survey: It was not a Neighbourhood Plan and had no legal weight. The experience of other parishes who had gone along the Neighbourhood Plan route was that it had been a very expensive and divisive process. The Village Survey would be used to draw up a Village Design Statement and used to develop Supplementary Planning Guidance on key issues.

APM: 9/15 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS:

(limited to 3 mins).

None.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming along, in particular Cllrs Sawbridge and Morris, and to all who had submitted Reports.

The Annual Parish Meeting 2015 ended at 8.45 p.m.