

## KING'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 IN THE KING'S SUTTON MILLENNIUM MEMORIAL HALL

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Burrell (Chairman), M Bailey, D Bridson, R Burne, J Creed,  
W Dowling, R Irving.  
Mr D Hall and Mrs A Burrell, Parish Paths Wardens  
Mrs S Barrow, Public Transport Liaison Correspondent  
Mr A Waite, War Memorial Warden  
9 members of the public

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs A Le Druillenec (Clerk)

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

**APM: 1/17 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:**

Cllrs T Forde and R Sykes  
Cllr I Morris, SNC  
Cllr R Sawbridge MBE, NCC  
PCSO 7024 Colin Brooks, Northamptonshire Police

**AGENDA:** The Chairman explained the procedure for this meeting.  
i) Reports would be taken as read, with the exception of the report from County Councillor Sawbridge who had requested that his report be read out to the Meeting.  
ii) Item 9: Debate on the Unitary Authority options: Two speakers had accepted the invitation to speak but both had subsequently submitted their Apologies. Cllr Irving was prepared to speak on one side of the debate but without an opponent it would not be possible to hold a debate. The Chairman sought the Meeting's agreement that item 9 be withdrawn.  
**Agreed:** To withdraw item 9.

**APM: 2/17 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016:**

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Bailey to Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**APM: 3/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016 NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

**None.**

**APM: 4/17 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Cllr Bob Burrell:**  
(previously posted on [www.kingssutton.org](http://www.kingssutton.org) and available at the APM)  
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Cllr Burrell explained that it was convention for the Chairman to read out the Chairman's Report.

**Presentations in Recognition and Appreciation of Service on the Parish Council:**

The Chairman presented Mrs Carole Hill with a flower arrangement and advised that a presentation would be made outside of the meeting to Mr Walter Mullis.

**APM: 5/17 POLICE REPORT: PCSO 7024 Colin Brooks**  
(previously posted on [www.kingssutton.org](http://www.kingssutton.org) and available at the APM)  
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PCSO Brooks was not present, having previously advised that he might not be able to attend should be called away on prior operational duties.

There were no questions on the Report.

**APM: 6/17 PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES:**

The Chairman acknowledged the positive working relationship that the Parish Council had enjoyed with both Cllr Morris and Cllr Sawbridge.

**6.1 Cllr Ian Morris, SNC:**  
(Report available at the APM)  
(Copy filed with the Minutes)

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Mrs Burrell and seconded by Mrs Barrow to formally thank Cllr Morris for all he had done for King's Sutton.

**6.2 Cllr Ron Sawbridge MBE, NCC**  
(Report available at the APM)  
(Copy filed with the Minutes)

The Chairman read out the Report.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr Irving and endorsed by all present to likewise formally thank Cllr Sawbridge for all he had done for King's Sutton.

**APM: 7/17 Q&A on WRITTEN REPORTS:**  
(available from the Clerk from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and website: [www.kingssutton.org](http://www.kingssutton.org))

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the Reports was to inform the community at large about the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months through its Committees and Councillor Remits.

## **7.1 PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS:**

### **7.1.1 Finance Governance & Policy Committee:**

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

### **7.1.2 Planning Committee:**

(previously posted on [www.kingssutton.org](http://www.kingssutton.org) and available at the APM)  
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There were no questions for Cllr Forde neither on his Report nor the Appendix of Planning Applications.

### **7.1.3 Flood Alleviation Group:**

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

i) Mr D Hall, resident of Wales Street: On several occasions Mr Hall's garden had been flooded up to the house but not the house itself. Mr Hall acknowledged that the Parish Council and most especially Cllr Forde had spent a great deal of time on these issues. Mr Hall wished to record his thanks on behalf of the Wales Street residents for the work that was being done.

ii) Mr J Bell:

Q1: Was there any prospect of the matter being resolved?

The Chairman described the tone as one of optimistic caution.

Q2: Do artificial waterways have the same status as natural waterways?

Mr Bell was referred to Cllr Forde for advice.

Mr D Hall commented that no ditches were involved, only natural waterways.

The ditch behind No. 12 Wales Street had been enlarged substantially when the Banner Homes development was being built.

## **7.2 PARISH COUNCIL REMITS:**

### **7.2.1 Amenities: No Report.**

### **7.2.2 The Cemetery:**

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There were no questions to Cllr Creed on her Report.

### **7.2.3 Communications:**

(previously posted on [www.kingssutton.org](http://www.kingssutton.org) and available at the APM)  
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There were no questions to Cllr Bridson on his Report.

### **7.2.4 Footway Lighting:**

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There were no questions to Cllr Burrell on his Report.

### **7.2.5 The Rec:**

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

i) Mrs S Barrow: Parking at the junction of Glebe Rise and Astrop Road: Exiting Glebe Rise was dangerous, especially during school holidays and, although no longer driving, Mrs Barrow had had several near misses, previously when driving, with not running children over.

These concerns were shared by another person who had seriously considered moving house as the situation was a 'nightmare, and someone will be killed'. Cars were parked too close to the junction. This was very dangerous, and stressful for drivers.

In reply, Mrs Hill referred Mrs Barrow and the other resident to the Traffic Calming measures report which indicated that the Parish Council had fully taken into account such concerns and were dealing with them.

ii) Mr A Alcock, resident of Astrop Road: Dog Fouling on The Rec: This had serious medical risks for children and dog owners must clean up after their dogs.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council shared these concerns and had tried to address them through notices and campaign. This problem was not peculiar to King's Sutton. Enforcement was an issue and it was down to dog owners being encouraged to be responsible and considerate.

iii) Mr D Hall: What was the cost of the dog waste service?

The Clerk advised that the cost per empty per bin was £2.50. The Parish Council has 12 bins for Dog Waste, each of which is emptied once per week.

### **7.2.6 Traffic Calming and Highways:**

(previously posted on [www.kingssutton.org](http://www.kingssutton.org) and available at the APM)  
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**i) Community Speed Watch:** Cllr Bailey, Co-Ordinator reported that the campaign was running this week and on 5 occasions speeds of 38 mph had been recorded in a 30 speed limit.

**ii) Double Yellow Lines and 20 mph speed limit:** The Chairman explained that the Parish Council was actioning residents' concerns as best it could. Double Yellow Lines should be in place at the junction of Glebe Rise and Astrop Road in July or August 2017.

Incidents of vehicles parked on double yellow lines should be reported to the Highway Authority and not to the Police.

The Parish Council's request for a 20 mph speed limit along a stretch of Astrop Road had been rejected on grounds of its being unenforceable. Traffic Calming measures were costly.

Mr A Alcock presented photographs to illustrate how vehicles were using the footway along Astrop Road as a road.

### **7.2.7 Street Areas: No Reports.**

## **7.3 WARDENS:**

### **7.3.1 Parish Paths Warden:**

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Mr Hall mentioned the following:

- i) Open Manhole near but not along the direct route of AS4: The landowner has agreed to put the cover back to make it safe (8' drop to channel beneath).
- ii) Church footpath to horses field: It is no longer possible to walk dogs down to the meadows due to the presence of a huge log.
- iii) Non Public Rights Of Way: Approx. 12 paths have closed in the previous year at a time of population increase and when there is a need for more paths especially for dog walking.

It is more than 2 years since a claim for a PROW over the track leading up to Mill Lane opposite the Cemetery was lodged. This will be brought before the Parish Council once again.

### **7.3.2 War Memorial Warden:**

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Mr Waite asked for the wreaths that had been removed from the War Memorial to be returned to their proper home. The only wreath that remained in place was in memory of animals.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Mr John Duncan and endorsed by the Meeting to commend Mr Waite for his work to sustain the monument and for making it the major focus in terms of scale of village gatherings.

The Chairman thanked Mr Waite for the work he had done in his role as War Memorial Warden

### **7.3.3 Tree Warden:**

(TPO flow chart available at the Meeting)

Cllr Bailey presented his Report.

Cllr Bailey had carried out a review of significant trees in King's Sutton. There are currently 9 Tree Preservation Orders in King's Sutton. SNC has provided Cllr Bailey with a list of all the TPOs in the village.

Cllr Bailey is recommending that some trees at the following locations are made the subject of TPOs:

- i) King's Sutton Academy
- ii) Railway Station
- iii) Orchard Way
- iv) Land that is available for housing development. Cllr Bailey referred to the felling of 11 aspen trees on the Little Rushes estate in February 2017.

From the floor:

i) Mr G Hopkins: Would the proposed recommendation to protect the trees in the grounds of the KS Academy affect the Preschool Play Groups' building plans?

Cllr Bailey said he would look into this.

#### **7.4 ORGANISATIONS:**

##### **7.4.1 Public Transport:**

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Mrs Barrow added that the dates for bus pass eligibility keeps changing. In 2018 the age is 64, rising to 66 in 2010.

From the floor:

i) Mr D Hall: 499 bus: Issues of timetable provision and punctuality. Mr Hall was advised to refer to Banbury Town Council.

##### **7.4.2 Poor's Allotment Charity:**

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There were no questions to Cllr Burrell on his Report.

##### **7.4.3 King's Sutton Millennium Memorial Hall and Health Centre:**

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There were no questions to Cllr Burrell on his Report.

##### **7.4.4 King's Sutton Playing Fields Association:**

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There were no questions to Cllr Bridson on the Treasurer's Report.

#### **APM: 8/17 QUESTIONS from Parishioners:**

(limited to 3 mins).

i) Station Car Park: Has it been abandoned?

Cllr Irving responded that the land tenure had changed and the project was best described as dormant. It is no longer a standing item on the Agendas of the Finance Governance & Policy Committee.

Cllr Morris had been the guiding light in this. The matter may be raised again with the new district Councillor.

This topic was reported in the Minutes of the APM 2016 and referred to as a 'long term project which required funding'.

**APM: 9/17 THE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT: A DEBATE ON THE UNITARY AUTHORITY OPTIONS:**

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting and thanked Members of the Parish Council for their Reports. The Chairman also thanked the Wardens and everyone who acted on behalf of the Parish Council,

The Annual Parish Meeting 2017 ended at 8.40 p.m.

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