



## **KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Kingsnorth Parish Council**

**Held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

**Kingsnorth Pavilion 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr Hayward (Chair), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Cosgrove, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hicks, Cllr Jones, Cllr Wedgbury.

**Also, present:** Peter Le Rossignol (Parish Manager)

#### **1. To note those, present and receive apologies.**

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Manager prior to the meeting.

Cllr Ransley, Cllr Breese, and Cllr Townend submitted their apologies prior to the meeting.

#### **2. To receive declarations of interest.**

See Item 5. Of the agenda.

#### **3. The Moat and Central Park Farm Area.**

##### **a. To review information provided by Ashford Borough Council on the Moat and Central Park Farm Area.**

Cllr. Wedgbury proposed that as it is proposed by Ashford Borough Council that we take on the Freehold of the land that the Parish Council takes on the land.

Cllr. Giles asked if Ashford Borough Council had offered to pay for the investigation survey of the Moat and Play Area at a cost of around £14,000.00? The Parish Manager confirmed that this had not been clarified with Ashford Borough Council.

Cllr. Cosgrove agreed that Cllr. Giles had a good point and that we should walk into this with our eyes open and with full knowledge of what we are taking on and that Ashford Borough Council should provide a report to us prior to taking on the area.

Cllr. Hayward suggested that we ask Ashford Borough Council if there is any funding for the Park Area and Moat attached to the transfer of the land.

Cllr. Cosgrove felt it is important to take on the freehold as seen and not to over promise on delivery.

Cllr. Hicks agreed the Parish Council should take on the area with no strings attached. She also mentioned that the Parish Council should not commit to retaining fishing.

Cllr. Jones spoke about the project and said that the Parish Council should separate the issues of fishing and taking on the land in any decision made. He asked if fishing was still a viable or realistic part of the project. He felt we should not raise expectations of residents when taking on this project.

Cllr. Clarke said he had some concerns about the maintenance of the Moat and why would the Parish Council want to take on the cost of the parks in the future.

**The agreed resolution proposed by Cllr. Wedgbury was:**

**The Parish Council agree to take on the Central Park Area which includes the Moat and play areas and associated land subject to Ashford Borough Council paying for a survey as specified in their report.**

**PROPOSED BY CLLR WEDGBURY  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR - 7  
Resolution moved.**

**SECONDED BY CLLR COSGROVE  
ALL THOSE AGAINST - 0                      ABSTENTIONS - 0**

Cllr. Hicks asked Cllr. Hayward about item 3.b to decide on having a public consultation?

Councillors discussed this briefly and decided that a public consultation should be conducted once the land has been transferred to the Parish Council.

**Cllr. Cosgrove proposed that any public consultation is deferred until the Parish Council has the freehold of the land. Seconded by Cllr. Wedgbury.**

**PROPOSED BY CLLR COSGROVE  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR - 7  
Resolution moved.**

**SECONDED BY CLLR WEDGBURY  
ALL THOSE AGAINST - 0                      ABSTENTIONS - 0**

#### **4.Footpath A.**

**a.To review the 'Final' version of the land transfer for Footpath A and authorise completion.**

Cllr. Wedgbury asked how long this project has been going on for and the Parish Manager explained it was a few years.

Councillors suggested they are happy to get it signed as soon as possible.

**The agreed resolution proposed by Cllr. Giles was:**

**The Parish Council authorise delegation to two Parish Councillors to sign the legal paperwork for the transfer of land for footpath A.**

**PROPOSED BY CLLR GILES  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR - 7  
Resolution moved.**

**SECONDED BY CLLR WEDGBURY  
ALL THOSE AGAINST - 0                      ABSTENTIONS - 0**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the public meeting at 7.27pm and moved into a closed session.

#### **Closed Session**

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public, and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr. Wedgbury and Cllr. Giles left the meeting.

## 5.Information Request.

Councillors discussed the information request.

**The agreed resolution proposed by Cllr. Hayward was:**

**That Kingsnorth Parish Council accept the data subject access request based on emails sent between the Chair and Councillors using the names stated in the request but that these are not released until after the completion of the Code of Conduct Complaint investigation.**

**PROPOSED BY CLLR HAYWARD  
ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR - 7  
Resolution moved.**

**SECONDED BY CLLR COSGROVE  
ALL THOSE AGAINST - 0                      ABSTENTIONS - 0**

Councillors then discussed the potential costs to collate the data requested.

It was agreed that Councillors would collate all relevant emails relating to the request and that these will be redacted and provided on completion of the Code of Conduct Complaint Investigation.

Cllr. Cosgrove raised a couple of points at the end of the meeting:

1. That Cllr. Townend is Cllr. Townend and not Cllr. Townends.
2. That if a Parish Council member is attending an external meeting as a Parish Councillor, they should report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. There have been occasions recently when Parish Councillors have attended meeting but not reported back to the council.

Meeting closed at 7.56pm.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_