KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL



Approved Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on Tuesday 4th May 2021. Conference Call Via Zoom (Due to Coronavirus Government Guidelines) 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Shelley Barber, Cllr Matthew Bridger, Cllr Geoff Cosgrove, Cllr Aline Hicks, Cllr Patricia Moss, Cllr Stuart Moss, Cllr James Ransley (Chair), Cllr Benjamin Townend (Vice Chair).

Also, present: Christine Drury (Assistant Clerk – Finance), Peter Le Rossignol (Parish Manager), Matt O'Neill (Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor), Marie Russell (Assistant Clerk – Admin), 8 members of the public observed the meeting.

1. Welcome by the Chair and introduction of those in attendance.

Cllr Ransley explained to all attendees including members of the public that the meeting was being recorded and would be uploaded onto YouTube.

All Councillors and office staff introduced themselves to members of the public. Three members of the public also introduced themselves to Councillors and office staff.

2. To note those present and receive apologies.

Cllr Kumar Gaurav, Borough Councillor Heather Hayward, Borough Councillor Neil Shorter, Cllr Jim Wedgbury.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish held on Tuesday 23rd May 2019.

Cllr Ransley explained that due to Coronavirus the Parish Council were unable to hold their annual meeting in 2020.

Due to Cllr Ransley not being a resident of the Parish, he was unable to vote on the approval of the minutes.

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.

PROPOSED BY CLLR S MOSS SECONDED BY CLLR TOWNEND ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR – 7 ALL THOSE AGAINST - 0

ABSTENTIONS - 1

Motion moved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

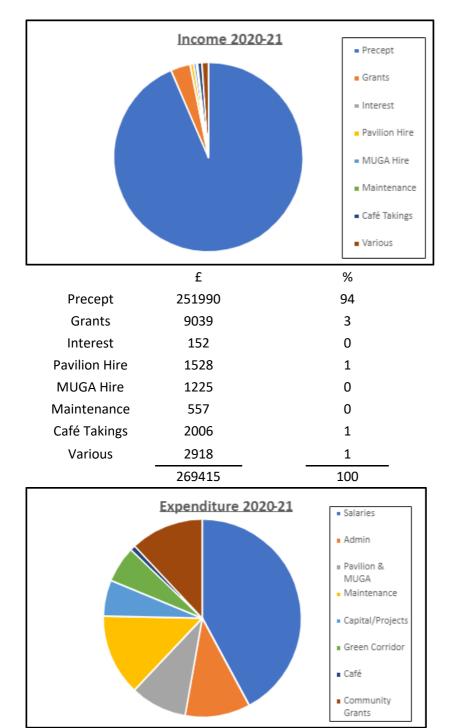
None matters raised.

5. Annual Report from Kingsnorth Parish Council.

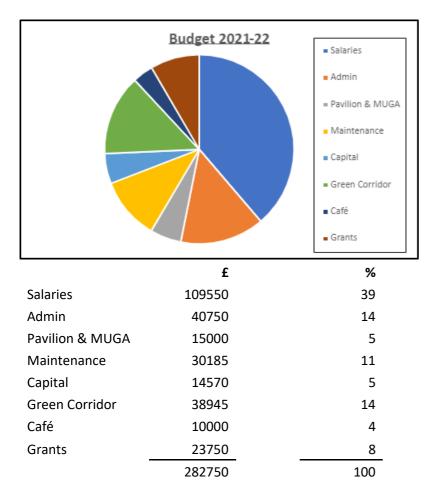
At this point, the Parish Manager played a video which he had put together highlighting what the Parish Council had been working on over the past year.

After the video, the Parish Manager added that the Parish Council had awarded £19,000.00 in grants to Community Organisations. On top of this an additional £9,000.00 was issued to local schools to support young people and families in need during the pandemic in Kingsnorth.

6. Annual Finance Report of Kingsnorth Parish Council.



	£	%
Salaries	99181	42
Admin	25056	11
Pavilion & MUGA	21819	9
Maintenance	31288	13
Capital/Projects	13904	6
Green Corridor	13924	6
Café	1983	1
Community Grants	28219	12
	235374	100



Bank Balances at 31.3.21

	£.pp
Metro Bank current	
accout	9412.12
Metro Bank Reserve	
account	63183.35
Natwest Reseve account	8143.01
Natwest SIBA account	192482.58
Natwest current account	100.00
Petty Cash	119.40
Total	273440.46

Cllr Ransley asked all attendees if they had any questions or comments on the Finance Report. None raised.

7. Open Forum:

This is an opportunity for members of the public to bring to the attention of the Parish Council any items they consider should be addressed that relates to their local community. Matters can be raised without prior notice.

Residents raised the following matters:

• Relationship between Kingsnorth Parish Council and Ashford Borough Council when it comes to reporting matters within the Parish in particular the Cloverleaf field.

Cllr Ransley responded that there are various groups working on the Cloverleaf issue very regularly and they are on the ball, but it will take time to deal with appropriately. The Parish Manager speaks regularly with the PCSO and the emphasis is for residents to keep reporting all issues associated with the Cloverleaf. Cllr Townend commented that the momentum of residents putting pressure on Ashford Borough Council via the app is the way to resolve the issues, but it is going to take time.

The Parish Manager reported that there are two open investigations taking place within Ashford Borough Council, one of which is the planning element and the other is through the Community Safety Unit.

- Online community groups used as platforms to get communications out to as many residents is great, but residents should be mindful of their own safety whilst using it.
- Use of Kingsnorth Conservation Fields.

Cllr Ransley responded that the land is still leased by the farmer who leases the land from Ashford Borough Council on a long lease.

The Parish Manager will communicate with the resident as to when the next meeting will take place on the conservation fields.

- Planting of trees around the Parish. The Parish Council was looking to plant further trees but has limited land itself. Much of the land owned by Kingsnorth Parish Council, such as football pitches, would not be suitable for the planting of further trees.
- Are allotments still being planned?

Both the Kingsnorth Green and the Court Lodge developments have contributions towards allotments in their section 106. Kingsnorth Green was supposed to have allotments on the site, but this may be rethought, the Parish Council will need to form a view on this and if they want allotments there then push for them.

There being no further business, Cllr Ransley closed the	Annual Parish meeting at 7.22pm.
Signature:	Date: