KINGSTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2016**

**at 7.00 pm, in the Coronation Room of the Village Hall**

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He will acquire the final quotes.  *Rushcliffe Parish forum:* MJ summarised the event on Wednesday 19th February 2016, which was mainly about planning. The on-line planning portal where comments on proposed developments can be viewed was discussed. DF agreed to organise a parish council email address for Members to use.  It was acknowledged that Neighbourhood Plans involve a lot of time and resources for little gain.  The Rushcliffe planning department are holding a series of cluster sessions, for the benefit of Parish Councils in the Borough, to explain their processes, and will be restricting these to Parish Councillors only. MJ will tell them that the Parish Council would like to take part.  **Finance**  *Financial up-date:*  Payments made from the main HSBC a/c since 5th January were as follows:   * Hire of room at village hall (Sept & Nov meetings) - £20.00 * 2016 subscription to Campaign to Protect Rural England - £36.00 * 2016 subscription to Notts Assoc of Local Councils - £72.11 * New mono laser printer and toner - £103.14   The overall profit of the Village Venture, ‘Blast From The Past’, on 6th February 2016 is yet to be finalised.  *Appointment of internal auditor:* Janine Bone has moved out of the parish but is willing to continue as internal auditor for 2016 only. RP will ask Janine how long she takes to audit the parish accounts.  **Planning and Development Matters**  *New application:*  4 Manor Farm (App 16/00310/FUL): MJ showed AM the plans for this development which include erection store buildings, increased height of part of boundary wall to 2.66m and insertion of roof lights to facilitate garage conversion to a sitting room. The deadline for comments is 4th March.  MJ has spoken to the planning dept. and they agreed to address the issue on listed building consent. MJ proposed to put this in his return as a concern for objection to the current planning application.  AM said she is concerned about the roof lights and the flue from the boiler. Members agreed that MJ should also object on the grounds of AM's concerns towards the height of the flue from the log burner, which could affect neighbouring properties depending on wind directions.  *On-going applications:*  Wind turbine at Dairy Centre (App 15/01735/FUL): The Borough Council’s decision is pending.  Expansion of Dairy Centre (App 15/02931/FUL): The Borough Council’s decision is pending.  *Other development matters:*  Station Hotel site (App No: 13/00600/FUL): The creation of six dwellings is complete and viewing has taken place. The Borough Council’s enforcement officer has visited the site to check that the site complies with planning consent.  Rushcliffe Local Plan part 2. MJ said that the status of the Green Belt is being changed in certain villages and that Kingston is unaffected.  Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan. The submission formal draft consultation period ends on 29th March. The nearest site is the gypsum works at East Leake: gravel extraction at Barton is not mentioned.  **Traffic**  *Inter-active signs:* The County Council is at present connecting the inter-active signs near New Kingston cross roads to electricity cable.  There has been an accident recently when the occupants of the two cars had to be cut free.  *Gotham road footway:* The County Council has cleared the section between hall and the bridge over Kingston Brook.  *Cycle races:* There have been none recently  *Community road safety scheme:* More trained volunteers are required.  *Police Policy Setting Group:* NS will be away at the next meeting of this group so a volunteer to represent this Parish Council would be welcome.  **Village hall car park**  *Village hall:* The AGM, planned to be on 26th January 2016, has been postponed. There have been problems with heating and lighting.  *Car Park:* Nothing to report.  **Environment**  *Trees on The Green:* SD confirmed that he is seeking firm quotes to undertake tree surveys.  SD and a friend will be removing the spurs at the base of the trees over the Easter period.  *Bollards on The Green:* The damaged bollards have not yet been repaired and/or straightened by the County Council. MJ will contact Andrew Brown about this.  *Flower tubs:* The flower tubs appear to be looking after themselves at present.  *Wild flower area:* The wild flower area will be trimmed after the daffodils have finished flowering.  **Community events**  *Village Ventures:* All agreed that the event at the village hall, ‘A Brief History of Music’, on Saturday 6thFebruary 2016 was a success: ninety one tickets were sold.  BM and DF will be attending an event in March to preview some shows. The intention will be to have three shows next season, i.e. autumn, Christmas and spring, with three or more performers. The shows the village can have should be known around May.  *Outdoor events:* BM will be pursuing an outdoor event in the hall grounds to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday, possibly on 11th June. Permission will be sought from the hall. He is planning to use the marquee and requested volunteers to help him erect it. There will also be a band, yet to be chosen, and a bar. RP will organise the temporary notice.  **Village Plan**  GA said that she is up-dating the text and then hand it over to a professional web designer.  **Parish web site**  GA said she has been advertising events  **Items for newsletters**  The next parish newsletter will include items on the following topics:   * Information boards * Queen’s birthday celebrations * Village Venture previews * Marquee hire * Internal auditor * Inter-active signs * Gotham Road paths * Trees and bollards * Planning issues * Workshop for carers at East Leake * Parish web site address   **Any other business**  *Village hall notice board:* SD reported that he has received the new backing material for the Parish Council notice board at the front of the Village Hall. When the weather improves he will apply further coats of varnish to the notice board. He may also seek recommendations on the renewal of the lettering at the top of the notice board as it needs refurbishment.  *Pillar box:* SD said he will be pursuing the possibility of having the pillar box on The Green re-furbished.  The meeting closed at 9.00 pm  **Date and venue of the Annual Parish meeting and Parish Council AGM: Tuesday 10th May 2016 in the main room of the village hall.** | SD  DF  MJ  RP  MJ  SD  MJ  MJ  BM/  DF  RP  GA  NS  SD  SD |

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