**KINGSTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of virtual meeting held on**

**Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.00 pm**

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This is for the sole purpose of establishing whether any person is entitled to attend and participate in a meeting or take any action on behalf of the parish. RP agreed to check with the Borough Council whether he is permitted to disclose information on the register to a Parish Councillor.  **Clerk’s correspondence**  *Town and Parish Forum:* MJ will be attending the event on 4th March 2021.  *Census Day:* This event will take place on 21st March 2021. All parishioners will receive a letter in the post which will explain the options.  *Local elections:* County Council elections will take place on 6th May 2021. AB said he would not be seeking re-election.  On the same day elections for the Police Commissioner will take place.  **Finance**  *Financial update:* Refer to Appendix A.  **Planning and Development Matters**  *New applications:*  Hawthorns, Kingston Fields. The residents have applied for construction of a single storey rear extension. MJ has replied that the Parish Council has no objection to the proposal.  *On-going applications.*  Energy Recovery Facility. There has been no change since the previous of the Parish Council meeting on 5th January 2021 regarding this proposal.  *Other developments:*  Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. The Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership has been made aware of a technical issue. A small number of comments sent by email were blocked by security software and not received. This issue only relates to comments sent to the ‘[contact@gnplan.org.uk](mailto:contact@gnplan.org.uk)’ email address. Comments submitted directly online using our consultation system or sent by post were not affected. The technical issue has now been resolved but in order to ensure that all comments on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Growth Options document are received, the consultation period has been extended for an additional six weeks. **The deadline for comments is Wednesday 24th March 2021.**  Ratcliffe on Soar. A nuclear fusion reactor could be built on the site of a coal power station in Nottinghamshire. The government is seeking sites to build what it said would be the UK's, and potentially the world's, first prototype commercial reactor. Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station, which is due to be decommissioned, is set to be put forward.  **Traffic**  *Flood warning signs and barriers:* SD reported that there have been instances of flooding on Kegworth Road, resulting in temporary closure. A road closure sign had been erected by the railway bridge. MJ offered to contact the County Council whether it can provide signs and barriers for the Parish Council.  *New Kingston crossroads:* WM reported that her proposal to make traffic, approaching along West Leake Lane, stop at the junction, rather than give way, has been turned down by the County Council.  She also stated that the white lines at the junction are fading and need repainting.  It was agreed that accidents at the crossroads should be logged.  **Village Hall and car park**  *Village hall:* NE reported that hot water is now available. Also, the architect is completing the planning application and grants are being sought towards the refurbishment.  *Car Park:*  MJ reported that the salt store has been re-roofed.  **Environment**  *Trees on The Green:* Work is in progress to remove three trees. All parishioners have been invited to comment on what they would like The Green to look like. Comments to be received by Councillors or the Parish Clerk not later than 7th March.  **Community events**  *Beer festival:* If the government’s road map to recovery from the covid-19 restrictions keeps to its proposed timetable then a Beer Festival in September will go ahead.  *Community Arts Project:* Live and Local has contacted NE about an opportunity to take part in a free arts project. They pair the community with professional artists, who might be singer/songwriters, a band, a poet, a theatre company or storyteller. The artists will hold conversations with members of their paired community, and this will be used in the creation of a short work. This might be a series of songs, a book of poetry, a storytelling piece, or a physical artwork which is then shared with the community. Whatever the type of work, the intention is for it to involve different members of your community and then be shared as widely as possible. The aim is to enable you to offer a high-quality arts activity for people to enjoy and participate in, but without any in-person aspect. NE agreed to show an interest in this project.  *Marquee hire:* MJ reported that the trailer needs replacing with a sturdier type. He offered to investigate this and obtain prices.  *Beacon:* MJ said he would look for suitable vehicle and volunteers to lower the beacon to the ground.  **Village Plan**  A questionnaire has been circulated to all residents and the replies are being analysed.  **Parish web site**  GA and RP regularly update the website.  **Parish newsletter**  DF will prepare the newsletter for RP to undertake the printing and stapling.  **Any other business**  *Sand bags for vulnerable properties:* SD recommended that a supply of sand bags and sand should be purchased. The quantities together with location needs to be considered. He offered to investigate who could supply them and the cost. MJ accepted that this needs to be considered.  *Parish Clerk:* RP declared that he wished to retire as Parish Clerk at the end of the current financial year, 31st March 2021. MJ said he would seek advice from the Borough Council.  *Faster broadband:* Provided sufficient people in the village, Kingston Hall and the estate pledge their support by the 31st March 2021, then superfast broadband should go ahead. New Kingston and Kingston Fields will have to wait.  The meeting closed at 9.00 pm  **The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 4th May 2021** | RP  MJ  GA  MJ  WM  NE  NE  NE  MJ  MJ  GA  GA/  RP  DF/  RP  SD  MJ  NE |

Appendix A

Financial up-date

HSBC main a/c

Transactions since the previous meeting on 5th January 2021 were as follows:

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| Details | Dates | Receipts | Payments |
| SLCC subscription | 8th January 2021 |  | 67.00 |
| CPRE subscription | 12th January 2021 |  | 36.00 |
| ALCC subscription | 25th January 2021 |  | 40.00 |
| Toner for printer | 25th January 2021 |  | 32.99 |
|  | Total |  | £175.99 |

The balance is now £5195.35.

HSBC community events a/c

There have been no transactions since the previous meeting on 5th January 2021, so the balance remains at £3014.69.

Co-op Bank Car park maintenance a/c

There have been no transactions since the previous meeting on 5th January 2021, so the balance remains at £243.46.

National Savings Investment a/c

Interest amounting to £8.37 was credited to the account on 1st January 2021, so

the balance is now £1171.08.