**KINGSTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of virtual meeting held on**

**Tuesday 4th August 2020 at 7.00 pm**

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