

KINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

Consisting of the Parish and Town Councils

Kington Town Council

**Kington Rural and
Lower Harpton Parish Council**

Huntington Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on 14th April 2015 in The Old Police Station, Kington

Present: M. Fitton (Chair)

R. Bradbury, R. Cotterill, R. Widdowson (Kington Town

J. Jones, E. Rolls (Kington Rural)

In Attendance: I. Caney, A. Rush

Apologies for Absence: C. Kibblewhite, S. Williams, M. Lloyd

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2015

Agreed Correct

Matters arising from the Minutes

Core Strategy: MF reported that major amendments had been published with a 6 week consultation period. The target number of dwellings for Kington Town (200) remains but the statements indicate more flexibility and a recognition that the target might not be completely met.

It appears that the permitted number for Hergest has been raised.

RW pointed out that a recent statement by the Minister suggested that some of the policies determining the standards of new houses would require a much lower standard than hitherto, and that both Neighbourhood plans and local Authorities will have less control over locations for developments.

MF suggested it would be necessary to clarify the position with Herefordshire Council.

Finance.

MF presented the account for the expenditure of the grant from Locality that had been closed at the end of 2014. The account is overspent by £29.69 which is a sum now owed to KTC.

Further funding is being applied for from Locality, maximum permitted is £8,000 which must be spent within 6 months. MF reported that advice given is that money should be spent on consultants (landscape specialist, townscape specialist and some further work on the 'green spaces').

Other source of grant (Lottery Awards for All) which some groups have applied for cannot be used to pay for specialist help, must be used for community engagements training etc.

Kington Rural and Lower Harpton.

The questionnaire had been completed by 58 persons and a preliminary set of results have been produced from the responses that can be presented in bar charts or percentages.

Analysis of responses to 'open' questions will be produced before the next meeting.

It was noted that there had been a reasonable geographical spread of respondents across the area.

Kington Town Housing Site Group

RB reported that the group had met and reviewed a number of sites in some detail, including several that one member had identified as possible for a small number. The next meeting to be held shortly will walk round some of the sites.

It was agreed that Angela Rush could join the group.

Lower Hergest and Hergest Camp.

MF reported that he and RB had met with officers from the Economic Development section of Herefordshire Council. The officers were supportive of the need to develop a plan for a higher use of the camp.

They agreed to investigate whether they could assist in improving the entrance to the Hatton Gardens estate and encourage a better take-up of any vacant sites.

J.J. agreed to try to organise a meeting of interested parties to discuss the future of Hergest camp and adjacent land.

Items for a future agenda: settlement boundary for Kington Town

Employment of specialist advisors /use of grant money

Hergest campsite/employment land.

Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that as the elections for Parish Councillors will be held on May 7th, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th June 2015.