

KINGTON AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

Consisting of the Paris and Town Councils

Kington Town Council

**Kington Rural and
Lower Harpton Parish Council**

Huntington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on 16th December 2014 in The Old Police Station, Kington

Present: M. Fitton (Chair)

J. Jones, E. Rolls (Kington Rural)

R. Bradbury, R. Cotterill, C. Kibblewhite, R. Widdowson (Kington Town)

Apologies for Absence: M.Lloyd (Huntington)

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2014

Agreed correct.

Matters arising from the Minutes: all covered by later items on the agenda.

Expenditure and budget to date.

MF reminded the meeting that £6,934 had been granted by Locality (10% withheld pending submission of a satisfactory report).to be spent by the end of December.

Approval had been given for some readjustment of spending priorities by requesting further work from Clare Rawlings.

After all invoices have been paid all the grant will have been used except for about £100.

MF is preparing the report that needs to be submitted on a proforma.

Further funding will be required in 2015 which it is hoped can be obtained from Locality, after April 1st and also from the Big Lottery. MF will prepare two bids and circulate the drafts. An application to the Lottery Fund can be made early in 2015.

It was noted that Kington Town Council has allocated £2,000 in the budget for 2015/2016 to be used as a nominal extra 'back-up' if there is a 'gap' in available funds.

Huntington Questionnaire.

A summary report has been prepared and the results will be posted on the website.

Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Questionnaire

A useful meeting had been held to amend a draft that had been produced by ES and JJ.

A second re-draft will be produced in early January; it is hoped a final version will be ready for distribution in late January.

It was agreed that distribution should be by post; discussion and decisions are needed on methods of ensuring a reasonable return rate, in addition to any returns via Survey Monkey.

J.J. raised issues concerning **Hergest Camp** and possibility of new housing in Hergest as indicated in the Core Strategy. It was agreed that a special meeting is needed to discuss Hergest Camp and its surrounding area and consider any suggested development proposals. JJ will try to contact key individuals.

Report on the 3 day November ‘Drop-in’ event in the Market Hall.

MF thanked all those who had helped. It was considered that, together with the article in the Kington Chronicle it had raised people’s awareness, engaged more people and prompted discussion and debate, mostly about sites for additional housing.

Comments left by visitors are being collated as far as possible; RB will send to MF to circulate round the group. It was **agreed** that the comments will be posted on the website.

Programme of work in 2015.

It was **agreed** that a programme should be constructed with the advice of Clare Rawlings, and that she be invited to attend the next meeting of the Group so that everyone can have the benefit of discussing issues with her.

Schedule of meetings in 2015.

It was **agreed** that meetings of the Group should be held on the **second Tuesday each month**; if there is little business meetings will be cancelled.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.30 in Kington.

Members please note that Clare Rawlings will be present at the meeting so it will be useful if she can meet with everyone on the Committee present to discuss the future programme of work.