



Kingston must retain its character as a Living country village

Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Task Group (NPTG) held on May 7th 2020. As a consequence of the continuing Covid 19 restrictions imposed by HM Government, the meeting was conducted by Zoom in accordance with Kingston Parish Council process.

1. Present, apologies and declarations of interest.

Alan Coleman-Smith; Richard Dalley; Don Kelly; Rae Musk. There were no apologies for absence and no new declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

This section was specific to the continuing process of finalisation of the draft Kingston Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan for submission at Regulation 15 stage. A final review by NPTG was taken of the draft Plan to date, in preparation for submission to South Hams District Council Neighbourhood Plan adviser. NPTG decided to reiterate the following, which was included in the March 2020 minutes:-

Regulations linked to the Coronavirus Act 2020 mean that no elections or referendums can take place until 6 May 2021. This includes neighbourhood planning referendums. These provisions will be kept under review and may be amended or revoked in response to changing circumstances.

• The measures will mean that some neighbourhood plans will come into force later than they would have done.

• We understand this will be frustrating for communities that have dedicated significant time and effort to the neighbourhood planning process and naturally want their plans to come into force as soon as possible.

• With this in mind, we have updated current planning guidance to set out that neighbourhood plans awaiting referendums can be given significant weight in decision-making.

Any other business

Recognition of the individual contributions made by the members of NPTG and the support from the Parish Council.

Rae to assist Dick in sorting evidence passed on by Judy Alloway.

Date of and arrangements for next meeting

11 June 2020 subject to any overriding new restrictions arising from the pandemic constraints. As it is impractical for people, other than NPTG members, to join future Zoom meetings of NPTG, the minutes will be posted on the NPTG Website and KPC notice board next to the village bus stop.