

KINGSTON SEYMOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Kingston Seymour Parish Council held on
Monday 21st October 2024 at 19.45
At the Kingston Seymour Village Hall, Ham Lane, Kingston Seymour

Councillors Present:

Mike Sewell (MS) Chairman
Andy Gillam (AG)

Richard Barber (RB) Vice Chairman
Susie Humphries (SH)

Paul Cox (PC)

In attendance:

Steve Dixon (SD) Clerk & RFO

Action Group Principals

22 Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Bartlett and Malton and from District Councillors Bridger and Griggs

2. To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

3. EDF Saltmarsh Proposal

MS reflected on the meeting on the 14th October and on the progress made with the other three communities that were also under threat. A joint statement is expected to be issued shortly.

Those who had been present on the 14th noted how interest had waned when the fish deterrent was being discussed in detail but it was also recognized how important this deterrent was within the overall piece. The BBC intend to visit the village in the next few days and they are particularly interested in the individual stories of those who live and work in the threatened areas. The hedgerow schemes that HP had funded have a maintenance obligation until 2027 but some are threatened by the proposed incursion.

3.1 Parish Council Position

For formal noting, it was proposed by AG, seconded by PC and supported unanimously that the Kingston Seymour Parish Council is against the EDF proposals.

3.2 Action Plan

The newly formed action group reported that they had made much progress reaching out to the media and had started a Facebook group "*Stop EDF Proposal*" which had enjoyed a large take up and already had over 1,500 members. 3,500 people had signed the online petition.

A large number of initiatives had been started, including asking the Country Landowners' Association and a barrister to study the legal powers that EDF actually have and, to start looking at legal defences such as the status of the SSSIs on our shoreline. Political lobbying had started, and the BBC is scheduled to visit the area on Thursday. MS reported that the four affected parishes are working on a joint statement and that our MPs are meeting with the EA this week.

A range of actions are being planned and the action group will be appealing for help and support through Facebook shortly. Several workstreams are being followed up and new comments and suggestions from the floor at the meeting will be taken on board.

RB and SH volunteered to join the action group as the Parish Council representatives.

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In closing the meeting, MS thanked the members of the action group for the work that had been done and looked forward to the parish council and the action group working together to remove this threat to our parish and to our way of life.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.45.

Steve Dixon

Steve Dixon,

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer,

28th October 2024