



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 08/17
held at 7.30pm on Monday 21st August 2017 in the Village Club

- OM 08/17** **Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer J.
- 08/17.1** **Apologies:** Sawyer F. BCllr Ken Rhatigan.
- 08/17.2** **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 08/17.3** **Minutes:**
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 31st July 2017 were accepted and signed.
3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 14th August 2017 were accepted with one amendment and signed.
- 08/17.4** **Matters arising:** None.
- 08/17.5** **Chairman's Remarks:**
i) SA and JS attended a meeting at BDBC with Elaine Walters to discuss the Conservation Area review. Elaine had been extremely helpful and was thanked for the excellent work she had done for the review.
ii) The PC will be hosting a stand with the Neighbourhood Plan at the Village Fete next week – please visit us, your opinions are welcome.
iii) A reminder that the WW1 Commemoration Meeting to discuss ideas for the celebration event(s) will be at the Methodist Church Hall on 12th September, 7:30pm. Please come along with any ideas.
- 08/17.6** **Project Plans and Priorities:** Documentation was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs were invited to look though for any corrections and omissions. Further identified projects to add – Brown signs; Village Directory; Refurbishment of Rec Playarea; New Equipment for Rec Playarea and Dog Problems.
There was a discussion over whether some of the items were issues or projects and whether or not certain items should be included here or in a different document. The purpose of this document is to identify needs for the budget – we know the essentials but need to prepare for additional expenditure. It was noted that items included in this document will not fix all the problems identified in the village eg potholes and broken signs which the Lengthsman budget cannot completely cover. Concerns were raised that the council is in danger of expanding works beyond our competency and exceed our remit. There is a risk of needing to increase staff and precept. It was noted that the lack of action from BDBC and HCC which is increasing the issues raised by parishioners to the PC is a direct result of underfunding from central government. Rectifying some issues will require lobbying of government and we need to continue to work in partnership with our Borough and County Councillors. Updates to the plan were discussed as follows:-
i) Village of the Year – Hold a public meeting in the autumn;
ii) WW1 Centenary – No update;
iii) Improvements to the Holding Field – See separate project plan;
iv) Neighbourhood Plan – Complete redraft to submit by end of 2017 – Remove referendum statement as that is a BDBC matter;
v) Parking and Traffic – No update;
vi) Churchyard and Malthouse Open Space – Lead Cllr NP – NP and VF to develop the brief and submit amendments to the management plan to BDBC.
vii) Recycling – No update;
viii) Square Improvements – Include Tree Application – 17 items/defects have been identified for other authorities which IB and CM will document;
ix) Love Lane Footpath – Definition, Scope and Specification almost complete for sending to HCC;
x) War Memorial Restoration – No Update;
xi) Community Orchard – 3 year project to complete Summer 2020 – NP researching grant funding.
JS will map out additional items. Document to be reviewed and prioritised at GP meeting. Although many of the items identified will run in harmony and have been dispersed across Cllrs it is essential priorities are agreed for funding and administration. The workload is increasing for the Clerk and an Assistant Clerk may be required if this continues. Residents could help by logging calls with authorities direct and this may need communicating.
- 08/17.7** **Festive Lights Connection – SSE Installation of New Supply Post £1249.38:** Item agreed at GP and referred to OM. For the benefit of the public audience IB explained we are no longer allowed to connect tree lights to a lamppost. Various options have been investigated and the pillar connection was agreed as the best option. HCC are tied to SSE contractors who provided the quote.
Resolved: Installation to be arranged (subject to PCC approval)
The post will be live all the time but will be locked. It was suggested the Business Connect group be contacted for potential sponsorship of lights along Swan Street.

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Hampshire Police and Crime Panel’s Proactive Scrutiny of ‘The Impact of Traffic Related Crime and Nuisance within Communities’: A link to the questions raised in this consultation was circulated prior to the meeting.

Response to speeding is poor – it is rife throughout the village along with mobile phone use. Patrol cars have been witnessed in the village observing but with no impact or action. Speeding has been identified in the Neighbourhood Plan and the council have started a project on Traffic and Parking as residents are very concerned.

It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders at 20:28 to enable the Speedwatch Coordinator to speak:

The team have been out 3 times recently and outings are limited due to struggling resources – more volunteers are required. 10 minutes after starting everyone knows where the team are deployed but the team stay in location for an hour. As soon as the team pack up, normal traffic habits return. The team are very grateful for the support they receive from our PCSO and are concerned what will happen when she moves on. Information is submitted and statistics are returned – details are minimal but include numbers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd time offenders. Cllrs asked in the static sign in Ashford Hill collected stats for evidence but this is not known. Old Basing Parish is very successful getting results from the Police but they have sufficient volunteers to be able to deploy a team 3 times a week. The speedwatch team collect the VRN, speed and location to submit and typically 8 out of ten records are successfully translated to the statistics. 1st and 2nd time offenders get a letter, 3rd time offenders are visited by the Police. To get a conviction the Police need to operate a speed trap. Cllrs asked what the trigger is to get a speed trap, Hook regularly have one but this is not known. Traffic and Parking will be an item for the Fete so residents will be able to comment.

It was resolved to resume Standing Orders at 20:36

Cllrs agreed we need to draft a written response rather than complete the suggested form. IB will assist the clerk with this.

IB
/Clerk

08/17.9

Holding Field Developing a Plan: Documentation presented for GP and re-circulated prior to the meeting. CM highlighted the importance of the plan to ensure this large area of open space is preserved and any development avoids cluttering the field. Cllrs have emailed comments which will be consolidated into the working document, further feedback is still welcomed. CM will update the document and prepare for a display at the Fete. The Chairman congratulated CM on the thoroughness and clarity of the document.

CM

08/17.10

Collaboration with Neighbouring Parishes – Newtown Road HWRC (West Berks): The Chairman had circulated an email prior to the meeting. The email contained proposed letter to Cllr Rob Humby, Executive Member for Environment and Transport, HCC but concerns were raised over a suggestion in the letter involving an increase in council tax. Cllrs were happy for the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of the council providing this statement is removed. It was accepted that the council tax may rise for this service but did not want it put forward as a suggestion.

JS

Recess

Standing Orders were suspended at 20:46:

MG, IP and DS – Concern is raised over parking in Basingstoke Road which is causing problems for residents who are then unable to park outside their own homes. The road is being used to park cars from other residential streets and The George and Horn. Speeding cars are also causing problems and are nearly clipping wing mirrors of parked vehicles when passing. Cars parked further up Basingstoke Road are causing visibility issues so motorists pulling out of side roads cannot see until they are in the middle of the road which is particularly dangerous with speeding vehicles. It is an accident waiting to happen.

The chairman advised that the council would inform HCC Highways as we have no authority over the highways and no power to act. A possible solution is to look at double yellow lines near side roads to prevent parking on the corners. The issues highlighted could be included in the Holding Field Plan.

Clerk /
CM

MG – Is there not a covenant on the Holding Field preventing building on it? Yes, the family will be consulted but no building is suggested only development of the sporting and leisure facilities. The HF plans will also be subject to public consultation.

TS – What is the situation with the Youth Club money? Are they contributing to the Skate Ramp? Could they be invited to the Fete? The Chairman advised that the council are not in a position to invite the YC Trustees to the Fete but some Trustees had been present at the youth meetings held in June when the Skate Ramp proposal was first raised. The YC Trustees are still planning a Youth Centre but should a Skate Ramp be installed they would be willing to investigate funding a shelter for the site.

What is happening with the Youth Club – information is not being communicated?



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RP advised he would be at the Fete and would be willing to answer questions there.
AD – The Allotment Picnic went very well and it was lovely to see so many young children there. The volunteers should be congratulated and thanked.

Clerk

Back to Standing Orders 21:03.

The Chairman had to leave the meeting. It was **resolved** that Cllr MF, Vice Chairman would chair the remainder of the meeting.

08/17.11

Update on Neighbourhood Plan: A meeting was attended by JS and SA with BDBC officers Elaine Walters and Vashti Gooding which was very helpful. We still await a reply from BDBC about Green Spaces including information about the ownership of Pound Green. BDBC have provided some revised maps. Elaine has provided some information about estate agent boards but inappropriate advertising has not yet been addressed. In the past there has been some inappropriate wooden fencing erected which is mentioned in the first draft of the CA review – SA will go back to BDBC for more information on this. Article 4 – BDBC have advised that it would only apply to the non-listed properties of which there are few and appear reluctant to apply this. Do we really want to pursue this? Cllrs agreed that the non-listed properties directly affect the CA and the listed properties that are there so their contribution to the street scene is equally as important therefore yes an Article 4 designation is requested. The Tower Hill Residents Association sent a representative to the last NP meeting. The association have now confirmed they would like their green areas included as Green Spaces in the NP and this will be taken to the next meeting. The NP group are now re-drafting for submission to BDBC. Cllrs agreed for some index map searches for Pound Green.

NP

Resolved – Cllr NP permitted to spend up to £10

08/17.12

County Councillor: No report

08/17.13

Borough Councillor: DS – August is a quiet month in the borough so not much to report. Permits for the HWRC in Newtown Road, Newbury are still being pursued. Negotiations for funding for The Fieldgate are ongoing with the portfolio holder. The Manydown development is down to 3 preferred bids and a decision should be made in October.

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Rolling List: No Updates

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Planning Applications:

15.1 T/00312/17/TCA – 1 Byfields Road – No objections

15.2 17/02612/FUL – Field House, Ecchinswell Road – No objections on the condition that floodlights are not installed.

08/17.16

Clerks Report:

16.1 Grant Application from Kingsclere Heritage Association for £50 towards archiving – approved providing that the correct application form is completed and the last years accounts are submitted.

Resolved – Grant KHA £50

16.2 LCR Subscription Renewal (NALC Magazine) - £17 – the clerk informed Cllrs that there is little time for the magazine to be read properly. It is flicked through and in the last year there has only been one article that was referred to Cllrs for information. Anything important is always sent through separately by email and the magazine is not required only supplementary. It was **resolved** not to renew this year.

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Approval of Income and Expenditure: The accounts for August were agreed and signed.

08/17.19

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th September 2017, 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 21:18

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....