

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting GP 01/17 of
Kingsclere Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Monday 9th January 2017 in the Village Club**



- GP01/17 Present Committee Members:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; N Peach; Price; J Sawyer. Clerk: L Porton.
- 01/17.1 Apologies:** None
- 01/17.2 Declaration of Interest:** Bowes, Peach and Price – 01/17.7 Allotment Holders
- 01/17.3 Matters arising from Minutes of GP Meeting 14th November 2016:**
08/16.6 SINC Signs – CM has completed the design and will refer to St.Mary’s PCC for approval. **CM**
- 01/17.4 Risk Assessments:** All done but some paperwork still to be returned to Clerk. Clerk to complete the list of actions required for next meeting. **Clerk**
- 01/17.5 Recreation Ground Play Area and Grant Funding:** Various quotes have been obtained which are all rather high. IB has looked into purchasing the required new parts for the swing and child safe paint for the slide. Wet Pour repair kits are also available for the surfaces including the gaps between the tiles. One fence post on the internal safety fence needs replacing and a new buffer for the entrance gate. Cost of proposal £807.60 so grant funding would not be required. IB
Clerk to check store room for wet pour repair kit as one had been previously purchased a few years ago.
During the process it has been noted that the access to this play area is not ideal especially for pushchairs and wheelchairs and hence the complete replacement project is to be delayed whilst other opportunities are investigated as an alternative location for a play area.
- Resolved – Refer to OM**
- 01/17.6 Churchyard:**
- 6.1 War Memorial Repairs – Clerk is in contact with English Heritage which is very helpful. More photo’s are required for their assessment but they have provided a list of stonemasons to approach for quotes. Clerk to put a notice in The Tower to inform residents that repairs are required which may involve dismantling the top section. **Clerk**
- 6.2 Pollarding Lime Trees – permission has been granted from BDBC for the pollarding of all 34 trees and is valid for 2 years. A quote has been sought from Scofell to pollard 27 trees for £1291.50+vat but the Clerk has checked the area and we only need 24 to be done this year.
- Resolved – Refer to OM**
- 6.3 Malthouse Hedge – The quote to reduce the height of the hedge had increased to £1291.50+vat (previous quote of £1230.00 was out of date). IB, CM, NP and Clerk met at the MHOS on 11-Dec-2016 to review the area following recommendations suggested by a resident. It was agreed the hedge could be removed leaving the pollarded trees as the boundary marker. St.Mary’s PCC have written to confirm their support for the improvements. Clerk to request a quote to clear everything except the trees and consult with BDBC. **Clerk**
- Resolved – Clerk to obtain quote for removal and refer to OM**
- 6.4 Anti-Social Behaviour and Litter – there are litter bins and the litter warden patrols the area once a week. The opening up of the space by removing the MHOS hedge will make the area more visible and less attractive to those involved with Anti-Social behaviour.
- 6.5 Benches – request received to remove or move the bench in the corner of the Churchyard by the MHOS hedge with reference to 6.4 above. It is felt that amenities should not be removed – the use of the bench (which is concreted in) may improve when the hedge is removed.
- 01/17.7 Allotments:**
- 7.1 Willow Stump Treatment – The quote to bring down the stump down to ground and treat it with SBK to stop future growth is £115.50+vat. **Resolved – Willow Stump to be treated**
- 7.2 Plot Markers – These have previously been supplied by the Parish Council and are now the responsibility of the plot holders – rules and regulations to be updated to reflect this. If any plot holders have not received a marker (ie if they were missed when last allocated) please request one from the clerk.
- 7.3 Community Orchard – A resident has queried if the orchard is open to all residents or just allotment holders. As the allotment site is for plot holders only the current Community Orchard can only be available to plot holders. NP is working on **NP**

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plans to create a Community Orchard in the Pony Paddock though which will be open to all residents. NP will work on a feasibility study, recommending 5 or 6 varieties of trees which residents may sponsor. The trees will be planted near the perimeter of the paddock to allow for the central area to remain an open space for the community to enjoy.

7.4 Review of Rules and Regulation - The Allotment group request an update to the rules and regulations to stop vehicles driving to plots from November to March (mirroring when the Mowing has ceased for winter) to protect the pathways. It is noted that some of the problem vehicles are not plot holders. It was preferred for the rules not to be changed at this time but to ensure a clear sign is visible on the gate requesting vehicles do not drive to unload at plots when the ground is wet.

01/17.8 Holding Field:

8.1 Clearing out under of debris under the Basingstoke Road Hedge – The debris from the hedge is encroaching out over the pavement and needs to be cleared. There was discussion as to whether Highways were responsible or if Highways would refer back to the hedge owner. The quote to clear is £288.75+vat.

Resolved – refer to OM

8.2 Dragons Teeth – the bollards between the field and the parking area are rotten and need replacing. It was discussed whether they could be replaced with a fence but like for like is preferred – clerk to obtain quotes for next meeting.

Clerk

01/17.9 Christmas Lights:

HCC are running an event for parishes which IB will be attending in March. Item deferred until after the event.

01/17.10 Cemetery:

10.1 Memorial Bench Request – **Approved**

10.2 Memorial Risk Assessments – The Clerk and Arthur Rampton are trained for testing Memorials – all Memorials need testing this year. Clerk estimates a whole day will be needed.

Clerk

Resolved – Clerk to request assistance from A.Rampton to test Memorials

01/17.11

Defibrillator Signage: A new sign is required to be attached on the wall by the defibrillator at the fire station. Clerk has written to HFRS for permission, Janet Bond has an example of a similar sign.

01/17.12

Pop-Up Skate Park: Clerk had circulated information from an article in the LCR magazine prior to the meeting. The equipment pictured seemed rather expensive to hire but should be offered to the Youth Club to consider.

01/17.13

Planning Applications:

13.1 T/00005/17/TCA – 9 Newbury Road – noted that the tree had not been fully inspected but no objections providing the tree wardens approve.

01/17.14

Rolling List: Spring bulbs planted; Bus shelter and Jubilee lamp have not yet been cleaned – clerk to chase; NP and Clerk will fit tree grills – clerk to order; Clerk still needs to check measurement of tree seat to ensure it will fit.

01/17.15

Date of next GP Meeting: 13th February 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....