



## Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 06/17

held at 7.30pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Village Club

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### ACTION

- OM 06/17** **Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer J.  
**06/17.1** **Apologies:** Cllrs: Farey; Sawyer F; C.Cllr Tom Thacker; B.Cllr Don Sherlock.  
**06/17.2** **Declarations of Interest:** 06/17.17.3 SA – Used to be employed by applicant.  
It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders so that the young people in attendance could speak **Standing Orders Suspended at 19:34:**  
A presentation was made by Max Preston, on behalf of the young people, requesting the Parish Council consider their proposal for a Skate Ramp. The group have spoken to residents and attended meetings at The Fieldgate Centre. They have started a petition in support and have over 400 signatures so far. The Holding Field is the preferred site at present due to its central location and ease of access for emergency vehicles. An initial quote has been sought for one ½ pipe priced at £30K. The group are looking into fundraising opportunities and have been offered a stall at the Twist Run. Offers of sponsorship have been made by some members of the public. Grants will be looked into.  
Cllrs question - Is it big enough? – Yes can fit up to 12 on the platforms and turns would be taken; Can it take scooters and bikes as well as the usual skateboards? – Yes.  
Cllrs expressed the project needs to be sustainable long term and as it will be put in place permanently, the site and the location on site need careful consideration – there are other projects being looked into for the Holding Field.  
Alan Denness has been working with the young people and is offering to help with sourcing additional quotes. An offer has been received from a resident to install the required base at cost.  
Other Skate Parks have been looked at, although larger than the ½ pipe proposed the system is modular and could be added to. Some of the young people have visited Chineham. Kintbury have a large Skate Park, Hook's is much smaller and more in line with what Kingsclere could manage.  
**Standing Orders Resumed at 19:47:** It was resolved to take item 5 next.  
**06/17.5** **Receipt of Petition:** The Chairman acknowledged receipt of the petition raised and expressed how well the young people had managed the project so far. The Youth Club Trustees have offered the provision of a Youth Shelter (Chat Shack) if the ramp goes ahead. Item to be deferred to the General Purposes Committee for investigation into funds and other possibilities.  
**06/17.3** **Minutes:**  
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 were accepted and signed.  
3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were accepted and signed.  
3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were accepted and signed.  
**06/17.4** **Matters arising:** None  
**06/17.6** **Chairman's Remarks:**  
i) Meetings at the Fieldgate on 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June were held to discuss projects for the young people including the Youth Club, Youth Football, the Skate Ramp as well as other LIF applicants (Busy Bees). At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting the petition was presented which has now been brought to this meeting. The group requesting a skate ramp had also brought along a "brain storm" chart detailing their ideas.  
ii) Clerk and Chair attended the Parish Conference at BDBC. Presentations included:- Waste Management and a possible move to fortnightly collections, decision to be made on new contract in autumn this year; Electoral Review of Borough Cllrs wards with the aim to bring electorate to within a 10% margin, one ward is currently calculated at 40% above average; Horizon 2050, a look into the future by Clive Sanders.  
iii) The Community Library held their AGM this month and they are doing extremely well. However, the future of the booking in and out machine/computer may be a major obstacle in the future sustainability – HCC have expressed an unwillingness to pay for upgrades in the Community Libraries and the cost is beyond the means of our group. Something to watch.  
iv) Organisations in the village are reminded to submit reports for inclusion in the Annual Report to the Clerk by mid-July.  
**06/17.7** **Annual Return:** Papers circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.  
**7.1 Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2016/17**  
**Resolved** – Annual Return accepted and signed.  
**7.2 Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2016/17**  
**Resolved** – Annual Return accepted and signed.



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**06/17.8 Registering Green Spaces:** The NPG has been looking at designating green spaces. Land Registry do not have an owner listed for Pound Green so BDBC has been asked if it is the owner as they maintain it. If not owned by BDBC the PC could apply for ownership. NP can look into this but warned the easiest way to lay a claim is by way of maintaining the space so BDBC may be better placed to do this. The land may then be transferred to the PC.

Land which is owned by the PC is not a problem designating but as landowner permission is required, BDBC land is more difficult. The Fieldgate playing fields, strip of land adjacent to the Holding Field, the strip of land behind Wellmans Meadow, the Malthouse Open Space and 3 play areas are owned by BDBC. BDBC is reluctant to place any future limitations on their land. Other NP's have managed with support of their members so SA offered to write to KR. The boroughs strategy on this is a bit adhoc, the pony paddock and the land adjacent to Kevin Close are both listed as Green Spaces but the Malthouse Open Space is not. The pony paddock has had some new houses built on though. Green Space designation offers the same protection as Green Belt. The Malthouse Open Space, the strip of land adjacent to the Holding Field and the strip of land behind Wellmans Meadow are the most important to press for. BDBC has told us that Kingsclere does not have enough green space which can be used as a case in point.

**Resolved** – NP to look into Land Registry and how to progress ownership of Pound Green.

NP

**Resolved** – SA to write to KR and attempt to move things forward with BDBC to agree Green Space designation.

SA

**06/17.9 Submission of BDBC CIL Revised Draft Charging Schedule and Statement of Modifications:** The main change to the document is to CIL rates for the Many Down development. The CIL rates for the outlying areas remains at £200. It was agreed that we should comment in a similar manner to that of the draft Planning Obligations, discussed at GP. IB to draft a response.

IB

**06/17.10 BDBC Call for Sites Consultaion:** BDBC are obliged to ask for sites but there is no guarantee those submitted will be selected for development. It was agreed the PC should offer the 3 sites identified in the emerging NP.

Clerk

**06/17.11 Kingsclere Postbox – Pillar Box in George Street:** Residents are keen that if the Pillar Box is decommissioned that it is retained within the village. Operationally the other post boxes in the village are all small boxes and therefore could the large pillar box replace one of these. Clerk to write again to Royal Mail with suggestions and check progress on previous log.

Clerk

**06/17.12 Remembrance Cross:** The War Memorial Cross will be retained after repairs and CM will liaise with the PCC about finding a suitable location within the Churchyard for it's placement. The monument is listed.

CM

**06/17.13 Update on the Neighbourhood Plan:** There has been some work on the Conservation Area Appraisal and the PC have been asked to submit views for the Article 4 designation. This has been requested for the "core" of the village – Swan Street, George Street and the 1<sup>st</sup> part of Newbury Road. The conditions requested are Replacement of windows & doors; Installation of solar panels on the roof; Installation of roof lights; The construction, demolition or alteration of a porch; The replacement of fascias, soffits or guttering; The construction or alteration of paving or other hard surface areas; External painting when changing the paint colour. The purpose is to maintain the street scene. This will mean that Planning Applications would be required for these changes but there will not be a charge.

SA and IB attended the Annual Meeting for NP's at the borough where there was a presentation from Bramley who have an adopted NP – their NP cost £35K with £27.5K being funded by themselves but they did use consultants heavily. IB commented that it is clear the NP will be an ongoing item as there will always be a risk we may be asked to provide more sites for development.

The issue of estate agent boards being left outside properties for months on end was discussed – as they are temporary signs planning permission is not required. Item to be discussed further at GP.

**06/17.14 County Councillor Report:** Apologies – no report.

**06/17.15 Borough Councillors Reports:**

LIF - KR and DS attended a meeting with Sue Washington at BDBC to discuss the LIF applications. There is £778,000 available for the whole borough and applications have been received for £1.95M with three more rounds left for requests. Kingsclere and



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Ashford Hill applications total £527K so we are not going to get everything. KR is working with portfolio holder John Isaac for funding for the Fieldgate as this is borough owned and therefore funding should not be necessary from LIF.

Trees at Coppice Road – KR has visited the residents concerned. Vivid housing have issued a formal notice of non-compliance – there should be a decision on this next week. There have been a number of complaints and the tenants did not have permission for the work. Vivid will try and improve the street scene.

Boundary Review – this ward may become a 3 member with Baughurst rather than splitting it up, to make the numbers work.

Green Spaces – KR supports this, particularly the Fieldgate. A full audit of the asset portfolio has been requested specifically for Kingsclere.

CIL – it is important to get this through, with a NP there will be more money for Kingsclere.

Waste Management – KR is opposed to the fortnightly collections as rural areas would suffer most, diminishing the quality of villages.

London Sewers – KR has visited the London Sewers, looking into river motion and quality of discharge. North Hampshire is privileged with quality rivers due to our chalk streams. This is part of a Worldwide monitoring exercise as chalk streams are so rare – we have 26 in Hampshire. (210 worldwide, 160 in England).

Qs. What is the value of the Fieldgate application? - £150K for the building, £85 for playing fields and MUGA. If funding is sourced from another pot at the borough the application will fall by the wayside – the building works are more likely to be funded from portfolio. There is currently no s106 fund for Kingsclere.

Land Audit – Could small pieces of land with no economic value could be submitted in one application to BDBC for Green Space designation? Yes – preferred.

Alternate Bin Collections – if a bin gets swallowed by the collection truck it is now replaced with 110L so capacity is being reduced dramatically for residents. Hart do have a stock of larger bins but they are difficult to get hold of. Fortnightly collections could be manageable with better recycling facilities – why do we need to go to HWRC's with so much recycling? – Household waste collection solutions will not be able to suit everyone. Packaging by suppliers is the real problem that needs to be addressed. There is no collection facility for tins at the Fieldgate recycling facility.

Chalk Streams – clerk to write to Southern Water and undertakers about riparian duties to keep the stream flowing. (Chairman to provide Clerk with SW contact).

Electoral Review – could some joined up approach be taken to speeding vehicles for example speed platforms as the problem will only get worse without action? – to agenda for July meeting.

### **Recess proposed at 20:54**

R.E. Watercress is the problem with the stream flow in the village up by SW and undertakers. What is a MUGA? – Multi Use Games Area.

D.T. One of the posts with chains in the Churchyard has been damaged, possibly by the contractors cutting the grass – do they inform us when damage occurs? – they don't always notice. Clerk to check with contractors – post will cost £4.50.

H.P. and H.H. – Applicants for the Catholic Church alterations – Neighbours have been contacted and the biggest concern is with traffic and parking. The college will be for 16-19 year olds mostly travelling by bus – those that do drive will have access to the parking in 24 Swan Street. The start time of the college is aimed to be sympathetic to rush hour with a 9:15/9:30 start. The application for longer hours, 7 days a week is to allow for occasional late rehearsals and the possibility of allowing adhoc hire should the need arise. The purpose is to have an open-door policy, not to compete with community buildings.

Q. Would the studio be used by students from JLD in the evening? – Unlikely and undesirable due to crossing of road.

Q. How will the parking work for the residential part? – the accommodation would always be used by someone working at the business, it is ancillary to the business.

Q. What is the height at the rear – it is not detailed in plans? – same as existing flat roof and fence panels are being discussed with neighbours with regards to height and type. It is intended the accommodation will become a separate title to the studio although they are one application at this stage. The Art College at the Church is a separate business to the existing school in 25 Swan Street.

Q. Has underground parking been considered or alternative parking down the side of the building? – No, residents are concerned there is too little space to accommodate additional vehicles.



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M.H. Remembrance Cross – what are the timescales for planning applications and will this interfere with Remembrance Sunday? – Very unlikely that work will commence this year, aiming for 2018 with the possibility of a rededication service.

Speedwatch – Thank you for new batteries. The team are trying to get out most weeks and reports of non-compliance are made to the county. New recruits are needed though and the PCSO is going to put a plea in The Tower. Cllrs are welcome to join the team 3-4pm on Friday. CM, as school liaison will try to encourage some parents to join as they are often complaining about speeding traffic.

### **Back to Standing Orders 21:16**

**06/17.16** **Rolling List:** No updates this month

### **06/17.17** **Planning Applications:**

17.1 17/00757/FSTRAD – Pitchorn Farm, Newbury Road – Street Trading Consent – no objections

17.2 17/01708/FUL – Land Adjoining 14 Ash Grove – application for an additional dwelling in the garden – no objections

17.3 17/01884/FUL – St Peter and St Paul Catholic Church, 25 Swan Street – application to convert church into two dance studios and a 4 bed dwelling at the rear. Cllrs welcome the proposal from a prestigious business showing great success. It is an iconic building which needs to be used to maintain its upkeep.

AP – Big building and we could have been looking at much worse proposals

CM – Want to support the business but parking is problematic – a Freehold development cannot apportion its parking commitment to a leasehold. The building is in a difficult position in the village and no tangible parking is a major problem.

AP – The same approach must apply to all buildings – It would if a planning application was submitted. Cars were not an issue at the time of building.

JS – It was built as the Albert Hall and later purchased by the Catholic Church.

NP – JLD are in a unique position with the existing parking in 24 Swan Street being available. If this is not approved then another developer is unlikely.

IB – Agree with CM comments but a Church could be there with parking issues. The residential property is causing the biggest problem with parking.

In Summary a freehold parking solution needs to be found. The council is mindful of other residents and being even handed with parking. Other properties are required to provide for parking and then pay council tax for the space and or garage. Some residents without parking at home have bought garages elsewhere in the village. The council do support the business and the retention of the street scene in the plans but object to the application on the grounds of lack of parking.

### **06/17.18** **Clerks Report:**

18.1 Grant request from Tadley CAB for £200

**Resolved** – Agreed to grant £200 to Tadley CAB.

18.2 Merchant Navy Day – Red Ensign: The council are asked to fly the Red Ensign – we have no flag pole so unable to take part. A resident has offered to fly the flag and can get one for £3.50. Clerk to put out information in The Tower

14.3 Thank you letter from Victim Support – Clerk informed Councillors that a letter of thanks had been received from Victim Support for their £100 grant.

14.4 Rural Communities Fund – grants available all year round for up to £5000.00, three deadlines for grants over £5000 – any community based project can apply. Parish Paths Group have been sent information – Clerk to include in next Tower submission.

**06/17.19** **Approval of Income and Expenditure:** The accounts for June were agreed and signed off.

**06/17.20** **Date of next meeting:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 21:45

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....