



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Committee Meeting

GP 01/18 held at 7.30pm on Monday 8th January 2018 in the Village Club

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OM 01/18	Present: Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Peach N; Sawyer J.	ACTION
01/18.1	Apologies: Mussett; Price.	
01/18.2	Declarations of Interest: 01/18.8 Allotments – IB; NP.	
01/18.3	Matters arising: 3.1 11/17.10.2 Allotments – Castle Water Invoice. Clerk has contacted Castle Water and when the telephone operator checked the account the invoice had already been cancelled. It was highlighted that the PSPO's item needed review, add to the agenda for the next meeting. Walkers are Welcome to be reviewed at the May meeting.	
01/18.4	HCC ROW Team Priority Cutting List for 2018: The team have requested a maximum of 5 paths to be submitted for the contractors to cut this year. Last year four paths were cut FP93, FP94, FP96, FP73. Maps were provided at the meeting for consultation. The Clerk is meeting with Emma Broadbent (from HCC ROW) and Peter Evans (Kingsclere Paths Warden) on 25 th January at 10am. It was agreed that the four paths from last year be requested again plus FP89.	Clerk
01/18.5	Tennis Club Lease: Nigel Baker, Tennis Club Chairman has inquired about extending the lease in view of grant funding being sought by the club for resurfacing and possible floodlighting. A brief discussion concluded that there could be an increase in ground rent as this would need to be reviewed for a new lease. HCC legal team would need to be instructed to draw up the lease. Nigel highlighted that the increase in the rent for 2017 was not included in the schedule of the current lease. This was an oversight, possibly the lease had been intended for 15 years and then increased to 25 and the additional increment years missed. The lease however does detail that we can request funding towards the Holding Field Car Park costs which could be expensive with current plans. Clerk to contact the Tennis Club.	Clerk
01/18.6	War Memorial: An application for a Professional Advice Grant has been sought from the War Memorial Trust following their request for a survey. Application submitted 22-Nov-2017 and acknowledged by the WMT on 06-Dec-2017. The process should take 3-4 weeks so the Clerk has chased the WMT today. Concern was raised over the length of time this is taking. The primary concern is whether the WMT would accept the survey and a grant approval would have confirmed this. It was approved that providing WMT agree that the survey and the surveyor providing the £300 quote is satisfactory that the council pay to speed things up. Clerk to try and contact the WMT to confirm this.	Clerk
01/18.7	Traffic and Parking Project:	
	7.1 Public Consultation – Shaping the Future of England's Strategic Roads - A new consultation for the Major Road Network has also now been released and both documents were circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to submit the comments circulated by email from IB. IB and SA attended a HCC Parish presentation which focused mainly on the strategic network. Manydown is the biggest housing development in Hampshire yet it became apparent that only the roads thorough middle of Basingstoke were reviewed for potential impact from this development. The A339 was not highlighted – this was raised and apparently no information had been submitted for this road although KPC had submitted letters last year. A meeting needs to be requested for the parishes in BDBC that skirt the A339 area. Clerk to contact HCC (Rob Humby) to arrange and then invite neighbouring PC's. The A34 was on the list of roads for future development.	Clerk
	7.2 Meeting with Steve Goodall from HCC – A meeting was held on 14-Dec-2017 with Steve Goodall, JS, MF, IB and the Clerk to discuss issues around Kingsclere. The key issue facing HCC Highways is a lack of funding. The Love Lane FP is on the list for improvements – Clerk to press for a date. The Parking and Traffic Project was reviewed and we were advised to prioritise the list. The 20MPH limits are now available (no longer a pilot scheme) and could be applied to the Conservation Area. Park House asked for the 30MPH limit to be moved out to where the 40MPH limit currently ends. Public consultation would be required for changing the speed limits. White gates at the entrance to the village could be installed but at our expense. It was agreed for all those included in the project but instead of outside Rose Hodson Court, those should be placed on the A339 where the 'Kingsclere' entrance sign is. Clerk to contact A. Norty at HCC.	Clerk
	7.3 Holding Field Carpark – It is noted that parents hang around on the playground in the morning when dropping off because children are not allowed to be left unsupervised on the playground. Further discussions with the school are required - CM to set up a meeting with Steve Wells (Head Teacher), a member of the PTA and Cllrs. Lorry parking – it was suggested we write a letter in the first instance to the individual but also to look at pricing for a head limit rail. Anchor road carpark, which is BDBC owned, is used as a park and ride for Basingstoke. Motorists from further afield are parking in the free carpark and catching the bus into Basingstoke as it is cheaper. Evidence needs to be gathered with the possibility of requesting a restriction of hours parking eg max 3 hours during 8am-6pm Mon-Fri. Arrange to monitor the carpark for a period of time to build a picture of its use, including the other parking bays in the square.	SA
01/18.8	Allotments: An allotment holder made a successful claim against the Parish Council in the Small Claims Court for damage to a Hazel hedge during the Spring Tidy Up in March 2017. It is regrettable that the allotment holder felt the need to make a claim and the council, keen to protect its many willing	



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volunteers, referred the claim to its insurers who along with their legal advisers advised that the claim should be defended. The legal costs and the compensation are covered by the council's insurers. As a result of this action the Allotment Rules and Regulations have been updated. The boundaries of Allotment Plots do wander as they are generally defined by grass verges – the judge did comment on the lack of precision to the boundaries when making his decision. Aerial photographs of the site have been taken by CM which could be marked up to define the boundaries more accurately and subsequently used in the Allotment Holder Agreements..
The AMG have set a date for the next Spring Clean - 24th March 2018, 10am – 4pm, a skip is requested – Clerk to find price and confirm.

Clerk

01/18.9 Highways Issues:

There are some large pot holes by The Crown at the entrance to Health Centre – Clerk to write to both.

Clerk

The hedge is still a problem on Newbury Road – Steve Goodhall confirmed HCC will cut this. The website is the best way to log calls with HCC Highways. If photographs are provided it saves time as all calls need photographs before they can be sent to the contractors. If not submitted at the time the HCC Officer needs to visit the site to obtain before the work can be instructed. Clerk to put details in The Tower.

The 40/50MPH sign on the A339 just past The Star has been pushed over and needs repair/replace. Lengthsman Service – Request the slabs along Ashford Hill Road are pushed back and any remaining funds used to clean road signs.

A skip has been on the grass in Longcroft Road for some time and needs removing – Clerk to investigate.

01/18.10 Rolling List:

10.1 Recreation Playground Equipment – The play equipment approved in July has been ordered; the benches acquired from Hook PC are being restored; safety matting for new equipment has been ordered; Clerk to request a quote for the foundations; a new bin is required for the Play Area.

10.2 The Square – After bulbs flowered in the larger bed some will need lifting; the weed membrane may need replacing and some more gravel may be required. The bulbs in the smaller bed may need de-clumping and bed needs thorough weed. It was suggested the daffodils growing under the roses should be cut back in spring before flowering.

10.3 Malthouse Open Space – The grading of the bank was approved at November OM – CM is confirming with PCC any arrangements. IB and Clerk are meeting with the contractor on Wednesday (10th) to finalise arrangements. NP to plant bluebells in the green on the pond side of the path but nettles need clearing. BDBC to be contacted to confirm the change in mowing arrangements for the area. Still awaiting news from Vicky and the conservation expert on the pond management.

10.4 Community Orchard – First ¼ planted – NP is going to ask Tom Thacker for funding for another ½ (£500) leaving one ¼. Grants are being investigated for benches. CM to contact school for designing the sign for the area now. NP looking to purchase bark for mulching around base of trees.

10.5 Developing a Village Plan – IB drafted some objectives but document not discussed yet – to be re-issued.

10.6 Spring Bulbs – All planted. Some daffodils are growing in pots that can be used to fill gaps. Item can be closed.

01/18.11 Planning Applications:

11.1 17/04141/LDPO – 11 The Pellows – The permitted development application has been withdrawn as a planning application is required.

11.2 17/03584/FUL – Hannington Transmitting Station, Cottington Hill – No objections.

11.3 17/04115/FUL – Edgemoor Kennels, Little Knowl Hill – Objections – the land is not previously developed as it will be a new site if separated from the main property as detailed on the plans and therefore in contravention with BDBC Local Plan SS6

11.4 17/04073/HSE – 4 Keeps Mead – No Objections

11.5 17/04081/HSE – 1 Sandford Farm Cottages – No Objections

01/18.12 Date of next meeting: Monday 12th February 2018, 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 21:45

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....