

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting GP 09/16 of
Kingsclere Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Monday 14th November 2016 in the Village Club**



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Prior to the Meeting there was a presentation from Karen Green on the current status of the Youth Club

The YC reopened in the summer of 2016 having been closed for a year. The club is currently open to 8-13 year olds and has been advertised via Facebook, Posters and The Tower magazine. Take up was slow, so Youth Workers visited local schools during assemblies, which has improved numbers – now approximately 25 attendees. The older children have enjoyed a trip to Thorpe Park and the aim is to run an out of village trip monthly. Looking at a trip to the Zoo during the winter.

The key aim of the trustees is to secure further funding for the new building. Youth Shelters have been proposed but having looked at others in neighbouring communities it has been noted that many are covered in graffiti and therefore there is some resistance to the idea. The boys attending would really like a skate park and Alan Denness has been helping with this proposal but plans drawn so far would cost circa £70,000. The main difficulty is finding a suitable location – there is concern about the old Youth Club Land being too close to residents with regards to noise levels. It is noted that adults should not provide the facility but enable the young people to own this project in order to gain respect. Another consideration is outdoor gym facilities – dotted in various locations in order to create a trail walk/run between activities.

The Fieldgate Centre is still being considered as a location for the new building but the current group have outgrown the Atkinson Room so alternatives are being looked at as a temporary home. The trustees are looking at other YC's in the surrounding area for ideas and funding sources.

There needs to be a consolidated approach to developing the Fieldgate, it will not happen unless all groups using the centre are involved. The Parish Council could help facilitate this – Cllr Mussett to discuss with the PC rep Cllr Farey and perhaps set up a working party to move this forward. It is noted that the Youth Football are in negotiations over accommodating a Youth Football Pitch on the playing fields and may be interested in helping with the development of youth facilities at the centre. The young people are finding the walk up to the Fieldgate Centre to dark so improved lighting needs to be a consideration. As the centre carpark is used as an overflow for village parking there is value in also improving footpaths from the village.

Meeting started at 8:09pm

GP09/16 Present Committee Members: Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Mussett; Price; N Peach; J Sawyer. Clerk: L Porton.

09/16.1 Apologies: Farey.

09/16.2 Declaration of Interest: N Peach and Price – 09/16.6 Allotments

09/16.3 Matters arising from Minutes of GP Meeting 10th October 2016:

3.1 08/16.6 Churchyard SINC Signs – A request has been made to HBIC (Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre) but a reply has not been received. Cllr Mussett will look at designing our own sign for approval by the PCC.

09/16.4 Risk Assessments: Most have been returned, awaiting Malthouse Open Space, Dell Recreation Ground, Parish Paths and Cemetery.

09/16.5 5.1 War Memorial: Four stonemasons have been contacted, two are not interested, one has quoted for a superficial repair and we are still waiting to hear from one other. A more permanent solution would be preferable. Clerk to contact The National Trust, English Heritage and the Conservation Officer to see if they know of suitable companies to quote.

5.2 Littering: Two complaints have been received about littering in the Churchyard – the PCSO has been asked to patrol. There are plenty of bins and the Litter Warden visits at least weekly.

09/16.6 6.1 Allotments Path Reinstatement – The Allotment Management Group would like the path from the entrance gate along the left hand side of the site, adjacent to the fence bordering the footpath to be re-instated. At the moment some plot holders have incorporated this area into their plot by installing compost bins and propping various items against the fence. To facilitate this, if the council are in agreement the group would like to schedule a working day at the allotment.

Resolved – Allotment Management Group to re-instate path

6.2 Vandalism at Allotments – Reports have been received of a number of acts of vandalism at the allotment site. The best security is everyone looking out for each other and reporting incidents. Clerk to include a letter with the renewal agreements in December about ensuring all thefts and acts of vandalism are reported.

09/16.7 Christmas Lights: Additional tree lights were suggested for the Lime Trees bordering the Churchyard and possibly some on the shop fronts or lamp posts along Swan Street. Permission may be required by HCC for lights on lamp posts and business should be encouraged to contribute to a consolidated plan of lights along Swan Street. Item to be

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added to the January Agenda for discussion for Christmas 2017.

Resolved - £250 to be spent on lights for the Lime Trees this year.

09/16.8 Recreation Ground Play Area and Grant Funding – The project has been live for three years now with no visible results. Quotes are now being sought to refurbish some equipment for example the swings and slide which should offset the cost of removal of old equipment. Proposals will be ready soon for some new pieces of equipment along with quotes for refurbishing some of what is already there already. Grant sources have been identified including Veolia, Greenham Common Trust, Awards for All and Tesco Bags Scheme. The work will be prioritised to enable some work to go ahead asap. A bench and litter bin have been identified as required in addition to the play equipment.

09/16.9 Planning Applications:

9.1 T/00434/16/TCA – Field Gate Foxs Lane – no objections.

9.2 16/03942/HSE – 61 South Road – no objections.

9.3 16/03863/HSE & 16/03864/LBC – Priory House 2 Newbury Road – no objections

09/16.10 Rolling List:

The Square – Quote received for cleaning the bus shelter and Jubilee Lamp. The quote included rubbing down the lamp and repainting the metalwork. Quote £320 agreed – refer to OM to approve.

09/16.11 Date of next GP Meeting: 9th January 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....