



**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting GP 04/17 of
Kingsclere Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Monday 10th April 2017 in the Village Club**

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- GP04/17 Present Committee Members:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; N Peach; Price; J Sawyer. Clerk: L Porton.
- 04/17.1 Apologies:** None
- 04/17.2 Declaration of Interest:** None
- 04/17.3 Matters arising from Minutes of GP Meeting 13th March 2017:**
- 3.1. 03/17.5 Cemetery – Damaged fence and boards have been removed
- 3.2. 07/17.6 Noticeboard Repairs – concrete spurs installed to support legs.
- 3.3. 07.17.7 Holding Field – Ranch fence, new gate and bollards installed. Verbal quote for handrail £130 – waiting for written quote.
- 3.4. 07.17.8 Bus Shelters – Newbury Road shelter roof tiles replaced.
- 3.5. 07.17.10 Defibrillator Sign - delivered, permission receive from HFRS, quote being sought for installation.
- 04/17.4 Parish Lengthsman Service:** A lengthy discussion around the legal responsibilities and the pros and cons perceived. There were concerns raised about liability under Health and Safety, Risk Assessments and what happens when the money runs out. The service is an incentive from HCC to enable parishes to do the work for the little jobs for example cleaning the road signs and some hedge trimming. Clerk to investigate:-
What happens when the budget runs out – will HCC pick up the rest or will we end up storing jobs until the next financial year?
Will HCC provide us with a list/record of assets and jobs to enable a priority list to be drawn up?
What happens about Liability under Health and Safety?
- 04/17.5 Malthouse Open Space – the next steps:** Contractors have grubbed out the roots of the hedge. The ground is uneven and needs levelling and some grass seeding.
Vicki has found contractors that specialise in ecological openspaces for public use. Vicki could write up a specification list of actions/wants for the council to look at and submit for quotes.
The PCC are very pleased with the work so far and are interested to know whats coming next.
Could the areas be joined up? CM to check with PCC about the wild flower meadow – to facilitate both the meadow and joining up of areas would a 15m wide mown strip leaving some of the new meadow area be the solution?
Grass cutting – schedule areas to be check to ensure the area of nettles is cut back.
Could the agreements with BDBC be tied in with the Neighbourhood plan? SA to write to BDBC.
NP to ask Vicki to draw up a specification list for GP to review.
Since the contractors have finished the Parish Paths group worked to remove some more shrubbery and also Cllr R Peach. No more is to be removed now to protect nesting birds. Clerk to request contractors to remove large amounts of cuttings piled up.
- 04/17.6 Highways Issues:** SA requested this item following a visit to another parish council's meeting. Should we have this as a regular item on the agenda – yes. It was suggested a spreadsheet could be set up of roads and problems with severity ratings. Clerk agreed that a record would be helpful to be populated as issues are highlighted, what action taken, log no if escalated and resolved.
- 04/17.7 Recreation Ground – Damage to Hedge and Littering:** We have some problems with some young people damaging the hedge in the bottom corner of the recreation ground. A large area of hedge has been removed and littering has occurred. This has been reported to the Police. Request contractors to remove the rubbish. Also dog fouling is still a problem – add item to The Tower.
- 04/17.8 Spring Bulbs – BDBC Cutting Areas:** Bulbs are causing problems for the BDBC grass cutter. The bulbs have been carefully planted under signs etc. to avoid causing mowing problems.
- 04/17.9 Planning Applications**
- 9.1. 17/00223/HSE - Highcliffe Foxs Lane – Object on grounds of height in the AONB.**
- 04/17.10 Rolling List:**
- 10.1. Recreation Ground Playground – work is underway 24th April Inspectors will check installation of swings.
- 10.2. The Square – Tree can come down but should be replaced – clerk to put in a tree application to BDBC and check with HCC ownership.
- 10.3. Community Orchard – no update
- 04/17.11 Date of next GP Meeting:** Monday 8th May 2017
- 04/17.12 Exempt Business:** An allotment tenant has made a claim for damages to a Hazel Hedge on the Allotment Clean-Up day 4th March 2017. It was resolved the public be excluded from the meeting for the Allotment - Hazel Hedge to be discussed – Confidential Minute refer.
The claim is to be referred to the Parish Councils Insurance Company.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:15

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....

Distribution: Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey (Chairman); Mussett; N Peach; R Peach; Price; F Sawyer & J Sawyer (ex officio);.
Notice Board.