



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 09/19
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 28th October 2019 in the Village Club

OM 09/19 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Mussett; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J.

BCllrs: Kinneary; Rhatigan. Clerk – Porton; Admin Assistant - Read

09/19.1 – Apologies:

Cllrs: Farey; N Peach.

Resolved: Apologies accepted.

09/19.2 – Declarations of Interest:

09/19.6 – Allotment Rent – IB; RP; AP.

09/19.3 – Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 30th September 2019 were accepted and signed.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 14th October 2019 were accepted and signed with one amendment.

3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 21st October 2019 were accepted and signed.

09/19.4 – Matters Arising:

None.

09/19.5 – Chairman’s Remarks:

- i) The works to the Holding Field car park extension have now started. We hope the new spaces created will help alleviate the current parking problem in the village, particularly for cars at school drop off and pick up. Works are due to be completed by the end of the week, in time for the second half of school term.
- ii) Remembrance Sunday preparations are underway. Thanks to the Clerk for organising the road closures and for those councillors who have volunteered to man the road closures.
- iii) The Parish Council has taken part in a Woodland Trust scheme and will be receiving a delivery of 420 trees in November. Help will be needed to plant them all so a tree planting day will be organised. Date and time will be confirmed and advertised in advance.
- iv) Cllrs Adams and J & F Sawyer have recently attended presentations on planning at BDBC.
- v) In November Cllrs J & F Sawyer will be attending the North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum.
- vi) Cllr Adams recently attended a housing strategy meeting at BDBC.
- vii) Cllr J Sawyer recently attended a meeting regarding the Hampshire Pension Fund.

09/19.6 – Allotment Rent Review:

October FE agreed to propose to full council to increase the allotment rents by £1 per rod from 1st April 2020. This would be an increase of between £2 and £5 per plot per year depending on plot size. The increase is to recover costs spent over the last two years, over the next three years.

Resolved: Allotment rent increase of £1 per rod from 1st April 2020 agreed.

09/19.7 – Cemetery Fee Review:

October FE agreed to propose to full council to increase cemetery fees by 8.5% from 1st April 2020. It was noted that there is a backlog of works that needs to be undertaken to maintain the cemetery and that the cemetery has run on a loss for the past two years.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to increase cemetery fees by 8.5% from 1st April 2020.

09/19.8 – Review of Draft Budget 2020/21:

Document circulated prior to meeting. FE committee reviewed document at October meeting. Cllrs please check that the proposed budget for any projects is in line with how much they will likely cost and inform the Clerk.

January FE will finalise budget figures and at OM on 27th January 2020, the precept and 2020/21 budget will be agreed.

Action: All Cllrs. Nov OM

09/19.9 – Review of Standing Orders:

Document circulated prior to meeting. Standing orders were last updated in February 2018. NALC has sent out new guidelines with some new changes. Deferred to November OM.

Action: Nov OM

09/19.10 – County Councillor:

No Report.

09/19.11 – Borough Councillor:

It was reported that Flick Drummond, who is the Conservative candidate for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2020, will be coming to the village on Wednesday morning with BCllrs to be shown round. With the possibility of a general election, the polling stations at Kingsclere Village Club and the Fieldgate Centre have been confirmed. It was reported that BDBC is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2025 and strategies the Borough Council is currently implementing to achieve this were listed. It was reported that ward grants are to be given to BCllrs for use in their wards. There will be more funding for CSPOs to help tackle antisocial behaviour. Cllr Kinnear will be attending the AGM for the CRB Tadley branch. KR and CK will be attending the 3rd Kingsclere Brownies meeting on 8th November to give a presentation on recycling. The possibility of an electric car charging point being installed in the Anchor Road car park was raised, the proposed location was queried and some alternative locations were suggested. CM to contact KR with a list of possible locations for charging points.

Action: CM

Recess:

Standing orders were suspended at 20:20:

Subsidence in the road between Falcon House and Priory House was reported. *The Clerk will inform HH.*

A resident reported basal growth on some trees in the churchyard. *The Clerk will get this looked at.*

They enquired about the amount of weed (watercress) in the pond in the MHOS and if it will be removed. *The PC can only remove weed from the pond in December and January. The planned works to dam the pond will eventually help to reduce the amount of weed that will be able to grow.*

It was reported that there was a build-up of plant material and weeds in the guttering on the road between Elm Grove flats and the steps to Thorneley Road, and that this was pushing water out into the road. *BDBC has a schedule for road sweeping, the Clerk will contact them.*

A resident reported that parking on Strokins Road is limited and that some residents struggle to park close to their houses. Would it be possible to have marked bays put on the road to encourage better use of the available space? *The road is owned by Hampshire Highways. Marked bays would be regulated and would require the proper licences. As it is a road and there are no double yellow lines, there are no restrictions on parking. The PC is not responsible for parking on roads and has no powers over parking.*

It was also reported that there was a gap in the fence that is sometimes used by residents to park their cars in front of their properties. *We will investigate this and look at options to prevent driving on the grass.*

Action: Clerk

Back to standing orders 20:39.

09/19.12 – Planning Applications:

12.1 T/00441/19/TCA – 3 Canons Court – Comments: The PC will be applying for a TPO on the walnut tree due to its amenity value and appears to be healthy. No objections to the other proposed works.

12.2 19/02839/HSE – 10 The Pellows – No objections.

09/19.13 – Clerk’s Report:

13.1 Thank You from North Wessex Downs Landscape Trust:

The PC received a letter of thanks from North Wessex Downs Landscape Trust for the £75 the PC donated.

13.2 North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Review 2018-2019:

A copy of the North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Review is available to read in the office.

13.3 CPRE Invitation to Autumn Supper:

Cllrs are invited to attend the CPRE Autumn Supper on 1st November 2019. Ask the Clerk for information.

09/19.14 – Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts for October 2019 were agreed and signed off.

09/19.15 – Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation:

The bank accounts for quarter end 30 September 2019 were reconciled at £88,727.10 agreed and signed off.

09/19.16 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 25th November 2019 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 20:45

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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