



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 08/19 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th September 2019 in the Village Club

GP 08/19 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Price; Sawyer J. Admin Assist – Read.

08/19.1 – Apologies:

None.

08/19.2 – Declarations of Interest:

08/19.16 – KCA – IB. 08/19.17 – Allotments – IB, NP, AP.

08/19.3 – Matters Arising:

None.

08/19.4 – Dog Fouling Poster Competition:

The PC received a suggestion to hold a competition to design a poster to encourage people to pick up after their dogs. The PC would then have the winning design made into signs and installed around the Parish. The PC agreed to proceed with a note to be put in the November Tower and online. Admin Assistant to create poster template and advertise on website and social media.

Action: Admin, Clerk.

08/19.5 – Cemetery Rules and Regulations:

The PC has received requests from two residents to change the Cemetery Rules and Regulations to make dogs on leads permitted; and a request from one resident regarding memorials to expand the type of stones permitted for use. The Clerk asked GP Committee to consider reviewing the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and if so, to consider joining the Institute of Cemetery and Cremation Management (ICCM) at a cost of £95. It was agreed to join ICCM and that the Clerk and CM will review Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Resolved: GP Committee agree to review Cemetery Rules and Regulations and approve expenditure of £95 to join ICCM.

Action: Clerk, CM.

08/19.6 – Sycamore Tree Adjacent to the Holding Field:

The PC received an enquiry from a boundary neighbour to the Holding Field car park regarding the sycamore tree on the boundary line, and if the scheduled works to the car park will include pruning the tree. The PC's works to the car park will not include pruning the tree and the PC feels there is no need for this to be done. The PC has no issue if this resident wishes to prune the tree however they would need to go through the correct procedures to obtain permission first.

08/19.7 – Speeding on Newbury Road:

The Clerk received an email from a resident regarding speeding on Newbury Road with some suggestions to help tackle this issue. The suggestions were regarding the speed limit signage and how it can be altered/improved. The PC has no power over road signage and placement. Clerk to write and ask the resident to send their suggestions to HCC, who have such powers.

Action: Clerk.

08/19.8 – Gailey Brook at Bear Hill:

The PC were made aware of a large clump of grass growing into the stream next to the downstream side of the bridge at Bear Hill. Clerk to ask lengthsman if they are able to remove it.

Action: Clerk.

08/19.9 – Fete Bright Ideas:

The PC reviewed ideas posted on the “Bright Ideas” board at the recent summer fete.

“Parking in Longcroft options” – The PC has no powers over parking enforcement or restrictions.

“Set of ‘No Parking’ road cones” – The Fireworks committee asked the PC if they can source road cones for the fireworks event in November. The PC will look into it.

“Hedge between houses and orchard” – The hedge between the housing association houses and the community orchard needs trimming back. The PC don’t own the hedge, Clerk to write to housing association and ask them to trim hedge back.

“Stokins Road to Love Lane footpath upgrade” – It is on the list to be done.

“Foxes Lane speed measures” – The road paint on Foxes Lane has worn out and there is no pavement making it dangerous for pedestrians. It is a 30mph zone, but this isn’t obvious. Clerk to ask Steve Goodall to come and look around the village to give advice.

“Speeding at entrance to Garrett Close” – It is a 30mph zone. There is nothing the PC can do to prevent people approaching the turning at 30mph.

Action: Clerk.

08/19.10 – Churchyard Hedge and Paths Works:

The PC received a request to trim the hedge along the path from the churchyard past Falcon House to Newbury Road. Clerk to see if this is included on current mowing and maintenance contract and organise for works to be done. If this work is not in current contract, the cost will be within the Clerk’s allocated budget.

Action: Clerk.

08/19.11 – HCC Reply to Petition:

The reply from HCC regarding the petition the PC sent was read to the GP Committee. It was noted the PC has not received a reply from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the petition that the PC sent to them as well as HCC. JS to write to them again and copy in Cllr Thacker.

Action: JS.

08/19.12 – Handrail for the Steps at Thorneley Road:

The PC received a request for handrails to be installed on the two sets of steps leading from Ashford Hill Road into the Thorneley Road estate. NP to source quotes for handrails and bring to next GP.

Action: NP. Oct GP.

08/19.13 – Spring Bulbs:

Request for £150 for 1000 bulbs. NP to make list of locations.

Resolved: £150 for 1000 bulbs approved.

Action: NP.

08/19.14 – Woodland Trust Trees:

NP has received confirmation that the trees will be delivered between 1st and 22nd November. Groundwork preparation in the Community Orchard, the Holding Field and the Recreation Ground needs to be completed before then in October with the aim of planting at the end of November. NP and IB to identify specific locations for planting and provide Clerk with groundwork specification before quotes can be sourced.

Action: NP, IB. Oct GP.

08/19.15 – Community Orchard:

The Community Orchard will be fully planted this autumn. The PC will be looking to hold a competition for drawings to be made into signs to install in the orchard before the summer. IB to contact the school to enquire if they would be interested in being involved.

Action: IB.

08/19.16 – KCA – Fieldgate Centre Roof Replacement:

BDBC is responsible for the outside structure of the building. Works are due to start on 16th September with physical works beginning on week commencing 23rd September. Work is due to be completed on 16th December. Works equipment and vehicles will occupy approximately two thirds of the car park and the recycling centre will shut down during this time. The centre will remain open as normal, though there will be some localised disruption and limited car parking availability for events. These are provisional plans that have not yet been confirmed by BDBC, IB to keep PC updated and informed.

08/19.17 – Allotments:

17.1. Castle Water Complaint Resolved:

The PC thanked the Clerk for her perseverance in getting this dispute with Castle Water resolved. The Clerk received confirmation on 24th July 2019 the account had been cancelled and closed and the issue therefore resolved.

17.2. No Dogs:

The PC agreed to purchase two dog lead hooks to install on the fence posts by the gates into the allotment.

17.3. Memorial Bench Location:

The PC feel that the bench is in an appropriate place and that there is enough room for parking.

17.4. Clerks' Update for AMG:

Currently there are three people on the waiting list, the third being a current plot holder requesting a second plot. On 14th August the Clerk received an email from the Property Manager of Sovereign stating that a site meeting with the Ground Control Team was being set up regarding the trees, however no further communication has been received. Plot holders were written to about placement of compost bins. Some have been moved however a couple have not and there has been no response from the plot holders. Clerk to write to them again.

Action: Clerk

08/19.18 – Highways Issues:

Straw was reported on roads and pavements in the centre of the village. Clerk to ask lengthsman to clear it from Newbury Road and the churchyard.

Action: Clerk

08/19.19 – Action List:

To be sent out in word format prior to next meeting so Cllrs can update.

Action: Clerk

08/19.11 – Planning Applications:

20.1. 19/02151/HSE – 39 Garrett Close: No objection.

20.2. 19/01421/FUL – Edgemoor Kennels, Little Knowl Hill: Objection on the basis that application does not support policies KHA4 and K6 of the Neighbourhood Plan; and does not support policies SS6(a) and SS6(e) of the Adopted Local Plan. Full comments to be submitted.

Action: SA

20.3. 19/02267/FUL – 78 Strokens Road: No objection.

20.4. T/00375/19/TCA – Cleremedes, Foxs Lane: No objection.

08/19.12 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 14th October 2019 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21:27

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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