



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 05/15
held at 7.30pm on Monday 18th May in the Village Club

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- OM 05/15 Present:** Cllrs. Adams; Cruickshank; Farey; Mussett; N Peach. R Peach; Price; F Sawyer & J Sawyer; B Cllr Osselton. Clerk: S Thompson. Public: 5; Press: 0:
- 05/15.1 Apologies:** C Cllr Chapman. Alan Denness
- 05/15.2 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 05/15.3 Minutes:**
3.1: The Minutes of the OM Meeting held on 27th April 2015 were amended to record the letter of thanks from Cllr J Sawyer, read out by the Clerk, to the retiring Councillors. Minutes signed with amendment.
- 05/15.4 Matters arising:**
No further matters arising
- 05/15.5 Chairman's Remarks:**
The new Chairman welcomed all the members of the public and B Cllr Osselton to the meeting. Cllr Sawyer further welcomed the three new councillors and all returning Councillors and said he was looking forward to joining them all in the interesting work ahead.
- 05/15.6 To consider matters raised at the AGM:**
No matters raised.
- 05/15.7 Appointment of New Clerk:**
There was an excellent field of 6 finalists interviewed, all of which were capable of undertaking the role. Following the rigorous selection process, Mrs Louise Porton has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. She will join the current Clerk for a 4 week hand over starting on 1st June 2015. Mrs Porton has agreed to take on the training to become a qualified Clerk in order that the Council can retain it's Quality Status. He asked everyone to join in welcoming Louise to the post and thanked the other members of the Employment Panel; Janet Bond, Cllr Mick Farey and Tony Savin for their hard work and input.
- 05/15.8 Update of the Neighbourhood Plan:**
Cllr Adams advised on the groups last meeting on 15th May and of all the work that is now being done on Landscape Assessments at Yew Tree Farm; Povey's Mead; Coppice Road and Strokens Road. They are being helped by the Consultants AECOM. Whilst land has now been identified as possible site that could accommodate in excess of the 50 homes required in the Local Plan, some Councillors felt that we should consider the option of providing more housing if the infrastructure could be proved to cope with the additional development. A lengthy discussion ensued which resulted in the conclusion that a further consultation with the public at this time may be appropriate. Cllr Adams advised that she was also going back to three Developers that have previously shown and interest in order for them to mitigate use of their sites. We are still waiting a response.
The Group have set a deadline of 15th June 2015 for receiving any further sites into their proposals in order that the Plan can progress.
Cllr Adams and another group member will be attending a meeting of all 12 local plan parishes at BDBC on 20th May and will report back on this meeting.
- 05/15.9 County Councillor:**
Had sent his apologies – no report
- 05/15.10 Borough Councillors:**
Cllr Osselton advised on the following:
10.1 thanked Cllr Adams for keeping her informed on the progress of the Plan and the work of the Group as she is not always able to attend meetings due to Borough duties.
10.2 advised on Developers applying for planning consent for 35 houses in Headley and that Manydown will be coming forward for approval soon.
10.3 lots of reports of very large rats in Kingsclere that the Borough is trying to get on top of. Reports of sightings are useful to know where they are migrating too please.
10.4 concerns over parking on Swan Street, particularly over rumours of Bel & the Dragon using 24 Sawn Street as overflow parking. This has not yet been proved and would not be acceptable to BDBC. Several businesses have designated parking spaces as part of their lease and if others start to use the parking it is possible that the Borough Council could take measures, such as barriers to stop the practice.

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Recess proposed & approved at 8:47pm Standing Orders Suspended:

- Complaints regarding gravel from Bel and The Dragon car park spilling over onto the road. Manager had agreed to clear it up but this has not yet been done .
- New street light outside 19 George Street is obstructing access for prams etc. – *KPC will look into this.*
- Malthouse Open Space – concerns that the wild flower area is being over-managed, it should be left to go wild.
- Recreation Ground wild flower meadows – also should not be meddled with – *we are carrying out the recommendations of Prof Keith Lucas in our management programme of this area.*

Out of Recess at 8.58pm

05/15.11

Rolling List:

The list was updated:–

11.1 we are looking again at funding for the Recreation Ground Play Equipment:

11.2 the Bollards at Tower Hill have been installed – move to the back list:

11.3 planting of poppies will be done two weeks apart to extend the length of flowering.

05/15.12

Planning Applications:

15/01368/FUL – much concern was expressed over this application to build a second dwelling and removal of trees – Clerk was asked to arrange for a TPO on the large Sycamore the loss of which will drastically change the landscape. Advice has been sought from the Conservation Office in BDBC regarding the dwelling itself.

T/00163 – No objection

Clerk

05/15.13

Clerks Report:

Police statistics report for March and April was read out. The main problems have been with the theft of items from sheds and outbuildings. The Police advise extra vigilance to protect your property. Also some thefts of personal belongs from cars. The advice is to remove valuables from cars.

05/15.14

Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts were reviewed and signed off.

05/15.15

Date of next meeting:

Monday 29th June at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:16pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....