

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting GP 05/16 of
Kingsclere Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Monday 13th June 2016 in the Village Club**



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- GP05/16 Present Committee Members:** Cllrs: Adams; Farey; Price; N Peach; J Sawyer. Clerk: L Porton.
- 05/16.1 Apologies:** None
- 05/16.2 Declaration of Interest:** Price and Peach 05/16.5 Allotments
- 05/16.3 Matters arising from Minutes of GP Meeting 8th February 2016:**
i) GP 04/16.4 Malthouse Openspace – HCC ROW with help from volunteers have put down some galvanised mesh on the bridges for a non-slip surface..
- 05/16.4 Tower Hill Litter Bin Request:** The residents of Tower Hill Estate have asked if a litter bin could be installed at the junction of FP68 and the Longcroft Estate Footpath (by the river) where they meet by The Lines. They have a problem with dog fouling and the nearest other bins are outside the allotments, at North Street or by Newbury Road. We need to see if a bin could be supplied by BDBC first. A previous request for a bin at Hook Road was declined as we already had enough bins in the area. Clerk to request Dog Waste Bins from BDBC. **Clerk**
- 05/16.5 Allotments:** The clerk has written to some plot holders who did not appear to be cultivating their allotment. As a result another plot has been handed back and the tenant has offered a contribution towards any works required by the council to bring it back to order. Committee agreed that as the clerk is able to reallocate the plot this will not be necessary. **Clerk/
MF**
The plots still need measuring ready for next year's agreements.
- 05/16.6 Cemetery:** A complaint has been received about the state of the cremains area and the rose bed. Marie Gundry is responsible for the maintenance and the rose garden has now been tidied. Where known, the grave owners have been written to asking for non-authorized ornaments/flower pots be removed. The maintenance team are due in Tuesday 14th June so the clerk has tidied the area in preparation for the crew to be able to trim the long grass and weeds.
- 05/16.7 Churchyard:** The churchyard has been designated a SINC due to the success of the Wild Flower Meadow. Our existing maintenance schedule is to remain unchanged but contractors should be informed. Clerk to include item in the next tower contribution. NP has found the Privy Council Order for the Churchyard and the parish council are responsible for the upkeep of the paths as well as the grass. As we receive a grant from BDBC for the upkeep, they are to be asked for a contribution towards the tarmacing. **Clerk**
- 05/16.8 Holding Field:** Scofell have been asked to quote for the repairs required to the Holding Field following the visit of the Circus and the Fair but this has not been received yet. The Youth Football are not using the pitches at the moment because the ruts are too dangerous. BDBC have still not replied to the request about the possible moving of the container onto their strip of land.
- 05/16.9 Recreation Ground Play Area:** The report that we receive from BDBC inspectors for the play area contains a few items that we could ask Arthur to fix. None are High Risk but it would be beneficial for the items to be repaired. Clerk to request the following issues to be looked into:-
Gate stops missing from gate; Fence mesh detached from post; fence post broken off and moss on all surfaces. **Clerk**
- 05/16.10 The Square:** The action plan put together by NP was reviewed – most works complete except the bus shelter panels and the containers around trees. **Clerk**
The insurance company had been contacted about a possible claim for the replacement panels but unless the damage all occurred at the same time an excess would apply for each one. The excess exceeds the price for individual panels and we cannot be sure when each of the panels were damaged. The price for laminated glass panels is £205.10 each. Clerk to contact Glasdon for a fitting quote.
Plantscape had not come back with a quote for a bespoke planter but clerk had managed to obtain one from Broxap at £1540.00 for the pair. Further quoted to be obtained from local tradesmen.
- 05/16.11 Village of the Year:** It was agreed that assistance would be required from all the village organisations – clerk to request the advice of Alan Denness who was involved with the successful application in 2003. **Clerk**

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05/16.12 Planning Applications:

12.1 16/01629 – King Alfred Terrace – no objections

12.2 16/01225 – The Old Forge – no objections

05/16.13 Rolling List: GP items already discussed as per agenda – the recreation playarea refurbishment to be moved to GP now that SA has taken this on.

05/16.14 Date of next GP Meeting: 11th July 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37 pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....