



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 03/16

held at 7.30pm on Monday 21st March in the Village Club

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Present: Cllrs: Adams; Cruickshank; Farey; R Peach; B Cllr: Osselton; Sherlock.

Apologies: Mussett; N Peach; A Price; F Sawyer; J Sawyer; C Cllr Chapman;

Declarations of Interest: None

Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 29th February accepted and signed.

3.2 There were no minutes from the Finance and Establishment meeting 14th March 2016 as the meeting was not quorate and therefore could not go ahead.

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Matters arising: 02/16/6 New Display boards have arrived

Chairman's Remarks: The chairman attended a Devolution Workshop for Parish and Town Councils. The progress for the Hampshire Bid (current at the time) was outlined. Examples from Swindon were shown where not extra money had been handed down but extra staff had been needed and an increase in the precept to cover the cost. The Government had not been keen on the HCC bid, preferring the Solent bid and it is now unlikely for the Hampshire bid to go ahead. The Solent had hoped for an announcement at the time of the Budget but as this did not happen they are now looking to June 2016 with an election for a Mayor in May 2017. Hampshire did not want a Mayor but the Government has made this compulsory.

03/16.6

Cllr Sherlock arrived 19:40

Mowing and Maintenance: Five bids had been received and the clerk had circulated the figures prior to the meeting. Our existing contractor Scofell had the lowest quote and were therefore recommended.

Resolved – Contract to be issued to Scofell for another 3 years

03/16.7

CCTV: The Inspector who had been consulted previously on the CCTV was contacted to see if anything had changed since his previous advice. He is meeting with the Neighbourhood Watch Group to discuss their proposals and will reply to our request following that meeting

Cllr Osselton arrived 19:44

Recess proposed at 19:44

Cllr Osselton confirmed that the Devolution Bid is in a "Stalemate" situation.

Janet Bond was invited to speak on Community Speedwatch. Currently data is not being sent to the Police as they are not able to deal with all the requests.

AG – All that is happening with Speedwatch at the moment is the SID is being placed on lampposts and therefore only monitoring one place leaving motorists free to speed everywhere else.

Answer: The Parish Council support Community Speedwatch, not run it. Janet Bond is the Parish Council Liaison for Speedwatch so please speak with her about concerns.

The chairman read out an email provided by Janet Bond from the Baughurst Co-ordinator who is acting as the lead for all the Co-ordinators in the area. Summary - The Chief Superintendent is very concerned about the issues the Speedwatch Groups are facing and is aware of the investment in both money and time as well as noting dedication from people who are trying to get things done.

HD – Queens 90th birthday - Clean for the Queen is being suggested by the borough, will we join in? Refer to GP. Also, young men have been using the ladies loo in the square as somewhere to keep warm! Refer to the borough.

Proposed to return to standing orders at 19:54pm

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Community Speed Watch: Discussed during recess.

03/16.9

HALC Community: Cllr. Adams had attended the meeting on 9th March and had circulated notes of the meeting. The main topic was Planning and the Neighbourhood Plan with a presentation from a DCLG representative. It was highlighted that a parish on the Isle of White, who had completed their Neighbourhood Plan had missed out on £54K of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) as their higher authority had not taken up the CIL option - parishes with NPs receive 25% of CIL payments in their area.

A new Planning and Housing bill is being considered at Government which should speed up the process of Neighbourhood Planning. Overton have gone through the inspection process but reported that their borough councillors had not been supportive because the group was not an elected body. Thankfully, the Kingsclere NP group have not has this experience with our borough councillors.

The Open Spaces Society did a presentation on the value of open spaces – we may need to look into the registration of Open Spaces.

A presentation from HCC showed a new online mapping facility - Landscape Watch. Aerial maps from 2005 and 2013 are online and locals are needed to compare the maps. It is not always possible to see from the photo what the changes to the landscape are which makes it necessary for people to view from the ground and report. A message to be put in the tower to encourage residents to join in the scheme. Many brochures from the conference were available for people to pick up if interested.

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03/16.10 Memorial Bench: The family were proposing the Cleopatra Bench – a picture had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved – Cleopatra Bench to be purchased by the family.

Still awaiting permission from the Hants Fire and Rescue – Clerk chasing weekly.

Clerk

03/16.11 Neighbourhood Plan: Letter of congratulations to be sent to Oakley and Deane Parish who held their referendum on the NP 17th March – turn out 44% with 95% in favour.

Phil Turner, a volunteer from Planning Aid has been helping Whitchurch re-write their NP following a 49 page critique from the borough – some evidence was missing. This highlights the need for professional help but AECOM have declined to write ours despite being told by the borough that there is not a conflict of interest. AECOM and Phil Turner have both recommended consultants to the NP group though and quotes have been requested. The Parish Clerk has gone through and checked all the NP finances some of the funds reserved by the Parish Council may be required.

Clerk

A draft layout has been received from Linden Homes for Porch Farm but it has not been well received. The site of the plot is much bigger than first proposed and the houses are much bigger than was agreed using the evaluation criteria. Alex White from AECOM will attend the next group meeting to discuss the SEA.

03/16.12 County Councillor: No report – apologies received from Cllr Chapman.

03/16.13 Borough Councillors: Cllr Osselton advised that the petition raised at the local pharmacy had gone to the relevant body including a letter from our MP Kit Malthouse. Cllr Sherlock – The Local Plan is now running two weeks behind schedule. Planning permission has been granted for 35 new homes at Oakley just before the approval of the Neighbourhood Plan which has not been well received. The borough councillors will be in Purdah from 30th March.

03/16.14 Rolling List:

Playground – JC is waiting a quote from Playground Services who have been informed of our budget for the project. A grant may be available from the borough – deadline 29th April – to be looked into.

WW1 Commemorations – no update but planning permission for the additional name on the Memorial is now circulating.

Emergency Plan – clerk still awaiting meeting with possible contact.

03/16.15 Planning Applications:

15.1 16/00560/HSE – Moor cottage, Little Knowl Hill – No Objections

15.2 16/00457/RET & 16/00458/ADV – West Kingsclere Filling Station – No Objections

15.3 T/00073/16/TPO – Cedar House, Foxs Lane – No Objections

03/16.16 Clerks Report:

16.1 Thank you received from the Tennis Club following the Crown Lifting of the Sycamore Tree

16.2 CPRE – Membership is due for renewal

Resolved – Renew with a contribution of £50.00 per annum

16.3 Queens Birthday Commemorative Medal for Schools and Councils. We do not wish to pursue this at £1.99 per medal but clerk to keep councillors informed of any other commemorative items.

16.4 LCR – Subscription due – Clerk has found some articles useful.

Resolved – Renew at £17.00 per annum

03/16.16 Approval of Income and Expenditure: The accounts for both February and March were agreed and signed off.

03/16.17 Date of next meeting: Monday 25th April 2016, 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....