Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 01/15 held at 7.30pm on Monday 26TH January 2015 in the Village Club

Present: Cllrs. Adams; Bond; Denness; Peach.N; Peach R; Clerk: S Thompson



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Public: 7; Press: 1: 01/15.1 Apologies: Cllrs Cruickshank; Savin; Sawyer; County Cllr. Chapman; NB: Cllr Sawyers absence due to KPC representation at the Mayors Reception 01/15.2 **Declarations of Interest: None** 01/15.3 Minutes: 3.1: The Minutes of the OM Meeting held on 24th November 2014 were signed and accepted as a true record 3.2: The Minutes of the GP Meeting held on 12th January 2015 were signed and accepted as a true record 3.3: The Minutes of the F&E Meeting held on 19th January 2015 were signed and accepted as a true record 01/15.4 Matters arising: None 01/15.5 Chairman's Remarks: 5.1. The Chairman reminded everyone that there would be Parish Elections held on the same day as the General election on 7th May 2015 and called for a campaign to encourage more people to stand as Parish Councillors. 5.2. E&BG Parish Council have invited us to a Security Seminar - Cllr R Peach agreed to go and represent KPC. 5.3. Library – there was a well supported meeting of volunteers on the 10th January and a Management Group of 4 has been formed. Training will take place soon. Cllr Denness & Mr Woodman met with Sir Tim Sainsbury from the Headley Trust which has agreed funding of £2,750; £2,500 & £2,250 for three consecutive years. KPC have agreed up to a further £3,000 funding in year one against start-up costs and any shortfalls. The group will take over on 1st April 2015. Thanks were offered to all the volunteers. 01/15.6 Ratification of Proposals from F & E Meeting: Confirmation of figures has been received from B&DBC. The following project figures have been proposed by the F&E committee:-Neighbourhood Plan £5,000; Recruitment and advertising £2,000; Library Grant £3,000 Borough Grants are confirmed as:-Grass cutting and closed churchyard maintenance £4,933; Litter Warden £5,566; General Limited Grant £1,100 & CTS £3,903. As some of these figures have increased it was proposed that we could reduce our Precept increase from 2% to 1.5% for 2015/16. This was unanimously agreed. The Precept request will therefore be the Limited Grant £1,100, the CTS £3,903 and a precept request of £41,346. Proposed Cllr Clerk Farey - unanimously agreed. 01/15.7 **Quote for Allotment Fence:** The quote to repair and replace areas of the allotment fence, plus the removal of a tree and the installation of a gate to the Pony Paddocks was reviewed. The total cost being Clerk £3,040 + vat. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to go ahead. 01/15.8 **Quote for New Notice Board on Crown Green:** The quote for £345 plus £50 for lettering on both sides was reviewed. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to go ahead. Clerk

Meeting Dates:

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Due to the Parish Council Elections and possible change of members, it was decided to move the dates of the APM and AGM from May to April to ensure full reports for the year would be available.

01/15.10 **New Local Council Award Scheme:**

This scheme replaces the Quality Parish Council Scheme and will now contain 3 levels. As a quality parish we are permitted to apply for the Foundation Level status without examination which will afford accreditation until January 2016. We can then consider working through the various levels towards attaining the Gold standard. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that we apply for the Free Foundation Level.

Speed Watch Group: 01/15.11

Cllr Bond and the leader of the Speed Watch Group spent a morning at Tadley Police Station going through the protocols and procedures. The equipment has been received, the volunteers are in place and they will begin work very soon.

01/15.12 **Neighbourhood Plan:**

The group have been working on actions taken from the Public Meeting in December. B&DBC will not go back to less than 5 houses counting towards our total allocation. We

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are about to receive the last of our funding from Planning Aid. We need to look for further funding avenues. We need more professional help on proposed sites and are talking to the Contractors on this. The developers will be at the next NP Meeting to discuss their proposals. We are looking again at two sites previously rejected and an additional site at Porch Farm, these could help us meet the targets set but no sites have been settled on yet. Our contractors are unable to assist us on Traffic Management Reports as being agents for BDBC working on traffic and transport for the Manydown site, they feel this would be a conflict of interest.

Groups members are also looking at Environmental impacts for the sites as SEA are probably going to be required for our sites.

Cllr Bond felt that we should continue to challenge BDBC on their refusal to go back to Min 5 dwellings. It was stated that it was difficult to get developers to work on smaller sites because the requirement for 40% affordable housing often made this unviable.

Recess proposed & approved at 8:14pm Standing Orders Suspended:

No issues or matters raised by the public.

Out of Recess at 8.15pm

01/15.13 County Councillors Report:

Apologies tendered – nothing to report

01/15.14 Borough Councillors Reports:

Cllr Osselton:-

- reported that people will not be able to use their Concessionary Bus Passes before 9:30am after 31st March 2015.
- ii) gave details of advice and support available through HCC on Fuel Poverty and grants available
- iii) is working hard to try and save our Public toilets.

Cllr Sherlock:-

- i) Advised they have had good meetings on their Local Plan housing figure adjusted to 845 per year until 2029.
- ii) CPSO's have been scrapped by HCC but Basingstoke is retaining their 12.

NB: The increase in houses numbers to Basingstoke will not be coming down to Kingsclere.

01/15.15 Rolling List:

Poppy Planting Campaign added for GP reference.

01/15.16 Planning:

16.1 14/03827/ADV - Kingsclere Service Station - no objection

16.2 14/03858/LBC &14/03860/HSE - Frobury Farm, Ecchinswell Road - no decision

16.3 14/03902/HSE - 8 Sunnyside, Swan Street - no objection

16.4 T/00007/15/TCA - To fell 1 x Sycamore at Byfields Road - wait input from TO's

01/15.17 Clerks Report:

17.1. It was agreed that Circus Ginnett could return this year. Clerk to liaise.

17.2. It was agreed that Clerk could attend next HALC Update meeting - £35

01/15.18 Approval of Income and Expenditure & Bank Reconciliations:

Approved and signed off

01/15.19 Date of Next Ordinary Meeting:

Monday 23rd February 2015 at 7:30 in The Village Hall.

Public section of the meeting closed at 9.03 pm

01/15.20 Staff Matters: Confidential Minutes refer.

Signed:	.Chairman	Date:
Signed:	Parish Clerk	Date: