



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Committee Meeting
GP 10/18 held at 7.30pm on Monday 8th October 2018 in the Village Club

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- OM 10/18** **Present:** Cllrs: Bowes; Mussett; Peach N; Price; Sawyer J.
- 10/18.1** **Apologies:** SA; MF.
- 10/18.2** **Declarations of Interest:** 10/18.14 AP & NP; 10/18.15 JS.
- 10/18.3** **Matters arising:**
3.1 09/18.5 Recreation Ground – the Clerk has written to the resident advising that the tree works need to be completed by contractors instructed by the Parish Council and the cost of removal would be recovered as well as the cost of replacement trees. There has not been a reply from the resident.
- 10/18.4** **Risk Assessments:** Defer reviewing until next meeting. The WW1 Commemorations group have organised a beacon at White Hill on Natural England land – Lord Huntingdon has offered a field for parking. JS will perform the Risk Assessment for the event. All/JS
- 10/18.5** **Tree Preservation Orders:** Now the sites for the NP have been allocated, clerk to write to the Tree Wardens and request they assess for TPO applications. Clerk
- 10/18.6** **Malthouse Open Space:** HLOWT have assessed the site, the reed, identified as Pendulous Sedge, is a valuable native plant species. The nettles provide a useful haven for wildlife but can be regularly mowed to control. NP will draft an amended maintenance plan to submit to BDBC. In summary – the area adjacent to the churchyard to be mown, snowdrop and crocus bulbs to be planted. Mulch the other previously wild area adjacent to the pond and stream with bark and plant bluebell bulbs. Manage the carex pendula (Pendulous Sedge) and also increase the variety of plants. Install log edging to the pond by the tarmac path.
Mowing & Maintenance contract allows for 1/3 of vegetation and 1/3 sediment to be cleared from the pool – the maintenance plan stipulates this is to be carried out in December. Clerk has asked the contractors to schedule work - vegetation sediment is to be removed by hand as well as any accumulated litter; any weed cleared is to be left on the bank but not on the tarmac area. Clerk to approach BDBC tree officers for advice on the tree canopy with the aim of improving the amount of light. NP/Clerk
- 10/18.7** **Community Orchard:** Clerk to chase HCC for an update on the grant for additional trees. If awarded, GP approve for the grant to be spent on fruit trees. Refer to OM. Clerk/OM
- 10/18.8** **War Memorial Cleaning:** As the memorial is not going to be repaired for Remembrance Parade this year, we have been asked if it could be cleaned. The chemical cleaning recommended is a risk to memorial and memorial garden (it will kill plants). The alternative cleaning is more abrasive and therefore also poses a risk to the memorial. It was agreed the memorial would not be cleaned this year – it will be cleaned when it is repaired.
- 10/18.9** **Neighbourhood Plan Thanks:** After 5 years of hard work, it was agreed the group deserve to be thanked. £100.00 was won at the Village of the Year competition at which the NP was commended – could this £100 be put towards an event to mark the completion. JS/Clerk
- 10/18.10** **Resolved** – to use Fullers prize money of £100 for Hall Hire and food.
Christmas Lights: There are enough lights now but some of the strings are filament bulbs which are gradually failing. It was recommended we purchase 5 new strings of LED lamps. IB
- 10/18.11** **Resolved** - £250 to be spent on new LED lights
Review of Village of the Year Competition: We were successful with our application but there were lessons learned. The winner for 2018 had large projects recently completed. The key to a good application is linking all the beneficial things that are happening with organisations and facilities in the village to allow an integrated view of a well functioning community to be demonstrated. It was agreed that we need to look at how we present all that the PC do for the benefit of residents and village life.
- 10/18.12** **Reinstatement of Daffodil Bulbs by BT Openreach following work at Hook Road entrance:** The land at the front of Hook Road owned by BDBC was dug up by BT and then just thrown back. Many spring bulbs had been planted in this area. Clerk to write to BT and request payment for the reinstatement due to the unacceptable level of damage - cost £300.00. Clerk
- 10/18.13** **Malthouse Open Space Bridge Repairs:** The quote for repairing four rotten boards on the small bridge at the MHOS is £230.00.
Resolved – accept £230 quote for four new boards.
Clerk to get a price for both non-slip rubber treads and/or metal treads.



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10/18.14 Allotments: An issue has arisen with plot 11 which has been re-let. The previous tenant would like access to remove fruit bushes. As the plot is re-let the council is unable to give permission. The previous tenant has been added to waiting list.

10/18.15 Highways Issues:

The resident on Winchester Road has replied – the hedge is normally cut by the council due to the complexity of cutting around road signs – clerk to check with highways.

Bear Hill junction needs Give Way markings.

Opposite Pound Green the finger post is obscured by a hedge.

A339 Basingstoke end – vegetation is covering green road signs (direction signs) and the lay-by bin is full and laying on it's side.

Swan Street Safety – Photographs of some of the safety issues in Swan Street were circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that pedestrians are jumping out of the way of vehicles which are driving on the pavement to enable passing in some places. 7 bollards are missing leaving only 4 in place to protect pedestrians. Flooding by the pinch point is forcing traffic onto the opposite side of the road. The drain opposite Howe and Son is completely blocked. The photo of the Boots lorry demonstrated how houses end up getting scraped - windowsills have been knocked off in the past. The steps at number 49 have been damaged by a vehicle hitting them. The surface is badly worn at the give way at the traffic calming. A photo showing a Grints lorry from inside a property shows how close it came to hitting a property – it had swerved off the main road to avoid a tanker. A van turned left into lower Swan Street to go up Bear Hill having missed the first turning, it then hit the wall of a house, reversed back and drove off – there is damaged brickwork inside the house.

It was agreed there should be a Stop sign not a Give Way sign at traffic calming entering the village. 40MPH limit should be extended further up Winchester Road to before any houses, 30mph limit to be moved further out and for the speed limit to be reduced to 20 mph before entering the village. The road design is not helping – the area with restricted width should be clearly marked. Flashing lights are required for the race horses crossing at White Hill.

An onsite visit with traffic safety officer needs to be requested. JS will draft a letter to HCC and circulate to councillors for comments before sending. Copies to the stables, B.Cllrs. and C.Cllr.

10/18.16 Rolling List: No updates

10/18.17 Planning Applications:

17.1 18/02830/HSE - 2 Hidden Corner – no objections

17.2. 18/02823/LBC - The Millers House 18 Swan Street – no objections

17.3. 18/02814/HSE - 8 Poveys Mead – no objections

17.4. 18/02782/FUL - Crookfur Cottage Newbury Road – no objections

17.5. 18/02784/HSE - Priors Mill North Street – no objections

10/18.18 Date of next meeting: Monday 12th November 2018 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 21:54

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....