



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 09/15
held at 7.30pm on Monday 28th September in the Village Club

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- OM 09/15 Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Cruickshank; Farey; Mussett; N Peach; Price; F Sawyer ; J Sawyer. B Cllr Osselton; B Cllr: Sherlock.
- 09/15.1 Apologies:** R Peach; C Cllr Chapman.
- 09/15.2 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Price – 16.3 Daughter attends FtB and is going to Kent; Cllr Farey – Fieldgate centre
- 09/15.3 Minutes:**
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 24th August 2015 accepted and signed.
3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 14th September 2015, one amendment GP 07/15.13 iv) should read, awaiting comments from panel, signed.
- 09/15.4 Matters arising:**
GP 07/15.12 Hannington Green – legal advice requested but we have not heard yet.
- 09/15.5 Chairman's Remarks:**
i) Congratulation to The Community Library team for the fantastic fundraising events they have put on. Our thanks to Clare Balding for her presentation.
ii) Replacement Gates for Stiles – Thank you to the Hampshire Ramblers and Parish Paths Group for their hard work.
iii) Four councillors attended training on 17th September at Whitchurch and found it very useful. Cllr Sawyer recommends the course to other councillors next time there is an opportunity.
iv) Thames Water have been spending a lot of time in the village clearing drains. A note is to go into The Tower advising residents that our drains are elderly and delicate and cannot cope with excess fat and baby wipes.
- 09/15.6 Holding Field:**
A request has been received to hire the Holding Field for a private wedding reception next August. The request is from long standing residents who have put steps in place for licenses and security. They have thought through the parking restrictions and arranged toilet facilities. Approximately 150 guests are expected and the catering will be a hog roast.
CM Proposed we allow with conditions applied, seconded by JC, vote: 5 in favour; 1 against; 1 abstain.
Clerk to seek advice from BDBC Environmental Health. Deferred back to GP for conditions to be agreed including deposits, proposed finish time, external issues etc.
- 09/15.7 Fire Service Review:**
Information about the Fire Service Review has been circulated and there are several public meetings to be held during October and into early November which councillors are urged to attend if possible. We have until 4th December 2015 to comment. SA suggests we should organise a public meeting to discuss the proposals which are particularly sensitive as we have a Fire Station in Kingsclere. MF advises that we should involve neighbouring parishes too as they will also be affected. AP opened a debate into who we should invite from HCC for a balance view. CM urges councillors to keep an open mind and not enter into our investigations with any presumptions to ensure an informed decision and response.
Proposed for the clerk to organise a public meeting, unanimously agreed.
- 09/15.8 Speed Watch:**
JS commented on what a fantastic job the Speed Watch team are doing. JS met with Sgt Cullis from Tadley on 3rd September along with Janet Bond, David Ainsworth and other representatives from Hants Police. At the meeting:-
DA reported that communication from the Police has been poor which was acknowledged. However with 22 parishes to manage resources are stretched but 109 letters have been sent out to 2nd time offenders.
DA raised the concern that someone speeding through Kingsclere at 8am had probably sped through Overton at 07:50 and then were speeding through Ashford Hill at 08:10, is data being collated in order to see the whole picture. No, new software is being developed but it is some way off yet. Hants Police have also introduced a new policy where if an excess speed is recorded, for example 50mph in a 30mph limit, the driver will automatically be visited by the Police.
DA was concerned that the bulk/size of the equipment made the team too visible. A smaller device that is more discreet was requested but this is not policy in Hampshire. On a positive note the Police will be publishing a newsletter and meeting regularly with the Speed Watch Co-ordinators. They will be increasing the speed enforcement in the village and have subsequently been seen doing so. They emphasise that Speed Watch is in its infancy and things will improve.

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Our Speed Watch equipment is currently fixed in Basingstoke Road recording data and will be moved next week. CM commented that other parishes recorded serial offenders and timings which then enabled the police to respond with their own speed detection recorders and should we invest in further equipment to build on the current success. JS advised that this would need to be discussed with the Speed Watch team and Police.

09/15.9

Personnel Panel:

A personnel panel needs to be in place to monitor staff, contracts, pay and recruitment. CM, JC, AP and FS all volunteered.

09/15.13

Change to Agenda – Borough Councillors to speak before recess

Borough Councillors:

Cllr Osselton is pleased that the Parish Council are looking at the fire service review and organising a public meeting. The borough will be looking at all the leisure facilities and swimming pools. Devolution has been discussed at full council, local discussion is endorsed where a model can be developed to meet the local needs - the borough have not opted for anything yet. Cllr Osselton is recommending to the portfolio holder that the public loos are retained in the village and we will not be paying for them as Basingstoke do not.

Cllr Sherlock advised that BDBC District plan should be ready next spring.

Recess proposed & approved at 8:28pm Standing Orders Suspended:

- Resident expressed that the proposal for the Fire Service needs careful review as figures have been based purely on Hampshire statistics and do not take into account the calls into Berkshire. If the proposal for Kingsclere goes ahead then the station will only get a first response vehicle which can take a minimum of 2 firefighters but has a maximum of 4. This means that firefighters will only be able to deal with fires externally and they will not be able to enter buildings to rescue people. Kingsclere would be better with an intermediate engine so that they can continue to attend situations in Basingstoke and Newbury as Berkshire will not recognise 1st response vehicles. The statistics for Kingsclere have been calculated on the basis on calls within the "Station Ground" but they have actually responded to far more eg 12 Critical, 12 Non Critical and 12 Standby calls in Newbury plus 7 Critical and 4 Non Critical in Hampshire but outside the Station Ground.
- S.Thompson – The Holding Field forms part of the alcohol designation zone so by allowing a licensed event on the field the Parish Council would be in breach of its own bye-laws. Speed Watch was supposed to be a deterrent so if drivers are slowing down then it is working.
- Jim Gibb – could the costs of maintaining the Fieldgate Centre not be met by an increase to the parish precept.
- Resident – Fire Service Review does not take into account the 60-70% of call outs from Kingsclere into Berkshire, the last 6/7 calls have been into Berkshire. Neither Basingstoke or Newbury will accept a 1st response vehicle for standby which will change the way the station operates. For example, Newbury engines can get to Tothill and Penwood faster than a Kingsclere engine and are therefore deployed with the Kingsclere engine going into Newbury as standby. This will no longer be possible so for how long will Berkshire engines pick up those calls with out charging? It could end up costing more in the long run.
- PCSO – A lot of theft from motor vehicles and sheds – Please report suspicious activity asap.
- Stuart Packham – is there any news on the CCTV? Has Andy Bates been in contact? No but FS has discussed the CCTV with the PCSO.
- **Back to Standing Orders at 8:48**

05/15.10

Fieldgate Centre: The public meeting on 8th September was well attended. Approximately 200 people with more volunteers and offers of committee members. A follow up meeting was held on 20th where 4 new trustees came forward and 20 other volunteers willing to help out at the centre. BDBC will provide a Development Officer 2 Days a week to help and are giving the Community Association an interest free loan. Things are very much more optimistic.

SA – Rumours suggest a plan to close the bar. No, the bar will not close but will be trying a different approach – it will be open for the Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation Meeting 16th October. Income from the bar has dropped 50%.

JS – Is any development planned? A major refurb to the centre including improvements to make it more efficient but grants are drying up.

FS -The Community Association need to ask the Parish Council for help if they need it.



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09/15.11 Neighbourhood Plan:

Developers at Porch Farm have revised their plan, changing the location slightly with the access being directly onto the A339.

Scoping for the Environment Assessment is underway and Site Assessments are complete:-

Last place, Gailey Mill and Poveys Mead – both visible from the AONB;
Middle, Strokens Road, Porch Farm and Yew Tree Farm (all scored very closely), Yew Tree Farm is in the AONB and advice from North Wessex Downs and BDBC is for a max of 10 properties – the developers plan for 38 contravenes with the Basingstoke plan;

Top, Coppice Road and Fawconer Road.

Public consultation has revealed that smaller sites are preferred but that may change with Porch Farm.

CM – The number of houses required is 50 so there are only so many permutations of how that figure can be reached. The public need to be aware that choosing smaller sites may mean more sites will have to be developed.

09/15.12 County Councillor:

Apologies received from Cllr Chapman – nothing to report.

09/15.14 Rolling List:

Recreation Playground Equipment – A pre-application has been made to Veolia and they have confirmed we are eligible to apply for grant funding. A new equipment provider has been identified and a new quote had been sourced. Application to be submitted in December with a Decision in March 2016.

09/15.15 Planning Applications:

T/00320/15/TCA – The planning panel are against the removal of the tree but agree it should be hard pruned. The tree wardens have suggested the same.

09/15.16 Clerks Report:

16.1 A thank you has been received from Ralph Cook for the managing of the Wild Flower Meadows.

16.2 CPRE are requesting we help with funding – last year we gave them £50 and it was agreed to donate the same again this year.

16.3 Feel-the Beat application for funding to support 37 young performers to take part in Kent Dance Challenge. More information is needed, no accounts were attached. Are the group representing the village and if so how many attending need a subsidy

09/15.17 Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts for August and September were reviewed and signed off.

09/15.18 Date of next meeting:

Monday 26th October at 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....