



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 03/23
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th September 2023 in the Village Club

GP 03/23 – Present:

Cllrs: Gaines; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R Clerk – Ackrill.

03/23.1 – Apologies:

Cllr Conquest

03/23.2 – Election of General Purposes Committee Chairman - Cllr Mussett nominated Cllr Conquest this motion was seconded by Cllr N Peach. Cllr Conquest had indicated prior to the meeting he would be happy to take the role if no other candidates. All present were in favour. In Cllr Conquest's absence at this meeting Cllr Mussett was nominated by Cllr Gaines and seconded by Cllr N Peach to Chair this meeting.

Resolved: Chair of GP Committee Cllr Conquest

03/23/3 – Declarations of Interest: None

03/23.4 - Questions from the Public: No Public were present.

03/23.5– Hugo Fox Web Site: An upgraded service for website hosting along with the introduction of charges will be in place as of October 4th 2023. If KPC wish to remain with Hugo Fox we have no alternative that to select one of the three different charging packages. Cllr Conquest as Media Councillor had sent in a report ahead of the meeting explaining other website providers had been researched last year and the cost to change providers would range from £1000 to £2500 for very similar service. Cllr Conquest therefore recommended in the report the Silver package £19.99 per month which included current service, plus planning alerts, easy access to B & D Website (to be promoted) and the addition of private logins for document access. All were in favour of remaining with Hugo Fox at £19.99 per month.

Resolved: All agreed to payment of £19.99 per month from October 2023

Action: Clerk and RFO to set up for October 4th

03/23.6 – Health and Safety: No items discussed.

03/23.7 – Cemetery Rules and Regulations: Amendments to include no Vehicles permitted, width of the Memorial Headstone, No Kerbs as of September 2023, Alteration of the signing of the Rules and Regulations. Other minor amendments such as addition text of assistance dogs were permitted.

Resolved: Amendments were all approved, new version dated September 2023 to be circulated

Action: Clerk

03/23.8 – Spring Bulbs: Expenditure of the budgeted £100 for Spring Bulbs agreed.

Resolved: Cllr N Peach purchase Spring Bulbs to value of £100

Action: NP

03/23.9 – Crown Green Notice Boards: Clerk and Cllr Mussett have now obtained four quotes for the double sided, enclosed board. Both sides – will hold 8 Sides of A4 paper. The comparison sheet and quotes were reviewed and gave options of wood, aluminium and made man timber and enough detail was supplied to recommend a purchase of a man-made timber board to the Full Council meeting in September.

Action: Clerk OM September

03/23.10 – Salt Bin Crown Green: Request from a local resident to situate the tatty bin elsewhere as detracts from view from The Crown, Cllrs were aware the bins have to go on Highways land and the locations are Hampshire CC decision. Cllrs believe the site could be useful in case of hard winter, but the salt / bin may require replenishing. Clerk will contact our resident and make aware how to request newer bin and salt replacement.

Action: Clerk

03/23.11 – Update on S106 Spend: Clerk and Cllr Conquest have been researching small items of equipment and presented some man-made timber trim trail options / sensory board. It may be possible to add BCllr grants / Greenham match funding to the small S106 sum to be spent. Cllrs discussed and resolved to just look at 1 or 2 sensory boards for accessible play at this point as its time sensitive to spend the S106 and keep the trim trail items in mind for future. Three quotes for sensory boards will need to be supplied to Basingstoke and Deane before approval of the project can be given.

Resolved: to look to purchase 1 or 2 sensory boards.

Action: Clerk

03/23.12 – Risk Assessments – Cllr Gaines and Clerk have now completed most of the annual Risk Assessment, a summary of findings sheet was produced for the meeting. Cllrs went through the items , quotes required for repair to lychgate, benches in square, replacement planks to be priced for budget 2023/4. Some items can be sorted internally. The damage path surface in Malt House is to be reported to BDBC and the tree roots across the gravel path down the side of churchyard be reported to Hampshire ROW.

Action: Clerk NP RP

03/23.13 - Planning Matters:

13.1 - 23/01895/HSE - 43 Swan Street - In theory Cllrs had no objections to the application but would like to see a Condition in place as per the Historic Report for the inclusion of the replanting of replacement native hedging in the blocking up of the existing entrance. To mitigate for the removal of existing hedge

13.2 - T/00319/23/TCA – 53 Newbury Road, not enough detail supplied regarding the reason to remove. CM will call planning officer for more details.

13.3 – 22/01395/RET 4 Basingstoke Road Appeal CM will call planning officer

13.4 – 22/00620/LBC Drake Cottage Amendment - stand by original comment.

13.5 – 23/02129/LBC – 21 North Street Amendment - No Objections

13.6 – 22/02983/FUL – Star Farm Caravan Amendment outside settlement boundary but too late to submit objections

03/23.14 - **Matters for Future Consideration:** No matters were raised.

02/23.15 – Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th November 2023 7:30pm in the Village Club if required.

03/23.16 – Exempt Business – to propose and pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for the discussion of the following matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

16.1 To Discuss Bowls Club Lease terms – Update on Lease progression Heads of Term have now been discussed with Bowls Club representatives, lengthy response received in response offering lower annual rate and different length than the draft proposal, KPC has a duty to the tax payer to get value for money therefore an alternative option was discussed and will be forwarded to Bowls Club.

Resolved: Adjusted 2nd Draft Heads of Term to be forwarded to Bowls Club

Action: CM/NP

16.2 To discuss Tennis Club Lease – CM/NP meeting with Tennis Club this Thursday @7.30 to discuss new lease.

Meeting closed 21.45

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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