



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 10/14  
held at 7.30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in the Village Club

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**ACTION**

- OM 10/14 Present:** Cllrs. Adams; Bond; Cruickshank; Denness; Farey; Peach.N; Peach R; Sawyer; Clerk: S Thompson
- 10/14.1 Apologies:** Cllr Savin; County Cllr. Chapman;
- 10/14.2 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 10/14.3 Minutes:**
- 3.1: The Minutes of the OM Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were amended to show that Cllr Sawyer was not present having sent his apologies. This noted the Minutes were then signed and accepted as a true record
  - 3.2: The Minutes of the GP Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were signed and accepted as a true record
  - 3.3: The Minutes of the F&E Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were signed and accepted as a true record
- 10/14.4 Matters arising:**
- OM 09/14.8** – Cllrs J Cruickshank & N Peach have agreed to be administrators for the new website.
  - GP 10/14.3** – It was unanimously **agreed** to crown lift a tree in The Holding Field at a cost of £300.
  - GP 10/14.4** – It was unanimously **agreed** to cover a shortfall in funds for the Speed Watch Equipment to the value to £225.53 from the Enborne Valley Trust Fund
- 10/14.5 Chairman's Remarks:**
- 5.1. Talks regarding the future of the Public Toilets are halted at the moment due to no officer working on this. It was reported in the local press that the public toilets in Kintbury are likely to be run by the Parish Council following a public vote to accept the additional cost of £10,000 on the Precept.
  - 5.2. Library: Meetings with HCC are ongoing. It appears that there is no full breakdown of running costs with HCC and utility costs are linked with the Village Club, so making an informed breakdown of running costs has been difficult to ascertain. There is no clear manager coming forward from the group of volunteers and without a leader, KPC is unwilling at present to make a commitment to the project.
  - 5.3. Biomass Electricity Generating Station at Greenham Common: Cllr Denness attended a meeting at Greenham last week. It will increase HGV traffic along the A339 and local rural roads, to the extent of about 25 vehicles per day. The operation is to use only coppiced and tree surgery wood waste. The consultations are ongoing. We complained that we had not been officially consulted on this application and received agreement that they will keep us informed in future.
  - 5.4. Traffic Order: Union Lane will be closed on 10/11 November for essential repairs. There will be not alternative route.
- 10/14.6 Ratification of Proposals from F & E Meeting:**
- 6.1. An increase of 5% (rounded) in Cemetery Fees commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 was proposed by Cllr Sawyer, seconded by Cllr Cruickshank and unanimously **agreed**.
  - 6.2. An agreement not to increase Allotments Fees for 2015 was proposed by Cllr Farey, seconded by Cllr Sawyer and unanimously **agreed**.
- 10/14.7 Speed Watch:**
- Cllr Bond advised that the Police had approved the allocated roads in Kingsclere for speed watch and have vetted and approved all the volunteers. We are now waiting for the grant in order to purchase the equipment.
- 10/14.8 Neighbourhood Plan:**
- Cllr Adams advised that they had started work on the writing the NP Policies. A Public meeting is to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and it was requested that everyone attend. URS will present their findings and people will be able to see the work done so far and comment on it. There are no proposals for site allocations at this time as the group wish to use feedback from this important meeting to look at allocation of sites. An article has appeared in the local press promoting the Meeting. BDBC have submitted their Local Plan to the Secretary of State for approval. If approved this will form the strategy for the Borough until 2029. The dedicated website is now up and running and can be viewed at [www.kingsclere-np.org.uk](http://www.kingsclere-np.org.uk). It has come to the groups notice that the Catholic Church in Swan Street is probably coming up for sale and that the lease for the old Youth Club land is being surrendered. These may possibly be considered within the plan.

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**Recess proposed & approved at 8:00pm Standing Orders Suspended:**

- i. An area of the boundary bank in Love Lane is collapsing. *Clerk to write to owners.*
- ii. Concern was raised over the high rental costs of the new houses in Longcroft Road which may have put off many families from applying. Why were they designated as "Affordable" instead of "Social" housing? *The B Cllr will answer this in her report.*
- iii. We have lost our village policeman, we are losing our PCSO, what is going to happen to rural policing in Kingsclere. Are the Council aware of open public meeting on this issue to be held at the RBL centre in Herriard on 8<sup>th</sup> November?  
*We were not aware of this meeting. We will look into it further. Tadley PCSO may be designated a patrol in Kingsclere.*

**Out of Recess at 8.10pm**

**10/14.9 County Councillors Report:**

Apologies tendered – no report received.

**10/14.10 Borough Councillors Reports:**

Cllr Osselton:

- i. problems with trees in Kingsclere are proving difficult to solve due to no recognisable ownership.

Cllr Sherlock:

- ii. the Secretary of State would not accept Basingstoke's figure of 748 new homes annually in their Local Plan. He wants to see 800-900. This may impact on the numbers allocated down to Kingsclere Parish Council.
- iii. There has been a review of the Planning Dept in order to improve services to the public. Increased loss of staff is an issue of concern.
- iv. BDBC's Bi-annual resident's survey revealed that 96% were satisfied with their local area.

Cllr Osselton responded to resident to question on the rents at Longcroft Road. All new developments now have to be offered as "Affordable Housing" and cannot be classed as "Social Housing". Different rules and criteria apply. Affordable housing is 80% of market value and Social housing is 50% of market value. The Housing needs register is also changing and it will be much harder for people to get onto the register without demonstrating a real need in future.

The resident responded that this meant that young people and families are going to be forced out of our communities.

**10/14.11 Rolling List**

11.1. Recreation Ground play equipment funding sources have dried up. It is difficult to find agencies or organisations which will entertain grant applications at this time. Cllrs Denness & Cruickshank will explore other avenues.

**AD/JC**

**10/14.12 Planning:**

14/02383/ROC – Clerk has asked for clarification on Conditions of change.

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**10/14.13 Clerks Report:**

13.1 & 13.2 – Letters of thanks from Basingstoke CAB and CPRE for Grants made.  
13.3 – Clerk advised of Mayors Firework Event on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014.

**10/14.18 Approval of Income and Expenditure & Bank Reconciliations:**

Approved and signed off

**10/14.19 Date of Next Ordinary Meeting:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7:30 in The Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....