



## Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 01/16

held at 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January in the Village Club

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- OM 01/16 Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Cruickshank; Farey; Mussett; N Peach; R Peach; Price; F Sawyer ; J Sawyer. B Cllr: Sherlock.
- 01/16.1 Apologies:** Price; B Cllr Osselton; C Cllr Chapman.
- 01/16.2 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 01/16.3 Minutes:**
- 3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 accepted and signed.
- 3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 accepted and signed.
- 3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 accepted and signed.
- 01/16.4 Matters arising:** None
- 01/16.5 Chairman's Remarks:**
- i) The Making a Difference awards were held earlier this month and were very well received with positive feedback from winners and guests. Thank you to everyone who helped in the preparations and on the night.
- ii) Congratulations to the Community Library on another very successful event last week – excellent work.
- iii) The broken bollards that have been knocked down in Swan St have been reported.
- iv) HCC have been asked to remove the barriers erected following the repair to the railings on the bridge at Bear Hill.
- 01/16.6 Ratification of Proposal from F&E Meeting:**
- There will not be a need to increase the precept this year because not only are the salaries lower but also there was some capital expenditure at the allotment for a new gate and fence in last years figures
- The Mowing and Maintenance figures across all items have been increased by 10% because some additional items have been added and the contract is out for tender with the previous figures being set 3 years ago.
- Grants budget has been increased because as last year's budget was fully utilised.
- Other expenditure has been increased from £250 to £4000 to allow a contingency – this may be required for the neighbourhood plan and the community library amongst other things.
- £10000.00 was allocated last year from the reserves for refurbishing the play area on the recreation ground which has not yet been spent which is why our outgoings are approximately this much more than the income for 2016/17.
- In future years could the Parish Paths budget be increased as funding for this network is likely to dry up – this year the money could come from the contingency fund.
- It was proposed (CM) to accept the budget as presented and to keep the precept at £41346.00 for 2016/17, seconded (FS) and unanimously **agreed**.
- 01/16.7 Sector Led Body for External Audit:**
- The accounts for this coming year end and previous years have been externally audited by BDO. This contract ends after this year end and it is up to Local Councils to arrange their own. HALC and SLCC have joined together and are proposing a Sector Led Body to administer external audit arrangements for Local Councils. We will automatically be enrolled to this service unless we opt out by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.
- It was proposed (JC), seconded (RP) and unanimously **agreed** to stay with the Sector Led Body.
- 01/16.8 Voluntary Smoking Ban in Children's Play Areas:**
- Following a public consultation last year, BDBC decided to implement the scheme in December 2015. BDBC are encouraging parish councils to introduce the ban in play areas under their control. BDBC would provide 2 signs per play area but the cost of any additional signs would need to be met by parish councils (estimated cost with installation is £130). It is important to note that this is to be a voluntary code and cannot be enforced.
- Discussion highlighted that whilst the ban is welcome we do not wish to over clutter the village with signs. Three of the four play areas in the village belong to the borough and will get the signs so should we just accept the signs for continuity? The "No Dogs Allowed" signs are missing from the recreation ground play area and need to be replaced. Would it be possible to incorporate both signs into one? We don't know what the signs will look like at the moment as BDBC plan to run a competition to design the new signs.
- Clerk to write to BDBC with our concerns and questions over the new signage. Decision deferred until the next OM and to be further discussed at GP.
- 01/16.9 Neighbourhood Plan:**
- The group last met in December where there was a presentation by Mags Wylie, Rural Housing Enabler from Action Hampshire, who helps with small social housing schemes. She brought to the meeting statistics which shows that the number of people on the

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Housing Register for Kingsclere is now 30 down from 100. It is thought that this decrease may be due to the fact that everyone was required to re-register and many may not realise they had to do this and subsequently are no longer on the list. There are 13 people on the Help to Buy register for Kingsclere. David Wilson Homes who own the land behind Fawconer Road and Barton Wilmore, who are agents for the land behind Coppice Road and Stokins Road, have commissioned a traffic assessment which recommends possibly widening Ashford Hill Road. Linden Homes, the developers acting for Porch Farm are also completing a traffic survey and an ecological survey. Reports will be available on the website. The Scoping Report is complete and AECOM needs to be paid for before year end or the grant will be lost. The next meeting will be attended by agents from Turley and Middleton Portway estates to discuss the groups rejection of the Gailey Mill site.

**01/16.10 County Councillor:** Apologies from Cllr Chapman – no report

**01/16.11 Borough Councillors:** Cllr Sherlock will find out what he can about the smoking ban signs. A lot is happening in the borough with plans progressing for Basing View, the top of town, leisure centre, designer precinct etc. at Development Control Meetings. The Local Plan will be discussed at a meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May where is hoped to adopt the plan as it is expected to pass the inspection.

### **Recess proposed at 8:12pm**

Diana Tait – Part of the pavement in Thornley Road has become a trip hazard where it has become heaped and hollowed in patches near No.5. Clerk to report to HCC.

Rod Eldrid – Very pleased to hear there may be more funds available to the parish paths.

Resident – Manhole cover in Newbury Road badly damaged and needs repairing. Keep left sign at the roundabout is lying on the ground. Road Sweeper is not going into Garrett Close and the area is being swept by residents. Clerk to chase HCC and report road sweeping to BDBC.

Alan Gore – A hedge on Basingstoke Road is completely covering the footway. Clerk to write to landowner for a cut in February.

### **Proposed to return to standing orders at 8:20pm**

**01/16.12 Rolling List:**

Playground – New quotes will need to be obtained as those received recently are still over budget. Grant request to Veolia is ongoing.

WW1 Commemorations – Heritage Association are making plans

Spring Bulbs – all now planted at Newbury Road, The Dell, outside George and Horn PH, under noticeboards, Basingstoke Road and Longcroft Play Area - move to back list.

Emergency Plan – we have someone who may be willing to head this project and a meeting is to be booked with the clerk to discuss requirements.

**01/16.13 Planning Applications:**

15/04550/FUL – Land adjoining 27 Swan Street, concerns are raised over the right of access and the infill within the conservation area. We need to conserve our conservation area and this would set a precedent. Clerk has received comments from the planning panel to include in our reply.

16/00120/OOBC – Land to the north of Greenham Business Park, only an extension of opening hours by 2 hours daily and a few more Saturday's. No objections.

**01/16.14 Clerks Report:**

14.1 Thank you from Ted Dunn

14.2 Invitation from the Mayor to her Charity Concert at the Anvil

14.3 Request for the funfair to return to Holding Field this year – deferred to GP.

**01/16.15 Approval of Income and Expenditure:**

The accounts for December and January were reviewed and signed off.

**01/16.16 Date of next meeting:**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....