Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 08/13 held at 7.30pm on Monday 30 September 2013 in the Village Club



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OM 08/13 Present: Cllrs. Adams; Bond; Cruickshank; Denness; Farey; Peach & **ACTION** Sawyer: Clerk: S Thompson: 0 members of the press: 8 Members of the Public Apologies: Cllrs. Savin - Tadley Transport Mtg - arrived later; B Cllr 08/13.1 Osselton; B Cllr Sherlock & C Cllr Chapman 08/13.2 **Declarations of Interest:** None 08/13.3 Minutes: 3.1: The Minutes of the OM Meeting held on 26th July 2013 were signed and accepted as a true record 3.2: The Minutes of the GP Meeting held on 16th September 2013 were signed and accepted as a true record

08/13.4 Matters arising:

GP: 07/13.4 – Defibrillators Cllr Bond advised locations found; funding needs to be looked into.

08/13.5 Chairman's Remarks:

- War Memorial has been cleaned. Thanks to Cllr Chapman for the grant to cover most of the cost and thanks to RBL for their contribution.
- The Annual Report and the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire will both be ii. delivered in October.
- Thanks to all residents who responded to for requests to clear and cut back ii. hedges, trees and the Stream.
- The Chairman advised that the Garage has been sold and is due to reopen as soon as improvements have been made.
- We have been approached by the Scouts, cubs and Guiding groups to provide opportunities to help the members gain their Gardening/Community service Badge.

Update on Neighbourhood Plan (NP): 08/13.6

Cllr Adams reported that there was again a good response and the Church Fete with similar results to the previous exhibition. B&DBC's Local Plan indicates at least 50 new homes for Kingsclere by 2029, 40% designated affordable. KPC will have a say in where these are to go if we have a NP in place by 2017. B&DBC held a re-submission exhibition at The Fieldgate Centre and we were able to have our own NP exhibition there too. Thanks to Peter Woodman for being on hand to answer questions. KPC now needs to consider it's formal response to B&D's Plan. The Village Club Trustees have agreed to allowing us use of a room to set up a drop in centre for the NP initiative. A nominal rent will be charged and paid for out of grant funds already received. It was proposed Cllr Peach; Sec: Cllr Sawyer, that £200 towards the cost of delivering the NP Questionnaires should be paid for out of KPC reserves as the Annual Report is to be delivered under the same contract. Unanimously Agreed

08/13.7 Installation of a new gate on FP84:

Due to the lack of an adequate barrier at the end of footpath 84, leading onto Fox's Lane, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that funding is sought to replace the existing gate with a more user friendly version.

Quotes for Pollarding the trees in St Mary's Churchyard 08/13.8

Quotes received from three Contractors were considered and it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the lowest quote, being £1,200 + vat, received from our current Mowing & Maintenance Contractors, Scofell be accepted.

08/13.9 **Holding Field Matters:**

- The Clerk advised that emergency work costing £60 had been undertaken to remove old dangerous vertical posts from around the tennis courts, exposed through years of erosion.
- ii. Quotes for the removal of the damaged area of the all weather wicket were considered and it was unanimously agreed to go with the lowest

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quote of £255, from a local contractor A Rampton.

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08/13.10 Request for further street lighting in Cedar Drive:

A request to try and improve street lighting at an area in Cedar Drive has been looked into and consultation has been carried out. The results will be taken into account when all lights are replaced by HCC to conform to EU regulations. An exhibition bus will be visiting Kingsclere in November to advise residents of the changes to come.

08/13.11 Community Bus Service:

The new Community Bus to Tadley will commence on 9th October, running twice a week. Bus passes can be used and for paying passengers the cost is £5.00 return.

Recess proposed & approved at 8:12 Standing Orders Suspended

- i. Concern expressed over Council's intention to remove or asked to be removed, ornaments from graves in Ecchinswell Road Cemetery – she was advised that the Council were only proposing to reinforce the rules and regulations concerning graves and memorials and that this would be handled as sensitively as possible. R's & R's are given to all purchasers of graves and interments and are posted at the gate.
- ii. Resident asked at B&D's exhibition if housing for requirements could exceed 50 and it was confirmed it could.
- *iii.* There had been no answer to a letter to the Chief Supervisor regarding the future of Policing in Kingsclere *clerk to chase*.
- *iv.* Concern expressed over the Government being able to overturn Parish and Borough/County level decisions on housing on Appeal.
- v. When will eastern boundary hedge at the Recreation Ground be cut back and could we ensure it will be a hard cut back October and yes, we will instruct a hard cut.
- vi. Sentinel are selling Elm Grove but work is to begin at Longcroft soon.

Out of Recess at 8.22

08/13.12 Consultation on New Licensing Policy:

The Consultation had been circulated to all councillors but is very wordy. Clerk to precise changes and bring back to committee.

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08/13.13 County Councillors Remarks:

Cllrs Apologies received

08/13.14 Borough Councillors Remarks:

Cllrs apologies received

08/13.15 Rolling List:

Items were reviewed and updated: -

No response on BMX track – move to back list.

New Ply Equipment at Recreation Ground added - GP

08/13.16 Planning Applications:

13/01677 – The Orchard, Fox's Lane – No objection 13/01611 – Handycross, Fox's Lane - No objection 13/01156 – Howe & Son, Bear Hill – No objection

Here is to be another meeting on the Quarry on 8th October. Cllrs attending.

08/13.17 Clerks Report:

- i. Agreed to provide £200 to Feel the Beat
- ii. BDO, external Auditors have signed off the 2013 accounts

iii. Clerk advised on the Mayors Charity Concert and Firework display

- iv. There is some dispute on ownership of dead tree at Ashford Hill Road. Clerk has advised it is dangerous and they will remove as soon as possible.
- v. Clerk advised on a free Will Writing Service (limited period)
- vi. A disabled parking bay has been installed in Anchor Road at resident's request

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Page 3 of 3 vii. Possible disruption to transport during resurfacing work has been moved back to next Spring. Clerk attending HALC AGM on 19th October – no matters brought Clerk forward for referral ix. Cllr Sawyer will be attending North Wessex Downs AONB AGM on 16th JS October on behalf of Kingsclere. Approval of Income and Expenditure: 08/13.18 Approved and signed off 08/13.19 **Date of Next Ordinary Meeting:** Monday 28th October 2013 at 7:30 in The Village Hall. The Public were excluded from the following items under LGA 1985 Sch 12A, Pt1 S8 & S1. To consider NALC increases in National Salary Scales: 08/13.20 It was unanimously agreed to accept the 1% pay rise in National Scales. 08/13.21 Vacancy for Assistant Clerk: Various advertising methods were considered and those agreed to be Clerk implemented. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 pm Signed:.... Date:..... Chairman Signed:.... Date:.....

Parish Clerk