



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 03/18

held at 7.30pm on Monday 26th March 2018 in the Village Club

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Present: Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach R; Price.

Apologies: Cllrs: Peach N; Sawyer F; Sawyer J. B.Cllr Ken Rhatigan.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 26th February 2018 were accepted and signed.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 12th March 2018 were accepted and signed.

3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 19th March 2018 were accepted and signed.

03/18.4

Matters arising: None.

It was resolved to take item 11 next as Cllr Thacker needed to leave to attend another meeting.

03/18.11

County Councillor: Government funding to the county had previously been cut by 50% and there was a further reduction again this year which has resulted in the need to increase council tax by 6%. This does demonstrate a true efficiency based on the cuts and the additional services that have been taken on without the transfer of funds from central government. Capital Expenditure is being maintained. HCC is solvent as a result of good management over recent years where reserves have not been frittered and costs were cut early on. HCC is well run although it is acknowledged that the roads are in a poor condition and the state of them does not reflect this. Steve Goodall has been contacted about the roadside degradation and the potholes. Kit Malthouse has been contacted to pressure for a national response to the roads, prioritising the dangers on high speed roads and for more money for potholes etc. HCC has supported the 3rd runway at Heathrow. The Leader of the Council is writing to the DCLG about changes in structure, the idea of a combined authority may be resurrected. Work continues to find a solution for the Newtown Road HWRC – passes to stay in place until there is a permanent solution.

It was highlighted that the A339 appears to get forgotten – it is under severe pressure and additional developments will compound the situation. The A339 is a known route for accident rates. West Berks are pushing traffic down the Newtown Road which is not suitable. The Parish Council are trying to set up a meeting with Cllr Humby but this is proving difficult could Cllr Thacker help facilitate this?

It was asked if HCC were also talking to and supporting Gatwick's expansion projects as it had supported Heathrow – HCC had been a consultee for Heathrow but has not been consulted on Gatwick.

03/18.5

Chairman's Remarks:

- i) Executive Director of Borough Development and Deputy Chief Executive BDDC Victor Nicholls visited Kingsclere last Friday with our Ward Members Ken Rhatigan and Donald Sherlock. He saw some of the problems in the village but was impressed with the Fieldgate Centre and that a centre that big was sustainable.
- ii) The council are still looking into recruiting an assistant to the Clerk and this is progressing.

03/18.6

Boundary Commission - Consultation on Council Ward Boundaries for Basingstoke & Deane: BCllr Don Sherlock updated the council on the Boundary Commission's proposal. The Commission is minded to recommend that BDBC should have 54 councillors and information from people and groups is now needed to produce a new pattern of wards to accommodate this. It is likely that each Ward would have 3 Members with the current Ward for Kingsclere expanding to include Baughurst. Each Ward should probably have an electorate of approximately 4000 (give or take 10%). Cllrs expressed that it would be more natural for Kingsclere to be grouped with Ecchinswell and Burghclere. Individuals can respond but the Parish Council will submit a response. Defer to next meeting.

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Pillar Box: Item deferred from GP. The traditional large Pillar Box has been removed from in front of the old Post Office on George Street. It has been reported to Royal Mail that the current provision of Post Boxes in the village has insufficient capacity. The Parish Council has done as much as it can and this now needs to be opened up to the village to pursue. Clerk to put an update in The Tower.

Clerk

03/18.8

Old Telephone Box for Defibrillator: Item deferred from GP. The cost of acquiring an old red Telephone Box is considered too expensive. The location of the existing Defibrillators to be publicised in The Tower. Would the council owned unit be better placed in the centre of the village for example on the Toilet Block. This would require a sturdier metal container to deter vandalism. Item to be returned to GP.

GP

03/18.9

Internal Audit

9.1 Terms of Reference: Document reviewed by FE Committee and referred to OM for approval.

Resolved – Document adopted.

9.2 Audit Plan/approach to internal Audit testing: Document reviewed by FE Committee and referred to OM for approval.

Resolved – Document adopted.



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- 03/18.10 Update on Neighbourhood Plan:** A drop in session was held for anyone wishing to review the documentation on Monday 5th March and despite the foul weather a few people did attend. The consultation period ended on 13th March and 68 comments have been received. BDBC have advised the group to review the comments and to respond to any new issues. The comments and responses will be sent to the Independent Examiner who will start work on 9th April. The referendum is likely to take place in late June or early July.
- 03/18.12 Borough Councillor:** A firm has been appointed for the Manydown development. The Leisure Centre development, costing £3m, has been approved – most of the money for this has been brought in by developers. It is hoped that there will be some more money for infrastructure.
- Recess Standing Orders were suspended at 20:11:**
- 1) The Speedwatch team are getting out as often as possible and trying to mix up the dates to spread coverage. The team have one new recruit but would ideally like a deputy to enable more outings.
 - 2) The RBL await a reply from family on the proposed new memorial for a local soldier. The planning for the Open Day is all complete and hopefully the weather will be kind.
- Back to Standing Orders 20:14.**
- 03/18.13 Rolling List**
- 13.1 Village of the Year:** The 2nd meeting was held on 15th March, local businesses were invited along with village organisations. We will be notified when the application process for the National Competition opens. HALC will advertise the Hampshire competition in April. A couple of responses have been received from businesses and one has suggested there may be a possibility of some funding. The Dental Practice won an award "Best Team - South East England" at the Dentistry Awards 2017 in December. It was agreed the Clerk should send a congratulations letter from the Parish Council. Actions have been identified for the Parish Council, information will be circulated for Cllrs to add to. Feedback from the meeting indicated that organisations need to know if there is any thing they need to do for the application or in preparation for judging. A previous resident of Kingsclere who was involved in the application for Beer, one of the finalists in the National Competition, has been able to offer some ideas to assist our application.
- 03/18.14 Planning Applications:**
- 14.1 18/00718/FUL – Horsebrook, Bear Hill** – despite objections raised permission has been previously granted. The conditions placed on the original application have not been adequately dealt with, in particular those around landscaping and traffic.
- 14.2 18/00668/HSE – 14 The Dell** – no objections.
- 03/18.15 Clerks Report:**
- 15.1 Thank you from the Bowls Club** – letter received.
- 15.2 Tadley CAB request for funding** – it was agreed a grant would be offered again this year on the anniversary.
- Resolved** - £200 grant to be paid in June.
- 15.3 SLCC Membership Renewal** – £165 – the Clerk recommends this membership is retained.
- Resolved** – Renew membership at £165.
- 03/18.16 Approval of Income and Expenditure:** The accounts have not yet been checked by a Cllr – deferred to next meeting.
- 03/18.17 Date of next meeting:** Monday 30th April 2018 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 20:28

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....