



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 09/18
held at 7.30pm on Monday 24th September 2018 in the Village Club

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ACTION

- OM 09/18 Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J. B Cllr Sherlock; C Cllr Thacker. Clerk – Porton; Admin Assist - Read
- 09/18.1 Apologies:** Cllrs: Peach N; B Cllr Rhatigan
- 09/18.2 Declarations of Interest:** AP 18.11
- 09/18.3 Minutes:**
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 20th August were accepted and signed.
3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 10th September were accepted and signed.
- 09/18.4 Matters arising:** None
- 09/18.5 Chairman's Remarks:**
i) Thank you to everyone who voted in the Neighbourhood Plan referendum. 85% voted in favour and the Neighbourhood Plan will now protect the village. *The Chairman read out his press release statement.*
ii) Since the August OM the initial meeting of "Walkers are Welcome" has been held. We were a little disappointed by the turnout however hope that this will improve in future meetings.
iii) Would like to start a village discussion about safety in Swan Street. Would like it to be an item on the next GP meeting. There have been numerous major incidents recently and many in the past week. *Examples of incidents were given.*
iv) Thank you to Cllrs involved in the Church Fete. Thanks to Cllr Ian Bowes for sourcing the banner. We spoke to many residents about the Neighbourhood Plan and would like to make the Parish Councils' attendance at the fete a regular occurrence.
v) The programme for the village WW1 celebration events is now available. It is around the village on the noticeboards. Look out for knitted poppies in village shop windows and laminated war poems on gates and styles.
vi) Cllrs have recently switched to new councillor email addresses. If you have any issues with accessing these please see the Clerk.
vii) Congratulation to Cllrs Ian Bowes on recently cycling from Land's End to John o' Groats raising over £1200 for Cancer Research and improving him time from his last attempt by a number of hours.
- 09/18.15 County Councillor:** Has Written to C Cllr Humby regarding the A339 and continuing concerns over traffic issues and hasn't heard back. Has had concerns about the A339 for a long time and in his opinion West Berkshire Council are attempting to push traffic south to the Tot Hill junction. Understands from B Cllr Sherlock that there has been some action that he is not aware of. There was a Hampshire County Council meeting on the 20th September that reported that HCC has a £10 million underspend. None of the savings came from child or adult services. There needs to be another £80 Million saving in future years. Without Government support, HCC cannot maintain the current rate of spending – in the medium term it is manageable however long term this would be impossible. HCC are aware that numerous roads need repairing. A councillor asked if C Cllr was aware of the request to upgrade the Love Lane footpath. The parish Council has written required specifications and has met with Steve Goodhall who says it is "on the list". The Parish Council are unable to develop the footpath because it is not PC property. C Cllr said that he is not aware of this request and confirmed there is a "list" but commented that it is a very long list.
- 09/18.6 Parking Consultation Document:** Document circulated prior to meeting. It was noted this was the same document that was circulated prior to the Church Fete. It's intended purpose is to capture where the village is at the moment in regards to parking and parking problems. It was noted that there are obvious constraints because this is an historic village. Cllr Mussett was keen to point out that this document should address the needs of everyone in the village, residents, businesses and visitors, in equal proportion. Of all the parking bays in the village only 21 bays have restrictions. There are 72 bays between Anchor Road car park and the main village square and 80 bays between the Holding Field car park and the Fieldgate Centre, which will raise to 100 bays with the Holding Field car park expansion. This document indicates that there is not enough provision in the village for the use of bicycles and there could be the possibility of removing a tree in the square and installing a bicycle rack. Suggestions for various parking restrictions were put forward, however it was noted that if restrictions are put in place then it would risk creating a parking problem. Ideas for how the document would be publicised were discussed and the suggestion of a public meeting after it has been distributed was put forward.



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At 20:20 the discussion was opened to members of the public.

A resident from Priors Close expressed disappointment that the parameters of the document did not include the three main roads around the school – Ash Grove, Priors Close and Love Lane. Asked if it would be possible to expand the document to include these. They commented that “one would like to reach, enter, and exit one’s own driveway.” Another resident asked how often we get someone checking parking. *Not very often.* They commented on parking on Swan Street and how people who wish to park and use the shops can’t because people park and use the hairdressers. *There is parking for businesses however they’re filled up by residents, those who park and ride and vehicles that never seem to move.*

A resident asked if it was possible to make Anchor Road car park pay and display. *BDBC try not to regulate parking, however when we last checked with them they hadn’t ruled it out.* They asked about creating a drop off system for the school.

A second resident from Priors Close stated that cars often park on people’s property, grass in Ash Grove and the pavement, and that this is now damaging the pavement. Green waste is often not collected because the bin lorry is not able to get past the parked cars in the Close. *It may be possible to put “dragons teeth” bollards up to prevent parking on grass.* Cllrs agreed to add Ash Grove, Priors Close and Love Lane to the Parking Consultation Document. The Chairman also wished to make it clear that the Parish Council is not a parking authority and that it has no power to enforce the law. Document referred to the next OM. Document was approved subject to amendments.

Resolved: Document approved subject to amendments.

09/18.7 External Auditor Report and Certificate: Document circulated prior to meeting. Thanks to the Clerk for maintaining excellent financial records. The Document was accepted, no further comments.

09/18.8 Pony Paddock/Community Orchard – Quote to supply and fit 5 bar gate to footpath entrance from Longcroft Road - £566. Referred from GP as it exceeds their budget approval allowance.

Resolved: £566 for 5 bar gate approved.

09/18.9 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Licence for Defibrillator: Document circulated prior to meeting. One comment about the miss name of the Fire Station. It was agreed that it should be signed subject to correction.

Resolved: Approval to sign subject to correction.

09/18.10 Tadley Cab – Member organisation Scheme: It was agreed we should join. Cllr J Sawyer was nominated representative.

Resolved: Agreed to join with JS as representative.

09/18.11 Tennis Club Lease Extension Request for LIF Funding Application: The Tennis Club requires 5 years on their lease from April 2019 in order to secure funding so have requested an extension on their current lease. In principal Cllrs agreed the PC is not against extending the lease but would need to seek legal advice beforehand. Referred to October OM for approval.

09/18.12 Request for Salt bin Removal in South Road: Received a request though Hampshire Highways to remove the salt bin. It was reported that one person says several people have complained about it. It was commented that the salt bin was put there for a reason and it would be unwise to remove this service from other residents because of a single complaint.

Resolved: Request to remove salt bin is denied.

09/18.13 Parish Office Lease: Lease circulated prior to meeting. No comments, approved.

Resolved: Approved.

09/18.14 Update on Neighbourhood Plan: Thanks to all who voted and took part. The Neighbourhood Plan still has to go to full council later in October. BDBC aren’t reviewing until September 2020 depending if they keep up to date with their 5 year development plan. Cllr Adams has written to two developers saying we are looking forward to working with them and enquiring as to when we will hear from them. The Neighbourhood Plan will now be removed from future agendas.

09/18.16 Borough Councillor: Congratulations on your new Neighbourhood plan. Has received a report about Folly Farm and the concerns over traffic on the A339. The consultant they bought in says there is no problem with the traffic on the A339 which he feels is an inaccurate statement. There will be a meeting regarding the new leisure centre in Basingstoke.



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Recess

Standing Orders were suspended at 21:03:

A resident who lives just past Park House stables and the 40MPH zone voiced concerns over traffic and safety. Would it be possible to move the 40mph limit past the houses? *The council was reminded about action agreed at a previous meeting. If we get data from speed monitoring the police will come out. Report incidents to 101, it will then be logged on their system. Could also report incidents to Hampshire Highways.* Because of the size of vehicles could we change the 'unsuitable for HGVs' sign to 'not suitable for HGVs?' We cannot close a road off to specific vehicles because it is a B road.

Back to Standing Orders 21:18.

09/18.17

Rolling List: No updates.

09/18.18

Planning Applications: None

09/18.19

Clerks Report:

19.1. Basingstoke Variety Show in aid of the Mayors Charity appeal: Clerk advised everyone that this event will be on Saturday 6th October 2018, tickets are £10.

19.2. North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum: Will be held on Wednesday 17th October 2018 at Rushall Farm, Bradfield, Berks.

19.3. CPRE Hampshire's Rural Affordable Housing Conference: Will be on 6th November 2018. Cllrs agreed not to attend because of the new Neighbourhood Plan.

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Approval of Income and Expenditure: The accounts for both August and September were agreed and signed off.

09/18.21

Date of next meeting: Monday 29th October 2018 7:30pm in the Village Club.

09/18.22

Exempt Business: None

Meeting closed at 21:22

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....