



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 01/21
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th January 2021
Using Zoom Online Meeting Software

GP 01/21 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Price; Sawyer J. Clerk – Ackrill; Admin Assistant – Read.
One member of the public.

01/21.1 – Apologies:

None.

01/21.2 – Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Bowes – Kingsclere Community Association.

It was agreed to take item 6 first as a representative of Kingsclere Village Club wished to speak.

01/21.6 – Village Club and the Library:

The Chairman received a letter from the Chairman of Kingsclere Village Club (KVC) – circulated prior to the meeting – regarding the Kingsclere Community Library (KCL), with two requests to the Parish Council. The requests are for KPC to act as an intermediary between KVC and KCL for rental renewal agreements and other necessary correspondence, as direct communication directly between the two organisations has caused friction; and for KPC to perhaps assist with the payment of KCL's rent, with suggestions of grant funding or raising the precept. The KVC representative explained that KCL is considered a separate organisation to KVC and under charity law KVC must charge KCL rent and have a duty to achieve best value. The fact that KCL is not registered as a charity was raised as a point of concern by Cllrs. It was agreed that KPC cannot help fund KCL at KVC's request and if KPC were to consider helping fund KCL there are questions that would need answering and KCL would need to have a business plan and financial plan in place. Different venues for KCL were discussed that may have lower rent to pay but KVC was agreed as the most suitable location all things considered. Discussion of KVC's letter is also on the January OM agenda and it was agreed to write to KCL advising them that this will be discussed at next OM and it would be in their best interests to attend.

Action: Clerk

01/21.3 – Matters Arising:

3.1. 05/20.5 – Swan Street & Pound Green Parking:

KPC discussed this at June 2020 GP and decided to take no action at that time due to the circumstances regarding the Covid-19 pandemic and review in 6 months. It was reported the car parking on the grass at Pound Green has since stopped. Cllrs agreed they wished to see the triangle of land next to #70 Swan Street returned to a green space. It was agreed to write to HCC asking it to repair the barrier on the Bear Hill bridge, install preventative measures on the triangle of land adjacent to #70 Swan Street and the stream to prevent parking, and replace the dragon's tooth that was removed at the top of Pound Green. It was also agreed to write to BDBC and ask them to approach Southern Water regarding parking on their forecourt.

Action: JS, Clerk.

3.2. 07/20.5.1. Play Area Fencing:

Quote circulated prior to meeting. KPC received a quote of £532.17 + VAT to remove all the remaining fence around the Recreation Ground play area as it is all degrading and will soon become a health and safety problem. It was noted that this fence needs to be replaced as soon as possible. IB has written to BCllr Rhatigan regarding a BDBC grant but has not heard back from the BDBC grants team.

Resolved: Quote of £532.17 + VAT approved. Referred to OM for full council approval.

01/21.4 – Dog Signage:

After a short discussion it was decided to leave the current dog signage in place on the Holding Field and Recreation ground, and to organise installation of the new Holding Field and Recreation Ground signage.

Action: IB.

01/21.5 – Making A Difference Awards:

It was agreed that KPC will do an event of some sort and that a request for nominations should be put in the Tower and on social media. An in-person event cannot go ahead at the current time so it was decided that nominees would receive their awards through the post and a celebration event will be held for them in the future when restrictions allow.

Action: JS, Clerk, Admin. Feb GP.

01/21.7 – Community Payback:

It was suggested that KPC would need to have a defined project with a project plan to make efficient use of this service. At the current time KPC would not be able to facilitate the administration and site management that this would require. It was agreed to review if KPC has any projects that could make use of this service in 6 months.

Action: July GP

01/21.8 – S106:

Updated S106 statement circulated prior to the meeting. There is approximately £1780 for Open Space Improvements, £900 for Sports and Recreation Improvements, and £830 for Play Area Improvements. Suggestions for use of funds were installation costs of the two springers and one spring roundabout play area equipment; picnic benches in the Community Orchard; works in the Malthouse Open Space such as the sluice, platform, access route to the stream, and installing plastic timbers on the bridge; and a sports wall on the Holding Field. It was agreed Cllrs would source quotes for their relevant projects and bring to next GP.

Action: Clerk, NP, IB. Feb GP.

01/21.9 – Community Orchard Artwork Competition:

Quotes circulated prior to meeting. Judging for the Community Orchard Artwork Competition took place in December. Estimated quote of £100 + VAT to scan winning artwork and design sign was accepted. Quote of £252 + VAT to create three A2 signs was accepted. Preliminary sign design to be circulated when received.

Action: Admin.

01/21.10 – Planning Applications:

10.1. 20/03247 – Land North Of Little Knowl Hill and A339 Junction:

KPC object to this planning application. KPC does not support residential development in this location as it is on the other side of the A339 outside the settlement boundary, separate to the main village, and is in the Ecchinswell landscape character area (ref Basingstoke and Deane Landscape Assessment 2001). A key issue of the character area is the 'suburbanising influence of roads and built development on the fringes of Kingsclere and Headley (including suburban styles of fencing, signage, lighting, and planting)'. The introduction of new houses, with parking areas and gardens, is considered to add a suburbanising influence within an otherwise rural landscape north of the A339. KPC agree with the Local Planning Authority's (LPA) comments from a previous application for this site that state the development also conflicts with Policies SS1 and SS6 of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan 2011-2029 (Local Plan), failing to accord with the exceptional criteria where housing in the countryside is acceptable. The proposed application would potentially result in adverse impacts on the local character of the area by introducing residential development onto a countryside setting. It does not conform to policy K6 of the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan – Reinforcing Kingsclere's Landscape Character. Additionally, no information has been provided to the presence, or otherwise of Protected Species on site, or the affects that the development may have upon the ecological value of the site. The LPA are unable to adequately assess the impacts on biodiversity and cannot discharge their statutory duties in this regard. The plans do not make clear if any trees would be impacted.

10.2. T/00622/20/TPO – 2 Peel Gardens: No objection.

10.3. T/00590/20/TCA – 15-17 North Street: No objection.

10.4. T/00644/20/TPO – 74 Coppice Road: No objection.

10.5. 20/03398/HSE – Crown House, North Street: No objection.

01/21.11 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 8th February 2021 7:30pm using Zoom Virtual Meeting Software unless government restrictions in place for Covid-19 are lifted, in which case normal meeting procedures will resume in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21:21

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

Distribution: Cllrs: S Adams; I Bowes; M Farey; C Mussett; N Peach; R Peach; A Price; F Sawyer and J Sawyer.

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