



**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting GP 06/17 of
Kingsclere Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Monday 12th June 2017 in the Village Club**

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- GP06/17** **Present Committee Members:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Mussett; Price; Sawyer J. Clerk: L Porton.
06/17.1 **Apologies:** Farey.
Election on Chairman: Cllr Farey had indicated prior to the meeting that he would prefer not to be nominated as Chairman again this year. Cllr Bowes was unanimously voted chair of the GP committee.
- 06/17.2** **Declaration of Interest:** 06/17.9 Conservation Area SA, JS and AP live in the CA.
- 06/17.3** **Matters arising from Minutes of GP Meeting 8th May 2017:**
3.1. 04/17.12 Hazel Hedge – Complainant was written to as instructed by Insurance Company. Subsequently a claim form from the County Court has been received which has been forwarded to the Insurance Company. The Insurance Company will be dealing with the claim direct and have instructed Solicitors.
3.2. 05/17.5 Recreation Ground Benches – Materials have been purchased, the work will start soon. **IB**
3.3. 05/17.6 War Memorial – Quote received for £17,500.00 – Clerk investigating grants and further quotes. An update to be put in The Tower at the appropriate time to inform residents. Listed Buildings consent to be applied for. **Clerk**
3.4 05/17.7 Parish Lengthsman Service – Clerk emailed contacts at HCC (3rd May 2017) but not had a response to the questions raised. Cllr TT was emailed 10th May 2017 but has not commented. Refer to OM.
3.5 05/17.8 Balloon Race – The balloon race request from KRBL, discussed at the last GP meeting, has been withdrawn following investigations by themselves into the environmental issues.
3.6 05/17.9.2 Holding Field – Bramble Clearance has been delayed due to nesting birds.
- 06/17.4** **Brown Signs:** Clerk has not heard about any costs involved. Clerk still to arrange a meeting with Community Services. Construction material of signs to be considered – CM has information about new materials which are more weather resistant.
- 06/17.5** **Village Initiatives – LIF Applications:** The Youth Meeting occurred Monday 5th June 2017. Some applications have been well thought out and presented but others not so much. The Youth Club application is just an outline request so lacks in both a building plan and financial arrangements. The young people indicated they would like a Skate Park and shelter (chat shack), BDBC Community Officers suggested a MUGA something that is already being proposed for the Fieldgate and part of a LIF application for improvement to the playing field. CM highlighted that the process should be to assess the requirement, prepare a business case and then execute. Young people at the meeting came across very well with sensible requests that they had clearly discussed together and prepared beforehand. A feasibility study was completed 2 years ago for a development at The Fieldgate Centre. A discussion needs to happen to identify if the Youth Club extension could be included within the business plan of the Fieldgate. The BDBC land adjacent to the Holding Field also needs considering. There is a further meeting tomorrow (13th June) where next steps can be discussed. CM has offered help with the Business Plan for the Youth Club.
- 06/17.6** **Recreation Ground and Holding Field Facilities:** Recreation Ground – Catalogues of rockers have been looked into but how many are required. GP committee decided 2 (two) with the option for an piece of play equipment, a roundabout to be assessed. Quotes for installation to be sourced – a local tradesman should be able to do the base. One post needs replacing on the fence. Football pitch – the access path needs hedge trimming which is HCC responsibility but Parish Paths may help. Access for the Emergency Services is an issue for the Recreation Ground. A tractor is most likely required – quote to be sought for work in September.
Holding Field – an outdoor gym has previously been looked into and this should be reconsidered as well as the Skate Ramp requested by the young people. A BMX track/trail to be considered also. A Goal Net and Basket Ball Hoop would probably be popular. The surface of the Holding Field is no longer suitable for football so the Youth Football Club use the Recreation Ground and the Fieldgate for training. The planned playing field improvements at the Fieldgate will hopefully include increased storage which will mean the container on the Holding Field will no longer be needed. One quote has been received for the Skate Ramp at £27,500 – more required. Cllrs agreed a broader plan needs to be thought out. Should we have a consultation on the development of facilities? SA to find out from NP exactly what the position is with the covenant on the HF. CM to talk to the Primary School to see if they (the children) have any suggestions. **SA
CM**
- 06/17.7** **Neighbourhood Plan:**
7.1. Green Spaces and Pound Green Ownership: Pound Green – proof of ownership is required so that permission can be applied for to designate a green space. Land Registry do not have a registration – BDBC mow the area and SA has requested evidence of ownership. The PC may then apply to LR if not owned by BDBC. BDBC are reluctant to apply Green Space conditions on their land because of limiting options for future building. SA suggests getting BCllr KR on the case. Appendix 4 of the Local Plan has some useful information and figures – it suggests a ratio 65 square metres per person for green space. BDBC have also previously indicated Kingsclere is lacking in Green Space. BDBC must comply with their own regulations. PC land will not be a problem to designate. We need to assess the green spaces in the village against this ratio for evidence. SA has asked MO (NP committee) to look into the figures.



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- 7.2. St Mary Bourne NP (Regulation 16): PC have no comments to make on the plan but congratulate them on the work they have done. Letter to be written. **Clerk**
- 06/17.14 It was resolved to move item 14 forward and discuss next. **Clerk/IB**
Southern Water – Let's Talk Water Survey: The email received from SW requested public views – yet when contacting them about parking in front of their yard communications were closed. JS put forward a plan which ensured there would be access to the site at all times. A surveyor met JS onsite to consult over the plans which SW were not being asked to pay for. The casual parking there had been working well but this area has now been marked NO PARKING. This is causing problems for residents who do not feel the community spirit mentioned in the circulated document. Cllrs have not found the process user friendly – structure of the survey questions on the website is not helpful for discussing the issues. There was also a pop-up about rating the website that repeatedly displayed on screen. Response to survey to be filed.
- 06/17.9 It was resolved to discuss item 9 next.
Conservation Area Assessment – Follow Up: Elaine from BDBC has been liaising with SA over article 4. The NP group agreed the core area of the village should be covered – Swan Street, George Street, North Street. Now we are asked what items to include. SA consulted a list of criteria obtained from BDBC Website and it was agreed we should apply for all on the list which is for work that can be seen from the street. This includes all buildings in the Conservation Area as they all have an effect on the street scene. Listed buildings already have planning requirements applied to them.
 J.S left the meeting at 21:20
- 06/17.8 Item had been moved to accommodate 14 and 9 above.
Consultation of the draft Planning Obligations for Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document: The key question raised is can we still influence BDBC on the CIL money that is retained by them. We are working on the NP and there is a policy within this for CIL. The document does not feature/mention Neighbourhood Plans. We would want all of the CIL and S106 funding to support improvements identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 06/17.10 **Parish Online Facility:** Cllrs have looked briefly at the service and feel there may be some value in it. Clerk to investigate costings.
- 06/17.11 **Speed Watch Equipment Loan Agreement:** Need to confirm with Speedwatch team when it would be available. Clerk is investigating insurance obligations.
- 06/17.12 **Gymnasium Request:** PC are looking into providing outdoor gym equipment and clerk will notify the community centre of the request received. Most gyms are privately run although some are provided by the borough.
- 06/17.13 **Review of Fair Visit:** No problems apart from a delay with them leaving which was due to the wet weather. The caravans were left for a few extra days to allow the field to dry out to minimise damage and the clerk had been informed.
- 06/17.15 **Highways Issues:** Concerns were raised about inconsiderate parking – Photo's to be taken and sent to Police Liaison or BDBC. SA to liaise with PCSO to see what we can do.
- 06/17.16 **Planning Applications:**
 16.1 17/01300/TWRN – 42 Fawconer Road – Comments from the tree warden but no objections.
 16.2 17/01752/ADV – Sandford Springs Hotel and Golf Club – No Objections.
 16.3 17/01552/HSE – 4 Canons Court – No objections.
- 06/17.17 **Rolling List:**
 17.1 Community Orchard – NP absent refer to next month. Clerk to request NP to cost planting first quarter of planned orchard for PC to fund. **Clerk/NP**
 17.2 Malthouse Openspace – still awaiting details from NP about the conservation contracts.
- 06/17.18 **Date of next GP Meeting:** Monday 10th July 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22:05.

Signed:.....Chairman Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk Date:.....