



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 07/23
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 24th July 2023 in the Village Club

OM 07/23 – Present:

Cllrs: Conquest; Gaines; Peach N
RFO – Porton.

Not Present:

07/23.1 – Apologies: Cllrs Mussett and Peach R

07/23.2 – Declarations of Interest: None

07/23.3– Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Monday 26th June 2023 were accepted and signed.

3.2 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting Monday 17th July 2023 were accepted and signed.

07/23.4 - Questions from the Public: No items raised.

07/23.5 – Chairman’s Remarks:

- i) Thank you was expressed to the Cllr and the resident for mowing and strimming in the Orchard, Allotments and Holding Field whilst there were problems with the contractors.
- ii) The burnt-out cars from The Dell Lane and Hollowshot Lane have been removed but there is still a lot a debris left behind. Thanks was expressed to the Clerk and Cllr who have collected up some of this.

07/23.6 –: Clerks Report

6.1 Fete Arrangements – stall booked, volunteers required to man the stall, feather flag – colour to be agreed and order placed – green preferred. Request for village toilets to be opened – Clerk to email KR. A presentation board display will be required, a poster for the orchard will be prepared.

6.2 Risk Assessment Update – All sites visited, no serious risks identified but some maintenance will be required soon, the Lych Gate in particular requires attention.

07/23.7 – Purchase of Defibrillator Battery:

There is no budget for this but the RFO has confirmed that money can be sourced from another pot for this. It was unanimously agreed to purchase this.

Resolved: £232.95 approved for new defibrillator battery

07/23.8 – Budget Items 2023/2024:

Members were asked to consider items for the 2023/24 budget. It was suggested we ask a contractor to quote for filling in the holes on the Recreation Ground football pitch, both goals require filling and returfing. The benches in the square need refurbishing, the metal supports are fine and will be improved with a coat of paint, but the wooden slats need replacing, possibly with recycled plastic – quotes to be obtained. Legal costs have already been supplied, the same amount for bulbs in 2023/24 as in 2022/23.

07/23.9 – County Councillor:

No report.

07/23.10– Borough Councillor:

Reports submitted by KM, [Appendix 1](#) and MB, Appendix 2. A PCSO and a Special Constable were seen in the village at the weekend, clearly pressure from Borough members on Tadley Police has had an impact.

07/23.11 – Community and Engagement:

The village fete is coming up, councillor vacancies will be advertised. The feather flag needs to be ordered ready for the fete – the colour needs to be chosen. It was agreed that the flag should be green.

07/23.12 – Health and Safety:

12.1 Dropped Kerb Basingstoke Road – A resident has requested a dropped curb near the Tennis Courts so that he can cross to the other side of the road which is wider. The Holding Field hedge has been cut back but we will need to ask HCC to look at dropping the kerb.

07/23.13 – Planning Applications

13.1 23/01658/HSE Priors House 2 Newbury Road - No comments

13.2 23/00630/ROC Priors Mill amendment - No comments

An additional meeting is to be arranged before 11th August, to discuss a tree application received too late for this agenda (Beavers Brook – group TPO).

07/23.14 Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts for the period 24th June 2023 to 24th July 2023 were agreed and signed off.

07/23.15 – Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation:

The bank accounts from 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2023 were reconciled at £85,673.18 - agreed and signed off.

07/23.16 – Matters for Future Consideration: None

07/23.17– Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 25th September 2023 7:30pm in the Village Club.

07/23.18 – Exempt Business:

18. 1 To discuss Bowls Club Lease - Surveyors report and solicitor's letter has been sent to the Bowls Club. An email has been received from the Bowls Club requesting our proposal, but we are waiting for them to advise what they want based around the valuation report. It was proposed that sometime in early September a meeting is held to discuss this item only. The hold over lease expires 30th September.

18.2 To discuss Tennis Club Lease – a meeting needs to be arranged over the summer or early September.

Meeting closed 20:23

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

Distribution: Cllrs: D Conquest; S Gaines; C Mussett; N Peach and R Peach;
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Appendix 1 - Report from Borough Councillor Kerry Morrow

It's been a busy few months since May and I have been bombarded with meetings and briefings. Although I am getting a great incite on the inner workings of the Council, I'm concerned that much of it doesn't reach out to Kingsclere. The only two direct things to report on is that I am working on relieving the pressure on KPAYC to find the large asking price set for them to stay at 24 Swan Street and we are working hard on a strong Local Plan that will put us in a stronger position to ward off unsustainable development. Both of which I should have an update on by September.

I am very keen to have a catch up with the Parish Council and hear its priorities and look at how the Borough Council maybe able to help deliver some of the most important ones.

I am now portfolio holder for Sports, Leisure and Culture and therefore would welcome the chance to promote anything that falls under that remit in Kingsclere.

Community safety patrol officers' summer campaign

Community safety patrol officers are carrying out a campaign to tackle summertime antisocial behaviour.

Until Sunday 3 September, the community safety patrol team will target its patrols in hot spots such as parks and open spaces, shops, abandoned buildings and other areas where antisocial behaviour is reported.

Does Kingsclere has any areas covered by the Public Spaces Protection Order? I had to cancel a ride along with our CPSO, but am looking forward to taking him up on his offer to show me around the ward. How is Kingsclere currently fairing for anti-social behaviour? Where are the hot spots? I will find out if Kingsclere is set to benefit from these summer patrols.

Neighbourcare

Neighbourcare requires £100 to print inserts for the Tower. Thus far we haven't found the volunteers needed to get Neighbourcare up and running. This is disappointing as I'm sure there is a need with the loss of previous care groups.

Biodiversity

I recently met with the Borough's ranger team at Wigmore Heath in Tadley. Are there any potential sites in and around Kingsclere that are worth showing to the rangers?

Cost of Living Assistance Fund

The COLAF scheme to support residents across the borough facing financial difficulties due to the rising cost of living is up and running again.

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/colaf

The Local Plan Update

As you are aware the previous administration paused work on updating Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (the blueprint that will guide development and planning decisions in the borough to at least 2029).

As a new administration, we recognise how important the Local Plan is in giving our residents certainty about future development in their areas and have wasted no time in getting on with it.

We are agreed that the number of homes being built in Basingstoke and Deane needs to slow down so that infrastructure, facilities and services that current and new residents need can catch up.

We'll bring a report with more details to the Economic, Planning and Housing Committee shortly and then aim to start meeting with local communities in the autumn.

Community Infrastructure Fund

The council recognises the value of community activity and the need to have sustainable infrastructure to deliver this. Through the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF), community and voluntary sector organisations (CVSOs) can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to make physical improvements to their premises to improve the user and resident experience, increase income generation and reduce costs and make environmental improvements.

Deadline for proposals - Midnight on 30 July 2023

Eligible proposals invited to submit full application - By Friday 18 August 2023

Deadline for full proposals - Midnight on 1 October 2023

Likely decision date - Monday 6 November 2023

Time is running out please visit: [Community Infrastructure Fund \(basingstoke.gov.uk\)](https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk)

Councillor Community Grant Scheme

Last year my councillor grant went towards tools for the volunteers at Wigmore Heath, equipment for Citizen Advice cost of living advisers and some extremely exciting shelving!

This year each councillor has a total allocation of £2,000 which they can use to support organisations providing services or facilities that benefit the residents in their ward.

Other items bought via the scheme include sports, gardening and camping equipment, laptops and other IT related equipment, tables and chairs, pots and pans, tools and defibrillators.

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cllr-community-grants

Appendix 2 Report from Borough Councillor Mike Bound

Since the last meeting I have attended further training sessions, a Viewing Panel & DC meeting, a Scrutiny Committee meeting and met with and dealt with issues for residents in the ward. I have Heritage training on 26th July. August is a relatively quiet period in terms of meetings, but DC carries on – thus there will be a viewing panel on Friday 4th August previewing some sites to be considered by DC on the following Wednesday.

On Thursday 20th July there was a Full Council meeting. Several committee chairs were nodded through, Cllr Alex Lee now chairs CEP, and Cllr Gary Watts will chair EPH. Various policies and policy change were also agreed: Pay and Benefits Review Outcome and Updated Pay Policy, Capital Programme Outturn Report 2022/3, Revenue Outturn Report 2022/3, Amendments to the Constitution – Petition Scheme, Arrangements for dealing with complaints against Councillors and miscellaneous, Amendments to the Constitution – Rule 4 Committee Procedure Rules.

Additionally, the Appointment of Co-opted Member to the Audit and Accounts Committee, Extension of Terms of Independent Standards Assessors, Popham Parish Meeting: Conferring the functions of a Parish Council and appointment of a Proper Officer, The Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2022/3 and the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/3 were noted/agreed.

There were two motions – Supporting Residents of Crown Heights, the other, Flooring in New-let Social Housing, both passed after debate. This part of the council meeting was then followed by questions from Members to the council fielded by portfolio holders or the Leader.

Green Flag Success – Beggarwood Park has joined Eastrop Park and the War Memorial Park in gaining the prestigious Green Flag status. The three parks have been awarded the Keep Britain Tidy international quality mark for parks and green spaces for being beautifully maintained, clean, safe with facilities for visitors.

CSPOs have begun a campaign over the summer holiday period to tackle anti-social behaviour in known hotspots. The campaign will last until September 3rd.

Car parking charges are to be removed for Eastrop Park