



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 10/18  
held at 7.30pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in the Village Club

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**ACTION**

- OM 10/18 Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J. BCllr Sherlock. Clerk – Porton; Admin Assist – Read.
- 10/18.1 Apologies:** CCllr Thacker.
- 10/18.2 Declarations of Interest:** AP 18.6
- 10/18.3 Minutes:**
- 3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were accepted and signed.
- 3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were accepted and signed.
- 3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were accepted and signed.
- 10/18.4 Matters arising:** None
- 10/18.5 Chairman's Remarks:**
- i) The Neighbourhood Plan is now official and is part of the planning process for Kingsclere. There are 90 days for any interested parties to bring a legal challenge, however this would be a very expensive process.
- ii) Members of the Parish Council attended the awards ceremony for the Village of the Year in Liss. We were very pleased to receive two awards: Runner up in the 'Best Small Village' category and winner in the 'Excellence in Localism' category. The speaker at the ceremony mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan, the Community Library and its volunteers, the Village club and the Fieldgate Centre. There are certificates displayed in various places throughout the village. Many thanks to Cllr Adams for putting together our entry, also thanks to Sharon Morris, Jo Baker, and Cllr Bowes for their contributions. The overall winner was Chandlers Ford.
- iii) It was a pleasure to chair the liaison group for the World War One Commemoration events. Information on various events throughout November is in the Tower. Thanks to Janet for the wonderful knitted poppies that are being displayed in the centre of the village. It is confirmed that parts of Swan Street and George Street will be closed for the parade on Remembrance Sunday.
- iv) Cllrs had a long discussion about road safety at the last GP, specifically regarding Swan Street and Winchester Road. A long letter voicing our concerns has been drafted and will be sent to Hampshire Highways.
- v) The A339 remains a concern. Cllrs Bowes and J Sawyer met with Jan Hertz from Hannington Parish Council to discuss safety concerns and how to get West Berkshire and Hampshire County Councils to cooperate on this matter.
- vi) Volunteers for WW1 Centenary events are needed. Front of house volunteers for the WW1 performance at the Fieldgate Centre would need to be there from 6:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Volunteers for the beacon lighting are also needed on the Sunday to assist with car parking. Lord Huntingdon has agreed to open his field for cars to park in to see the beacon. It will also be visible from various places in the village. Victory tea party tickets are available from the butchers with any proceeds being split between the Royal British Legion and the Village Club.
- vii) Team Rickshaw will be coming though Kingsclere on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. You can track their process on their website.
- 10/18.6 Tennis Club Lease:** The Clerk is still waiting for legal advice. Cllrs are hoping to agree to renew for one year subject to a legal document being written. Referred to the next OM.
- 10/18.7 North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan Review:** Document circulated prior to meeting. This document is a management plan covering 2019/2020 and is revised every five years. It was noted that the document states that "The North Wessex Downs Partnership will: advise their local authority and neighbourhood planning partner in the preparation of plans" and that they will "Encourage local communities to identify local needs and assist in the conservation and enhancement of local distinctiveness through the preparation and development of Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Plans, Village Design Statements, Neighbourhood Development Orders and other initiatives." It was then said that the Parish Council's experience is the opposite of what they say and that having policies such as these are fine, if they're stuck to. BCllr Sherlock was then invited into the conversation and reported that they have been understaffed for 18 months and work isn't getting done, however measures have been taken and hopefully the situation will improve. Other Cllrs commented that the management plan is very good and that it has good aims, however targets set out haven't been met.

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**10/18.8 Laser Light Projector:** The WW1 centenary planning group identified that projecting a poppy into the church was something that they wished to do. IB researched projectors and proposed the purchase of a 75 watt LED weatherproof projector and one image, that would be approximately 7 metres in projected size, for £685.20 + VAT. Various views for and against were put forward including the suggestion to hire a projector for the WW1 celebrations instead of purchasing one. It was stated that this had been investigated, but that it is only possible to hire an internal projector that could not be left outside. It was resolved that the Parish Council would accept the proposal with 6 in favour and 2 against.

**Resolved:** £685.20 + VAT for weatherproof projector and 1 image approved.

**10/18.9 18/01248/PREMV – Bel and the Dragon at The Swan, Application for a Full Variation to a Premises License:** Application was explained and questions answered.

**Resolved:** Approved

**10/18.10 Speed Indicator Devices (SID):** Cllrs were reminded that the costs for the purchase of SIDs were already budgeted for in the 2018/19 budget. The Parish Council received 3 quotes from different companies and it was proposed to purchase from TWM Traffic Control Systems Ltd for a total cost of £2838.32 + VAT. It was stated that the 3 quotes were for comparable products, the only difference being their physical appearance. It was also suggested that the excess budget from the purchase of SIDs should be used update the existing speed monitoring equipment. It was resolved that the Parish Council would accept the proposal with a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** £2838.32 + VAT for a SID from TWM Traffic Control Systems approved.

**10/18.11 Projects – Spending from current budget and future budget requirements:** Cllrs were asked to come forward with ideas for projects for the next budget. The current Project List and proposed budgets for 2018/19 were discussed. Cllrs were asked to bring project ideas to the next GP and to send figures for new budgets for continuing projects to the Clerk before the next F&E meeting.

All Cllrs

**10/18.12 Kingsclere Charities Trustee Nominations:** The current trustees, who were in attendance, were invited to speak and were asked for feedback on the scale of help the charity provides. They gave a short report on the type of things that charity can do to assist people. The Trustees were asked to keep the Parish Council updated and to make an annual report at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. It was resolved that the Parish Council would nominate the two current trustees for another 4 years and thanked them for their service.

**Resolved:** The 2 current trustees nominated for another 4 year term.

**10/18.13 Police and Crime Commissioner Community Remedy Consultation:** Document circulated prior to meeting. It was decided that no council reply was required but Cllrs were urged to fill in the response form online.

All Cllrs

**Recess Standing Orders were suspended at 20:45**

A resident asked what the plans are for speed watch, as a lot of money has been spent on it and it got off to a good start, but it faded because of a lack of support from the police. It was noted that the organiser has changed and that it requires someone computer literate and physically strong. *The PC are thinking more in terms of gathering data on traffic to forward to the police rather than people standing on pavements observing.* It was noted that the current equipment hasn't been put in place as the PC were not in possession of the brackets, which have now been retrieved.

A resident, representing an elderly resident who was unable to attend, stated that users of the community bus route 56 had received a letter saying the route would cease to run from the end of December and if the PC were aware and what could be done to prevent this as it is a vital asset to those who use it. *The PC were aware and we will look to try and help. The Clerk has been in contact with community transport regarding this and it is on the next GP agenda for Cllrs to discuss. The operators are a charity and sponsor the route at a cost of £48 a bus per time. They receive £3 per concessional passenger and were happy to subsidise, however with reduced usage they reported they cannot run at a loss.* It was noted that there are funds possibly available from BDBC, DS will look into this.

A resident asked if the projector – 10/18.8 – will be portable and where it would be located. *Yes it is, and on top of a lamp post.*

**Back to Standing Orders 21:00**



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- 10/18.14 Community Orchard:** The clerk and Cllr NP have applied for a County Council grant; however it is unclear if this has been approved. It was agreed to purchase additional trees, stakes, guards and hire of post hole border for £630, subject to the grant being approved.  
**Resolved:** £630 for proposed items approved subject to HCC grant approval.
- 10/18.15 County Councillor:** Not present.
- 10/18.16 Borough Councillor:** It was reported that a Borough Council meeting was held last week. The A339 was discussed and the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan was approved. BDBC recognise there is a problem with plastics and are doing their best to find an alternative market. They are currently waiting for an answer from West Berkshire council about permitting Kingsclere residents to continue to use Newbury recycling centre. It was noted that Basingstoke recycling centre is more advanced than the one in Newbury with regards to energy recovery. BCllr Sherlock was asked what responsibility BDBC have to help preserve sports clubs in villages rather than big central facilities for sports; as small clubs struggle to secure funding for facilities, as they have no facilities to host events and then fail to meet the criteria required. DS agreed to have a separate discussion about the issues raised.
- 10/18.17 Rolling List:** It was agreed to remove the Village of the Year from the rolling list. Clerk
- 10/18.18 Planning Applications:**
- 18.1. 18/02836/FUL Scout Hut, Strokens Road – No Objections
- 10/18.19 Clerks Report:**
- 19.1. Grant Application – Kingsclere RBL £163.30 for a Union Flag:** Due to no accounts being submitted with the grant application, the grant was denied with a vote of 3 in favour and 5 against due to an incomplete grant application. It was proposed to approve 90% of the requested amount subject to accounts being submitted. The Parish Council unanimously voted in favour to accept this proposal.  
**Resolved:** Original grant application denied due to incomplete application.  
Proposal to fund 90% of requested amount subject to accounts being submitted approved.
- 19.2. New version of Charles Arnold-Baker is available at £103.99:** I was agreed to purchase the new version for £103.99.  
**Resolved:** £103.99 approved.
- 19.3. Kingsclere Community Association AGM:** Will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm at The Fieldgate Centre
- 10/18.20 Approval of Income and Expenditure:** The accounts for October 2018 were agreed and signed off.
- 10/18.21 Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation:** The bank accounts for 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were reconciled at £99,146.07 - agreed and signed off.
- 10/18.22 Date of next meeting:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 7:30pm in the Village Club. It was noted that this would be the last meeting of the Parish Council for 2018

Meeting closed at 21:27

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

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