



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 01/17  
held at 7.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Village Club

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- OM 01/17** **Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J.  
**01/17.1** **Apologies:** Cllrs: Mussett  
**01/17.2** **Declarations of Interest:** None  
**01/17.3** **Minutes:**  
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were accepted and signed.  
3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were accepted and signed.  
3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were accepted and signed.  
**01/17.4** **Matters arising:** 10/16.6 Cleaning company have been reminded that we have requested the bus shelter and jubilee lamp work. Work had been delayed by weather due to concerns about creating a slippery surface when frosty.  
**01/17.5** **Chairman's Remarks:**  
i) Parish Paths – Thanks were expressed to Heath Denness for her work with the Parish Paths and the pleasant social meeting to provide a handover to the new co-ordinators Pam and Ian Norris attended by the volunteers. The council is very grateful to the team.  
ii) Community Speed Watch – The new co-ordinator Mark Holden has started work with the team of volunteers but has been hindered by equipment issues – to be discussed later, item 01/17.16  
iii) Christmas Lights – Thanks were expressed to Andy Bates and the volunteers involved with the Christmas Lights. Cllr Bowes will be attending a conference on Christmas Lights run by HCC in March.  
iv) Making a Difference Awards – County Cllr Keith Chapman was thanked for presenting the awards. The MaD team were thanked for the work they put in to make the event such a success.  
v) Tip Passes - The council is grateful for the pressure applied by borough cllrs which resulted in the issue of passes for Kingsclere residents to be able to use Newbury's HWRC.  
vi) Neighbourhood Plan – Congratulations to Sue Adams and the NP Team on the successful delivery of the Pre Submission Plan which is out for consultation now.  
vii) Parking - Cllrs Adams, Sawyer and Sawyer will be attending a meeting at the borough tomorrow to discuss the parking issues in Kingsclere.  
**01/17.16** A resolution was passed to move to item 01/17.16.  
**County Councillor Report:** Thank you for the Making a Difference Awards evening which was very enjoyable. Two things to report from county:-  
i) Council Tax – it will probably rise this year but the county council did plan for the shortfall in funds from central government. The increase is required to support the Social Care budget.  
ii) Devolution- The item has gone on to the back burner for the time being.  
**01/17.6** **Ratification of proposal from F&E Meeting:**  
6.1 Budget: The proposed budget from F&E had been circulated prior to the meeting. The expenditure budget for Salaries and Allotments has been reduced. Precept to increase to balance shortfall in income. It was noted that the NP budget (displayed separately) needed to be updated. Unanimously agreed.  
**Resolved** – Budget as presented for 2017/18 accepted.  
6.2 Parish Precept: Due to grant cuts from BDBC, even with the cuts made to our expenditure it will be necessary to increase the precept to £43187 from £41346. For a band D equivalent household, this will be an increase of £1.46/year or 3p/week. Unanimously agreed.  
**Resolved** – Precept request for 2017/18 £43187.00  
**01/17.7** **Village Centre Car Parking:** In preparation for the meeting at BDBC tomorrow a discussion was held to highlight the problems and issues around parking in Kingsclere along with suggestions for possible solutions. The focus will be mainly on the borough owned car parks in Anchor Yard and 24 Swan Street.  
**Problems/Issues:-** Move of Post Office to Swan Street with additional parking load; workers parking all day in time limited bays; little or no enforcement; lack of space – more parking spaces needed; delivery lorries blocking spaces for lengthy periods whilst unloading.  
**Suggestions:-** Issue of permits to residents for the use of 24 Swan Street; Better lit and marked footway from the Fieldgate Centre car park; possible use of pumping station parking area if permission could be sought from Southern Water; chevron parking introduced at the Pound Green Triangle to increase number of spaces; do you really

**ACTION**

**Clerk**



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need a car? - try to persuade residents with cars parked for long periods of time to consider relinquishing; request Bel and Dragon to move advertising van to free up a space in their car park.

Concerns were raised about a marked disabled bay in Swan Street not only because of a lack of enforcement but also, the bay may be left empty that could have been used by other visitors to the village centre.

- 01/17.8 Fortnightly Bin Collections:** BDBC are looking into fortnightly collections of black (regular waste) bins – green (recycling) bins are currently alternate weeks. This could be a retrograde step – the money saved may not compensate for the resulting fly-tipping. Some councillors felt they would prefer a weekly collection of the green bins as many black bins are no longer being filled up. The council request a proper analysis with implications and reasoning. It is noted that there are additional recycling facilities at the Fieldgate Centre for items that cannot be placed in the green bin. Broadening the items that can go in the green bins could increase their use.

Clerk to include details in The Tower about the additional facilities at the Fieldgate.

Clerk

- 01/17.9 Recreation Ground Play Area Refurbishment:** Cllr Bowes can source the materials to refurbish the equipment for £807.60 and will provide free labour – agreed at GP. The parts will all be certified to the required standard and inspected by the BDBC playground supervisors following installation. Agreed unanimously and the Chairman thanked Cllr Bowes for the work researching this and for volunteering time for installation and repairs.

**Resolved** – Cllr Bowes to purchase required equipment at £807.60

IB

- 01/17.10 Churchyard – Pollarding of Lime Trees:** Planning permission has been granted for the works to the trees as they are in the conservation area. The quote is £1155.00 for the 24 trees that border the road agreed at GP. Too much pollarding can stress the tree so clerk to seek advice of tree wardens to check that the current 3 year cycle is acceptable. Majority accepted – one vote against.

**Resolved** – Trees to be pollarded before end of February at a cost of £1155.00

Clerk

- 01/17.11 Malthouse Open Space Hedge:** Scofell have been asked to quote as they have the contract for cutting which can be offset. The quote for complete removal has not been received yet. Proposed to agree expenditure up to £3000.00 but must have confirmation by the end of this week for the work to be completed by end of February (nesting season begins) or we will need to involve volunteers.

**Resolved** – £3000.00 for the removal of hedge before end of February.

Clerk

- 01/17.12 Holding Field - Basingstoke Road Hedge:** GP recommend full council accept the quote of £288.75 to clear out the debris under the hedge bordering Basingstoke Road to reinstate lost pavement. Suggested this is also added to contract at renewal.

**Resolved** – Arrange clearing of debris from base of hedge at £288.75

Clerk

**Recess proposed at 8:40pm:**

DT – Is there anything that can be done about a car that has not moved for 3 months, where weeds are starting to grow around it as sweepers cannot get to sweep the road? The police are unable to act as the vehicle is taxed and is not causing an obstruction.

H.D – Yesterday the Parish Paths group met at the shed for a tidy and numbers were sufficient for a group to go out hedge trimming too. A total of 11 people turned out.

A.D – The van at The Swan (Bel and Dragon) was placed to prevent parking overlapping the path which had been previously happening.

**Back to Standing Orders 8:45pm.**

- 01/17.13 Community Speed Watch – New batteries required:** The CSW team have been hindered as the batteries are not holding their charge. MH can obtain new batteries for £120 (including delivery).

**Resolved** – New batteries can be purchased at £120.00. Clerk to inform MH.

Clerk

- 01/17.14 Redlands Development East Basingstoke Consultation:** Papers have been circulated prior to the meeting but as the deadline for comments is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 item deferred to next meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017. There is need to focus on improvement of the A339. An efficient link between North Hampshire and West Berkshire is important for the inhabitants of both areas and for the businesses that operate in the area. For a start, the fact that we suffer for days at a time with minor roadworks with no apparent urgency needs to be dealt with. Roadworks in Headley are the latest problem. Cllrs to review paperwork for next meeting.

All Cllrs



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**01/17.15 Update on the Neighbourhood Plan:** The Pre-Submission Plan is now out for consultation – deadline for comments is midnight on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The sites selected are between A339 and Stokins Road, Fawconer Road and Coppice Road. To date 7 responses have been received. As well as the site selection there are circa 20 other policies within the plan to review. Basingstoke had identified that Kingsclere had a shortage of Green Open Spaces which will be provided within the 3 development sites selected.

The referendum date will depend on the consultation results and subsequent redrafting if necessary and then approval from BDBC and their chosen independent assessor.

**01/17.17 Borough Councillors Reports:** Cllr Sherlock confirmed that BDBC will be looking at a complete review of the refuse collection following a request from Veolia to renegotiate the contract. The proposal being looked at will provide a massive saving. AP highlighted that according to the press 90% of people are objecting to the fortnightly collection.

Car Parking issues are due to be discussed at the meeting tomorrow.

The A339 has been looked at including the consideration of a bypass from junction 7 (M3) to the Roman Road roundabout with the A339. With the developments in Newbury (Sandleford) too, there will be pressure on the A339 from both directions. More pressure needs to be applied to Hampshire Highways.

**01/17.18 Rolling List:**

Emergency Plan – CM has confirmed prior to the meeting that the draft is nearly ready. Village of the Year – Application for 2018 being considered with the Parish Council acting as the facilitator. The local shops, businesses and organisations will need to be involved. Clerk to find out what the judging criteria to enable a complete application.

Definitions to be circulated to all cllrs when obtained.

Clerk

**01/17.19 Planning Applications:**

19.1 17/00184/HSE – 46 Swan Street – No Objections

19.2 17/00144/HSE – 12 Ash Grove – No Objections

19.3 16/04648/FUL – Edgemoor Kennels – Objections: B&DBC's guidance notes on Policy SS6 - New Housing in the Countryside, which covers proposed builds of four or less, states on page 2 "The applicant should provide evidence to demonstrate that their proposal meets a specific and clearly-identified unmet housing need in the local area in terms of number, size type and tenure." This planning application does not satisfy the statement and is also outside the existing SPB.

19.4 17/00039/LBC – 4 Elm Grove Flats – No Objections

19.5 16/04472/HSE – 50 Swan Street – No Objections

19.6 17/00139/HSE & 17/00140/LBC – 16 George Street – Comments: The Design & Access Statement states "Access generally to the premises will remain unaltered with the main entrance direct off Chamham Street. The new proposed garden room ....." Earlier on in the application it refers to a larger kitchen and dining room and we have no Chamham Street. Request the Conservation Officer look at the application.

The application also suggests that the extension will not be viewed by neighbours but it will be at the rear as it projects into the back garden.

19.7 17/00108/HSE – 2 Hook Road – No Objections

**01/17.20 Clerks Report:**

20.1 A thank you letter has been received for the Newbury HWRC Permits

20.2 The clerk would like permission to purchase the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Charles Arnold Baker – the current office copy is 8<sup>th</sup> edition.

**Resolved** – Clerk to purchase 10<sup>th</sup> Edition at £79.31

**Approval of Income and Expenditure:** The accounts for December and January were agreed and signed off.

**Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation:** Figures for quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were agreed and signed off.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....