## Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 06/15 held at 7.30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Club



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OM 06/15 Present: Cllrs. Adams; Cruickshank; Farey; Mussett; N Peach. R Peach: B Cllr Osselton.Clerk: C Cllr Chapman S Thompson. Public: 6; Press: 0:

**O6/15.1** Apologies: Price; F Sawyer; J Sawyer:

**06/15.2 Declarations of Interest:** Adams – 16.2 Guide Leader3

06/15.3 Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 18th May 2015 accepted and signed

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 8th June 2015 accepted and signed

3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 15th June 2015 accepted and signed

06/15.4 Matters arising:

05/15.12 – 15/01368/FUL, objections were raised TPO sought on Sycamore tree.

06/15.5 Chairman's Remarks:

There is to be a temporary road closure on the Basingstoke to Overton road (B3400) for one month commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 for rail bridge works. This may affect the village as the diversion route is along the A339 and through Kingsclere (Swan Street).

06/15.6 Audit Papers:

Papers had been circulated prior to the meeting. Papers agreed and signed off.

06/15.7 Allotment Matters:

Three quotes had been obtained for a skip at the Allotments following discussion from the General Purposes Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June (GP 05/15.6). This is a one off and costs to be recouped the next time the allotment rents are reviewed. Allotment group have organised a digger and driver to remove the spoil. Cheapest quote of £205 + VAT to be accepted (x2 if a second skip should be required), agreed.

06/15.8 Transport Representive:

The transport representative post is currently vacant. The post entails overseeing transport issues and the community bus service and can be done by a member of the public. Clerk to place a request for a volunteer in The Tower.

06/15.9 Emergency Plan:

Following the informative presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting the council would like to appoint a councillor to head up a team to design an emergency plan for Kingsclere. If this could be done by a member of the public, Cllr Mussett may know a potential candidate. Clerk to check with the emergency services if this is acceptable.

06/15.10 HALC Proposal to disaffiliate from NALC:

Papers have been circulated prior to the meeting. HALC will be discussing at their next AGM the possibility of disaffiliating themselves from NALC and are requesting feedback from local councils. The question was asked Why? We do not know and need more information to make an informed decision. HALC do have their own legal experts and find they rarely need to seek assistance from NALC which is very slow. Subscription charge of £160 per annum to NALC could be saved but NALC do petition Government. Cllrs and Clerk to monitor website for further updates.

06/15.11 Update on the Neighbourhood plan:

Cllr Adams and David Ainsworth attended a meeting at the borough and Kingsclere are in the more advance stages of developing their plan. The village is vulnerable until the plan is officially approved, to developers especially as Basingstoke and Deane only have a 2-3 year plan on land. A planning official from the North Wessex Downs was invited to look at the sites identified at Yew Tree Farm and Poveys Mead but agreed that the Basingstoke Road site is better even though it is in the ANOB. Cllr Adams has raised the matter with BDBC Planning of Basingstoke Road being the preferred site for development. There is now a process of screening the reports compiled and filtering out the evidence. A planning aid representative will be at the next meeting to discuss Grants and a public meeting is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

06/15.12 County Councillor:

Cllr Chapman has given up his cabinet posts which were very time consuming and is now Vice Chairman of HCC and possibly may be Chair next year. The Boundary Commission Review has identified that HCC have the right number of councillors but the boundaries do need to change. This will affect Kingslcere as Cllr Chapman has too large of an electorate. Cllr Chapman is Chair of the review of the Fire Service which is undergoing a consultation process. It is not planned to shut any Fire Stations or make any compulsory redundancies. The review is looking at how the Fire Service has changed with now more call outs to RTA than fires. New equipment is available and safer techniques have been developed. It is likely there will be more smaller engines.

06/15.13 Borough Councillors:

Cllr Osselton advised on the following:

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- 13.1 The primary school are looking for funding to extend their Library.
- 13.2 The village is suffering from a tree problem with Norwegian Maples in developments where small trees were planted and they are now becoming to large.
- 13.3 The parking in Anchor Road/Yard and Larch Drive is being monitored it appears there are some vehicles being left in the car park long term and the neighbouring streets are experiencing problems with parked cars.
- 13.4 Sentinal have arrange for a new light to be fitted where a lady became locked in her garage.
- 13.5 Transport there are a lot of infrastructure plans being reviewed which is very important and Cllr Osselton can arrange for someone to come and speak to the Parish for ½ an hour on the subject.
- 13.6 Cllr Osselton has possibly found a way to keep the public conveniences open.

#### Recess proposed & approved at 8:24pm Standing Orders Suspended:

- Is there any news on what is happening with the flats in Elm Grove now they have been taken off the market No.
- The A339 is becoming a tip with lots of plastic wrappings clinging to trees possibly from passing lorries. Cllr Osselton will ask if a clear up team can be sent out but really it is a highways issue.

#### Out of Recess at 8.27pm

#### 06/15.14 Rolling List:

The list was updated:-

- 14.1 possible funding source at Greenham Trust for the improvements to the play area. Also looking at bark chippings as a safety surface to reduce costs. An alternative supplier for the equipment is being looked into. Now time to reapply to Veolia for some funding, Parish Council have ring fenced £10K and HCC have suggested some possible funds to tap.
- 14.2 lots of poppies have sown but problems have arisen with grass cutting difficult to stop maintenance contractors mowing the areas. Should be flowing in about 6 weeks time.
- 14.3 Add WWI Commemorations to the list as the Heritage Association are making plans and looking at funding.

#### 05/15.15 Planning Applications:

15/01368/FUL the timeline has been extended for this and comments have been logged but Cllr Adams has been unable to open them – Clerk to investigate.

#### 05/15.16 Clerks Report:

- 16.1 Boundary Commission covered by Cllr Chapman
- 16.2 Guides have done some fundraising and are now looking for £120. Proposed by Cllr Cruickshank, seconded by Cllr R Peach and agreed.
- 16.3 Councillors wishing to attend training in Whitchurch please let the clerk know.
- 16.4 New Clerk requests permission to join SLCC which is a condition of employment. Joining Fee £12 and one year's subscription £167.00, agreed.
- 16.5 A letter of thanks has been received from the Twinning Association for the £200 grant we provided.
- 16.6 Hannington Country fair was yesterday!

#### 05/15.17 Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts were reviewed and signed off.

### 05/15.18 Date of next meeting:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed:	Chairman	Date:
Signed:	Parish Clerk	Date: