



**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting GP 05/17 of
Kingsclere Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Monday 8th May 2017 in the Village Club**

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- GP05/17 Present Committee Members:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Price. Clerk: L Porton.
- 05/17.1 Apologies:** J Sawyer; N Peach; Mussett.
- 05/17.2 Declaration of Interest:** 05/17.11 LIF Applications – Bowes, Farey & Price; 05/17.16 Allotments – Price.
- 05/17.3 Matters arising from Minutes of GP Meeting 10th April 2017:**
3.1. 04/17.12 Hazel Hedge – Passed to Insurance Company who have requested various pieces of documentation. GP committee agree with the Insurance Company's decision.
3.2. 03/17.10 Defibrillator– new sign installed.
- 05/17.4 Speedwatch Equipment – Request from local parish to loan:** Baughurst Parish Council have made a tentative inquiry into whether or not we would be prepared to loan out our equipment. The Speed Watch Co-ordinator does not have a problem with this providing there is some sort of handover process to ensure the equipment is working when it is taken and returned and the time of loan is adhered to.
- 05/17.5 Recreation Ground Benches:** It was queried whether local school or college could help produce if materials provided. The seats of the benches are in good condition apart from one, it's the legs that need attention. One leg requires some welding IB will seek assistance to repair that leg and will strip the flaking plastic before repainting. IB will source a new wooden slat for the one bench seat that is rotten.
- 05/17.6 War Memorial:** Clerk has met with Stonemason Joss Nankoo from Stone Art for an appraisal – he can do the work and was very thorough with the assessment. The whole cross (3 pieces) needs to be replaced. A crane will be needed to remove the existing and replace with the new which could be done from the churchyard or the road – Churchyard would be cheaper and boards would be placed to minimise damage to the grass. The new stone would be matched but would show as new so the bottom would be cleaned to minimise the contrast. If the work is not done the existing stone will eventually blow and potentially fall – we should get this assessed again before Remembrance Sunday if the work is not complete. It is unlikely to be done for this year due to grant applications. Joss could make up the new pieces in the work shop so that the crane is only required once, typically the existing would be removed, new made and then a second crane to install the replacement. GP committee request quotes for the repairs asap so that grant funding can be sourced.
- 05/17.7 Parish Lengthsman Service:** Clerk emailed questions last week to contact but has not had a reply yet. New county councillor is keen on scheme – clerk to email Tom Thacker for advice.
- 05/17.8 Balloon Race – Request from Kingsclere RBL:** Concerns were raised over environmental issues but no objections raised to use of parish land. GP Committee request item referred to OM.
- 05/17.9 Holding Field:**
9.1. **Handrail Quote - £130:** Agreed.
Resolved – Clerk to instruct work.
9.2. **Carpark – Bramble Clearance:** Resident of King Alfred Terrace has highlighted the brambles are encroaching onto his garden and has made inquiries about ownership of the land. It is within the boundary of the Holding Field. Quote sourced to clear brambles and litter £304.50 – accepted. Once cleared, site to be assessed for additional parking spaces.
Resolved – Clerk to instruct work.
- 05/17.10 Brown Signs:** There is an application process with BDBC and form circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk has contacted BDBC to inquire if the PC would still incur the application fee and what the likely cost of signs would be. Clerk to contact Community Services again to see if a meeting could be arranged to discuss requirements. An example of a similar sign was found for Clovelly.
- 05/17.11 Village Initiatives – LIF Applications:** There was a discussion about the number of applications that have come from organisations in the village and what involvement is appropriate from the Parish Council. Andy Bates has offered The Fieldgate Centre for hosting a meeting for young people, so we will wait to see what the outcome of this meeting is.
- 05/17.12 Recreation Ground and Holding Field Facilities:** Alan Denness is looking into the possibility of a skate park at the Holding Field. GP think this is a positive way forward for the youth in Kingsclere – when we have quotes take to OM. An outdoor gym has previously been considered – this to be reinvestigated. An additional children's play area and a chat shack (which may come up at the young person's meeting mentioned above). For the Rec Play Area, costs for a spring/rocker to be investigated and a some fencing may need replacing.
The fence at the Longcroft Play Area has been damaged – clerk to report to BDBC.
- 05/17.13 Malthouse Open Space:** Contractor have been instructed to clear green waste. The parish paths group have held another work day there and the nettles have been cleared. Defer further discussion on planning works until next meeting when NP will be able to provide an update on the ecological specification. Clerk to put an update in The Tower on current progress and future plans.
- 05/17.14 Parish Paths – Funding request for Strimmer:** The budget for Parish Paths this year is £350 so it was agreed, the group should source a good quality strimmer.
Resolved – Clerk to inform Parish Paths Co-ordinators to purchase.
- 05/17.15 Love Lane Noticeboard:** A quote had not been received prior to the meeting but the same treatment to the notice board opposite the George and Horn cost £120.



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Resolved – Clerk to instruct work at £120.

- 05/17.16 Allotments:** The AMG would like to install a 3rd water trough at the bottom end of the site. Estimated cost is £900.00 and group would like indication that the PC support this before quotes are source. GP support in principle – AMG to provide quotes for OM. AMG request PC fund £20 for the judge's fee for the Allotment Competition agreed. AMG request funding for weed killer to spray vacant plots – clerk informed GP that the last vacant plot was in the process of being allocated.

Resolved - £20 fee for competition judging, weed-killer should not be required.

- 05/17.17 Highways Issues:** Hedge on Newbury Road – Clerk to write to land owners and log a call with Highways. Hedge on Basingstoke Road – Call logged with Highways and additional photos have been sent in. Manhole cover Newbury Road – Clerk liaising with SSE still over completing the works. Pot holes at the entrance to Fox's Lane – Clerk to report to Highways. A bollard on Swan Street was leaning against a house – Clerk to investigate and if not resolved log a call with Highways.

05/17.18 Planning Applications

- 9.1.** 17/01340/RET – Barn at Frobury Farm – No objections

05/17.19 Rolling List:

- 19.1. Recreation Ground Playground – Next phase, wet pour to be applied to gaps in seams and a patch by the swings; work to the entrance gate. All items left now are low risk. Revisit item August for update.

- 19.2. The Square – Clerk still needs to apply for planning – revisit item in August for works after nesting season complete.

- 19.3. Community Orchard – NP sent apologies review next month.

- 05/17.20 Date of next GP Meeting:** To be agreed at Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May 2017. Provisional date Monday 12th June 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....