



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 02/17
held at 7.30pm on Monday 27th February 2017 in the Village Club

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- OM 02/17** **Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer J.
- 02/17.1** **Apologies:** Cllrs: Sawyer F; C.Cllr Chapman; B.Cllr Sherlock.
- 02/17.2** **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 02/17.3** **Minutes:**
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 30th January 2017 were accepted and signed.
3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 13th February 2017 were accepted and signed..
- 02/17.4** **Matters arising:** None
- 02/17.5** **Chairman's Remarks:**
i) Parking Meeting – On 31st January P.Cllrs FS, JS and SA went with Alan Denness to a meeting convened by our Borough Councillors with BDBC Officers about the parking issues in Kingsclere. It was a very valuable meeting which helped the Cllrs understand better some issues including those around enforcement and any parking restrictions introduced. The issues discussed were wide ranging highlighting the positives and negatives of existing arrangements and possible changes. Following the meeting, businesses in the central area have been contacted to request their input and Southern Water have been asked about the possibility of some additional parking bays in front of their property. The chairman has an appointment with Property Services in Southern Water next week. Line painters have been working in the village thanks to BCllr KR.
ii) Cllrs FS and JS attended the Police and Crime Commissioners event at Whitchurch last Thursday "Rural Communities Matter". A high proportion of those attending were concerned about agricultural theft (tractors) and poaching. JS was able to express how pleased we were with the excellent service we have received from our PCSO's.
iii) Churchyard – Pollarding of Lime trees due to start this week.
iv) The Post Office in George Street will close on Saturday 4th March. The PC will make a presentation to the staff at a later date but will be delivering some flowers and cards at 11am on the last day.
v) Neighbourhood Plan – The public consultation ended on Monday 20th February.
- 02/17.6** **Redlands Development East Basingstoke Consultation:** Cllrs main concern is with the additional impact the new residences will have on traffic on the A339. In addition to this concerns were highlighted about traffic issues within the curtilage of the village. Clerk to respond – no comments on the development other than the impact on A339.
- 02/17.7** **Broadband Connections for New Developments:** Cllr IB attended a meeting hosted by Kit Malthouse on the broadband connection issues in the rural communities and new development connections were discussed. The installation of broadband apparently still does not always feature when a building developer is developing a housing site. Legislation is currently going through parliament that will require developers to include broadband for sites of 40 dwellings or more. BT Openreach offer free broadband installation for developments of over 30 dwellings.
The sites identified in the NP were all less than these figures so the solution is to ensure there is a lead developer tasked with co-ordinating connection across the three selected sites. The NP will be updated accordingly – Barton Wilson is the developer for two sites with David Wilson developing the middle site.
- 02/17.8** **Hampshire Police and Crime Panel Pro-Active Scrutiny of 'Rural Crime':** We have been invited to respond to a consultation and Cllrs considered the current priorities for the village:-
Break in to local shop, church and petrol stations – violent crimes;
Anti-social behaviour including drug use in public areas;
The ramification of such crimes and the community effect;
The boldness of criminal action occurring in the gaze of CCTV;
In addition to the councils response, clerk to also write to our new PC and the Sergeant at Tadley to request some assistance in Crime Prevention.
It is noted that crime must be reported either on 101 or if an immediate response required dial 999 – the police will prioritise the call and may be able to dispatch officers immediately to the scene.
- 02/17.9** **Holding Field – Replacement Bollards and Gate:** The GP committee recommend accepting the quote of £670 from Arthur Rampton to replace one rotten gate post which will be moved to accommodate a larger 12ft gate replacing the existing 10ft that is beyond repair. All existing bollards to be removed and replaced as they are rotting and loose.

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Resolved – Quote of £670.00 accepted. Clerk to instruct.



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- 02/17.10 Fieldgate Playing Fields:** The six sports groups that are currently using the facilities at the fieldgate (ladies, mens and youth football, rugby, netball and cricket) attended a meeting with the KCA and BDBC to discuss existing facilities and a joint way forward. The drainage on the field, which is now 30 years old is no longer functioning and the tarmac all weather court is unforgiving to trips and falls – better surfaces are available. Working together an application to LIF for £85,000 will be submitted with £35K for pitch drainage and £50k for an all weather court (MUGA) with storage facilities. Match funding of 10% will be required, applying to Greenham Common Trust, some funding from groups and possibly apply for Parish Council funding. The proposal will improve the facilities for all, ties in with NP and potentially attract more clubs to the Fieldgate. The KCA also have plans to improve the facilities inside the community centre estimated at £500K subject to grant funding.

- 02/17.11 Bank Signatories:** Remove AP as signatory and add IB due to availability during the day to sign cheques.

Resolved – IB to be added – paperwork signed.

- 02/17.12 Circus Ginnett Request to Hire Holding Field:** The circus would like to return to the village again this year in June. The deposit and hire charge need to be reviewed along with the hiring conditions but to avoid putting off the circus as it is a good service to the community. Defer to GP to consider:-
Traffic congestion – arrival and departure not to clash with school opening and closing times; Posters attached to lampposts and telegraph poles to be removed before vacating; Pitch location to be carefully considered; Field to be repaired on vacating.

Clerk

Resolved – Circus to be allowed to Hire Holding Field with the terms to be agreed at GP. Vote – 7 for, 1 against.

Recess proposed at 8:35pm:

DT – Circus – also make sure that if the school sign is removed for access that it is replaced again.

TS – Bench in Churchyard to be moved, still facing the ashes plots, a new bin will be installed alongside. CM – Will be discussed at PCC this Thursday, hedge to be cleared first.

SP – Concerned that we are losing a police presence in the area as a whole, contact to Whitchurch Police Station with no reply. In a 240 sq miles there are 10 PCSO's, 6 PC's and 2 Sergeants which leaves gaps with days off. A travellers site has appeared in Tadley which will end up being larger than Paices Hill.

AG – Speedwatch – one failed attempt due to battery issues but new batteries on charge. Post Office – concerned about the open state of the counter. JS – it is down to Post Office Ltd and is in line with their national strategy.

Back to Standing Orders 8:52pm.

- 02/17.13 BT Phone Contract:** Letter received to advise contract is coming to an end. Cllrs request clerk to confirm contract end date and new offers available with BT and other providers to review.

Clerk

- 02/17.14 Update on the Neighbourhood Plan:** 25 Responses have been received from residents – most agree with the proposal in the plan but there are a couple of comments to review. More detailed responses have been received from the statutory consultees. The Gailey Mill developers have done their own valuation of the site which has come out higher but it was not using the values agreed by the NP group. Another new plot has been offered, Bishops Hill Farm on Ecchinswell Road but it is too late and is next to the AONB so probably would not have been selected. The group meet next Monday to discuss responses before moving to the next stage. A larger site at Yew Tree Farm, incorporating the Poveys Mead site, has also been put forward. The potential developers claim this was submitted in February 2016 but no communication can be traced. This has been forwarded to B&DBC for advice.

- 02/17.15 County Councillor Report:** Apologies sent – no report

- 02/17.16 Borough Councillors Reports:** KR – At the moment the only protection against development in the village is by the Local Plan. BDBC Planning are likely to receive applications.

Parking in Village – lines are being repainted and more enforcement will be occurring in the coming weeks. Bin Collections- tendering is occurring for a waste contract and KR will not vote for non-weekly collections.

The Fieldgate - very supportive of work proposed – new 106 funding world will help and BCllrs will work with parishes to achieve this.



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DS has been working on the littering along the A339 and the annual pick-up/clearing.

Rolling List:

Emergency Plan – Council will need to make a decision on what we do with the completed plan. Kingsclere is relatively Low Risk – most action required would be for the Borough and County as 1st Response. The village has good hall facilities available to use in the event of an emergency. Proposed we produce a 4 page summary to laminate that will hold all important contact information. Needs to be agreed with the Fire Officers, reviewed annually and made available on website. Consideration needs to be made of simple things eg tea bags for refreshments, personal checklists, phone pyramids. Maps should be acquired that are fit for purpose.

Village of the Year – No information has been forthcoming from HALC – Clerk to check previous information available in the archives.

Clerk

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Planning Applications:

18.1. 17/00424/RET & 17/00425/LBC – 46 Swan Street– No Objections

02/17.19

Clerks Report:

19.1. CPRE Membership Renewal

Resolved – Membership renewed at existing donation of £50.

19.2. Detectorist Licence Application

Resolved – Licence to be issued for the Recreation Ground – excluding meadow and playing field; pony paddock and Holding Field. £20 admin fee to be charged.

02/17.20

Approval of Income and Expenditure: The accounts for February were agreed and signed off.

02/17.21

Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconcilliation: Not due until April

02/17.22

Date of next meeting: Monday 27th March 2017 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....