



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting OM 08/23 Held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th August 2023 in the Village Club

OM 08/23 – Present:

Cllrs: Conquest; Gaines; Mussett; Peach N and Peach R
Clerk – Ackrill;

08/23.1 – Apologies:

None.

08/23.2 – Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Mussett declared interest in item 12.1 Planning T/00277/23/TPO as neighbouring property.

08/23.3 - Questions from the Public:

Over hanging hedge on property in Newbury Road. Properties in area where Popes Hill meets Newbury Road concerned with surface water flooding on Wednesday and Saturday. Can anything be done about speed of traffic as the surface flooding issues are made worse by vehicles driving through quickly. East end of school grounds there are some willow trees which overhang into neighbouring properties. BCllr Rhatigan responded to this point and added he had received an enquiry about the trees and suggested waiting until the school was back from summer break and then to contact them directly.

BCllr Rhatigan asked how far along Neighbourhood Plan revamp is either in regard to putting sites forward and or updating on Policies – there is a Policy review meeting 7th September so feedback if possible is required before then. BCllr Rhatigan also said he has had update from Principal Tree Officer in regard to Trees removal from beside A339 as follows-

The tree-stems will be cut-up and stacked into woodland habitat piles.

The woodchip piles will be redistributed across the site to even it out and make it less obvious.

They will monitor the cut-stumps to check on regrowth. If the regrowth is normal and consistent, then they will in due course establish a landscape feature and regrow into large trees. If their regrowth is poor (or fails) then the contingency is to plant native species whips to establish a new hedgerow. B & D will continue to monitor the re-growth into the planting season; at which point they will make a decision to either leave the stumps to regrow, or to plant a new hedgerow.

08/23.4 – Chairman's Remarks:

Nothing was raised.

08/23.5 – Repair of LED Projector on lamppost in Square: Resident wishes to claim cost of the repair £125.34 this was agreed. Thank you for getting repair sorted.

Resolved – payment of £125.34 upon receipt of invoice

Action: RFO / Clerk

08/23.6 – Projector and Christmas Light Connection: This has been disconnected by contractor carrying out checks or cleaning this is still unclear, however the connections were deemed unsafe. The failures, issues and accompanying photographs had been forwarded to Cllrs but only just before the meeting. An initial quote had been received and circulated to Cllrs but needed adjustment as KPC do not own the lamp column, the other sections of quote were not discussed as better understanding of the problem is to be sought. Clerk had held long discussion with the electrical company to get further details prior to this meeting regarding how to correct and some options to move forward, these were not discussed at this stage. Cllr N Peach said KPC spent a lot of money on the installation of the power pillar and would look back in emails to research who connected and installed.

Action: Cllr Peach

08/23.7 – Use of Electric Supply for Village Fete 28th August: Sadly, KPC will now not be able to provide power on the 28th and the Clerk was asked to write to the committee to explain.

Action: Clerk

08/23.8 – Suggested New Signage at the Cemetery: due to increasing numbers of visitors driving across the consecrated cemetery ground to attend to relatives' graves the suggestion of Sign at entrance stating "No Vehicles beyond this point except Funeral Hearse and Maintenance vehicles" was discussed and agreed a quote of £66 plus VAT received A4 size to be mounted on existing post.

Resolved: Order 2 Signs at Cost of £66 each plus VAT wording "No Vehicles beyond this point except Funeral Hearse and Maintenance Vehicles."

Action: Clerk

08/23.9 – Replacement Posts – Installation of new posts cemetery Entrance x3 and Holding Field Dragons teeth x2 expenditure of £180 ratified. All in favour

08/23.10 – Swing on Oak Tree – unable to locate may have been removed.

08/23.11 – Audit 23-24 – Internal Auditor April Skies have sent engagement letter – quote for next Audit £390 plus travel if required. All in favour of engaging April Skies.

Resolved: April Skies approved for next years Audit cost of £390 plus travel

Action: RFO

08/23.12 – Planning Applications:

Cllr C Mussett left the room at 19.49

12.1. T/00277/23/TPO – Beaverbrook 2 The Hollow – Cllrs discussed this application and felt that the group TPO was placed on the trees for a reason, and these should not be discounted for the reasons given in the application. The Ash Tree if proven to have ash die back would cause no concern although request Tree Officer confirms die back is present. Cllr Peach will draft response on behalf of KPC and send to Cllrs present at this point for approval.

Resolved: Object

Action: Cllr Peach / Clerk

Cllr Mussett was called back into the meeting at 20.01

12.2. 23/01801/ROC Wheelers Land Little Knowl Hill - No Objection

Action: Clerk

08/23.13 – Clerk's Report:

13.1. Request from Youth Football to continue using Holding Field for Training on a Saturday morning and in addition Sunday 13th and 20th August. All in agreement.

Action: Clerk

08/23.19 – Matters for Future Consideration from Open Forum:

Nothing necessarily at this point for future agenda, Clerk was asked to write to Highways regarding repainting Slow Sign on Newbury Road and enquire when the drains were last cleared. Will also provide link to residents to report flooding to Hampshire CC. Clerk was asked to write to Neighbourhood Plan team and request update if available is sent to BCllr Rhatigan as Policy meeting is being held on 7th September. Clerk asked to send letter to Newbury Road resident regarding overhanging hedge.

08/23.20 – Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 25th September 2023 7:30pm in the Village Club.

08/23/16 - Exempt Business – To discuss the Bowls Club Lease

Cllrs drafted a basic Heads of Terms Lease which will now be written up by Cllr Peach. This draft if agreed will then be placed within an official lease by our Solicitor, after consultation with Bowls Club.

Action: Cllr Peach

Meeting closed 20.25

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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