



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 05/18
held at 7.30pm on Monday 21st May 2018 in the Village Club

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ACTION

- OM 05/18** **Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J.
05/18.1 **Apologies:** Cllrs: Mussett; Peach N; C.Cllr Thacker; B.Cllr Rhatigan.
05/18.2 **Declarations of Interest:** None
05/18.3 **Minutes:**
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 30th April 2018 were accepted and signed.
3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 8th May 2018 were accepted and signed.
05/18.4 **Matters arising:** None
05/18.5 **Chairman's Remarks:**
i) The Independent Examiners report for the Neighbourhood Plan was released today. Congratulations to Cllr Adams and the team. The examiner made some very positive remarks in the report for example, the clear vision, the preciseness and the strong practical framework. The overall conclusion is that the basic conditions and legal requirements have been met and therefore the plan should proceed, subject to some recommendations, to referendum. The council hope that parishioners will go out and vote to protect the village.
ii) Congratulations to the RBL volunteers for the stunning flower beds on Crown Green and around the Memorial.
iii) Congratulations to the Twinner's for an excellent weekend with the visitors from Cormicy.
iv) Administrative Assistant – an interview date has been set.
v) Congratulations to Thatcham Town Football Club on their success at Wembley this weekend.
05/18.6 **WW1 Centenary Bench:** The GP recommend the council purchase a WW1 Memorial Bench to commemorate the centenary this year. The RBL were asked about the possibility of locating the bench near their garden on Crown Green but this would restrict the fund-raising activities they have recently enjoyed hosting here. It was suggested that The Square or the Churchyard would be better. As permission would need to be sought for the Churchyard it was agreed the bench should be located in The Square to replace one of the older benches. A quote had not yet been sought for installation as this was dependent on the location. The cost of the bench is £647 and a budget of £1000 agreed to include installation.
Resolved – WW1 bench to be purchased at £647 with installation cost up to £353
05/18.7 **GDPR – Cllr Email Accounts:** It is recommended Councillors have a separate email account for council business – personal email addresses are currently used. The current contract for the Clerks email account can accommodate additional addresses for councillors at no extra charge which would use the domain kingsclere-pc.org.uk.
Resolved – Clerk to set up new addresses for Cllrs
05/18.8 **Public Conveniences:** At the time this item was requested there was still no start date in sight for the refurbishment and one had been closed for a substantial period of time. Work has now commenced and a very thorough job appears to be in progress. Work men have been considerate and moved the safety fencing when requested, to ensure pedestrian access was maintained. A thank you should be sent to BDBC when completed.
05/18.9 **Neighbourhood Watch:** It was surprising to hear from the PCSO at the Annual Meeting that there are only four active NW groups in the village. Resident's do complain about crime in the village but no one is helping themselves. Should the council encourage residents to set up NW Groups? Brian Adams is the lead contact in Basingstoke and Deane and could be invited to help with a recruitment campaign.
Resolved – Invitation to be sent to Brian Adams
05/18.10 **Neighbourhood Plan:** The Independent Examiners Report has been published on the Website and reported on the FB page. This will also be advertised in next months edition of The Tower. All the contributors to the last consultation have been written to by BDBC. Janet Cheesley, the Independent Examiner, has recommended some minor changes including deleting four policies, three because they do not add anything to the BDBC Local Plan and one because it is repetitive and could be incorporated into another existing policy. There had been some criticism from developers on the site selection but the report commented on the transparent and robust criteria used by the group. The public consultation and publicity had exceeded the requirements. It was suggested that BDBC be included in the Traffic and Parking project. BDBC will organise a referendum but not during July and August due to the holiday season. Cllr Adams recommends the council, subject to the recommended amendments, the plan is accepted and referred to BDBC for a



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referendum. Once amended, the document will be circulated to all members. The details for Purdah leading up to the referendum will be clarified with BDBC.

Resolved – Unanimously agreed for the Neighbourhood Plan, subject to recommended alterations, be submitted for Referendum.

05/18.11 **County Councillor:** No report.

05/18.12 **Borough Councillor:** DS congratulates the NP Group on the magnificent achievement – no other reports have come back with such high praise. The borough has elected a new Mayor, Cllr Sean Keating. Changes are being made to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The contract for the leisure centre development has been signed. The Ice Rink is being rebuilt separately. The development includes new outlet shops. Cllr Mark Ruffell is the Portfolio Holder for the NP.

Recess Standing Orders were suspended at 20:05:

- i) It was sad so few people turned out for the Annual Meeting – could this be wider advertised on the Noticeboards.
- ii) An effort should be made to make sure residents are aware of the significance of the NP to ensure people go out and vote at the referendum. It is annoying that two large branches have been dumped in the pond at the MHOS. *The parish paths group are out Thursday evening and can lift them out – RP will cut up and take away.* The NW scheme has been tried in the past but it is difficult to get going even when big meetings were held. The key will be getting residents to understand what is involved.
- iii) It is noted that the GP Committee had discussed the nettles and weeds in the MHOS which is a concern. The NWN should cooperate with spreading the word on the NP. The Care Group have arranged a very good speaker from Age Concern to talk about loneliness – please attend if you are able.
- iv) The grass verges in Swan Street need cutting – *this has been reported to BDBC.*

Back to Standing Orders 20:12.

05/18.13 **Rolling List:**

- 13.1 Resilience Plan – Item should not have been included on the Agenda
- 13.2 Village of the Year – Still no more news on the National Competition. The applications are open for the Hampshire Competition and once the NP has been updated and submitted work will begin on the draft submission. Another meeting will be called when draft application is ready.

05/18.14 **Planning Applications:**

- 14.1. 18/01301/HSE – 19 Newbury Road – No objections
- 14.2. 18/01313/HSE & 18/01329/LBC – 37 And 39 Swan Street – No objections
- 14.3. T/00190/18/TCA – Kenwood North Street – No objections
- 14.4. 18/00822/HSE – Kenwood North Street – Amended Plans – No objections

05/18.15 **Clerks Report:**

- 15.1. Thank you from Tadley CAB – received although payment approved for June.
- 15.2. HALC Membership – Affiliation Fee £679
Resolved – Membership of HALC (and NALC) approved at £679
- 15.3. Hampshire Playing Fields Association Membership - £40
Resolved – Membership of HPFA approved at £40

05/18.16 **Approval of Income and Expenditure:** The accounts for May have not yet been checked – defer to next meeting.

05/18.17 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 25th June 2018 7:30pm in the Village Club.

05/18.18 **Exempt Business**

2018 – 2019 National Salary Award – The new pay scale recommended was approved for the Clerk and the Administrative Assistant - confidential minutes refer.

Meeting closed at 20:25

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....