



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 08/16  
held at 7.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 in the Village Club

- OM 08/16 Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Farey; N Peach; R Peach; F Sawyer; J Sawyer;
- 08/16.1 Apologies:** Cllrs: Mussett; Price; C Cllr: Chapman.
- 08/16.2 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 08/16.3 Minutes:**  
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were accepted and signed.
- 08/16.4 Matters arising:** None
- 08/16.5 Chairman's Remarks:**  
i) Welcome back Clerk from your honeymoon;  
ii) The repairs to the bridge at the bottom of Bear Hill are now complete;  
iii) Thank you Cllr N Peach for dead heading the roses in the square.  
iv) Thank you to David Ainsworth for the excellent work co-ordinating Speedwatch through difficult circumstances. The data report sent in will be very useful and PCSO Kness has someone in mind to take over.  
v) Reminder to residents that now is the time to trim hedges.
- 08/16.6 Annual Report – Printing and Distribution:** Four quotes from local printers had been obtained and circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to go with the cheapest quote.  
**Resolved** – Annual Report to be printed by KDP at £692.00.
- 08/16.7 CIL – Draft Charging Schedule:** The document had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllrs were asked to comment:-  
SA – Paras 1.3 to 1.7 of consultation document state that CIL is not charged on affordable housing but S106 payments do apply. However, the paper then goes on to say that S106 payments will be scaled back once a CIL charge is adopted. This implies that affordable housing schemes will attract very little, if any, infrastructure funding. Bearing in mind that at least 40% of new housing must be affordable, the Borough and Town & Parish Councils could lose out on infrastructure funding which actually makes larger more expensive housing developments more attractive to the Borough. I would like to see CIL payable on all developments whether they be affordable housing or not. There is no reason given why CIL can't be paid on affordable housing schemes.  
Para 4.1 Care homes and sheltered housing do not attract CIL payments. No reason is given for this. Why?  
Para 6.1 Parish & Town Councils with a Neighbourhood Plan will receive 25% of CIL payments however the paper does not say whether or not the Borough will spend the remaining 75% within that Parish/Town. I would like to see a commitment from the Borough that they will spend their share of CIL within the Parish or Town that generated it. In other words CIL payments for Kingsclere should be spent on Kingsclere and not other projects i.e. Manydown.  
JS – There is a lack of clarity in the report for both CIL and S106 including whether the 75% CIL retained by the borough will be spent locally or if BDBC could spend it on the other side of the borough.  
MF – There is a requirement for a list of projects which can then apply for CIL funding so the money from CIL will be pooled and then spent on the planned projects.  
FS – Noted that the CIL levy will apply to even small developments including extensions.  
SA – The report states that CIL will not be applied to Carehomes and Sheltered Housing. Why?  
BCllr Rhatigan – pressure will need to be applied by parishes for projects such as Manydown to ensure CIL money benefits those that are affected by the development.  
BCllr Sherlock – there are some workshops on CIL being run by BDBC which may be helpful.  
NP – CIL appears to be always money whereas S106 is not always and can be a payment in kind. This is sometimes beneficial with then a reduced levy.  
Comments need to be submitted by 26<sup>th</sup> September - JS and SA will write a response from the parish council and circulate to councillors before submitting.
- 08/16.8 Post Office – Proposed Move:** Post Office Ltd are proposing to move the Kingsclere Post Office from George Street to a till within Swan Street Stores. The proposal lists the number of services offered currently and what the new services will be in Swan Street and there is very little change but there are concerns about the move:-  
There are currently two points of service in the busy Post Office and the proposal suggests that there will only be one in an already busy shop. Access is actually very poor in Swan Street and Anchor Road particularly for wheel chair users as there is a lack of dropped curbs. Parking is already difficult with the street sometimes becoming gridlocked, particularly on a Wednesday when there are more deliveries. The proposal

**ACTION**

**Clerk**

**JS / SA**



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seems ill thought out with bland assumptions which will make the village more difficult to live in. It would have been helpful to see a planned layout of Swan Street Stores because at the moment it is difficult to see how this additional facility will fit in such a crowded shop. How is the queuing system going to work? At the moment by having the Post Office in George Street it is not affected by the busyness of Swan Street on delivery days and how will the delivery lorries cope with the additional cars once the Post Office has moved.

Cllr Farey highlighted that we do need to exercise some care to ensure villagers get the best out of the situation – moving is better than losing the Post Office altogether which is a risk.

Parishioners need to make their views known by replying to this proposal.

- 08/16.9 Bus Shelter Repairs:** The bus shelter was supplied by Glasdon and their quote to replace 5 panels with toughened glass totals £1859.50 including fitting. It is not worth an insurance claim because we would have to pay an excess of £250.00 for each incident and we do not know exactly when all of the damage occurred only the last panel. Panels are £205.00 each. GP recommend we accept this quote.

**Resolved** – New Bus Shelter panels to be installed at £1859.50.

**08/16.13 Borough Councillors Reports:**

Cllr Rhatigan has met with some ladies from the village about the proposal to move the Post Office. The opening statement of the letter informs that the Postmaster of Kingsclere is in agreement but this is not the case. There is concern about the loss of the sorting office where local knowledge is invaluable. There is a possibility that three bays in the Anchor Yard car park could be designated as for the Post Office and marked accordingly. The proposal is woolly but having telephoned them today, nothing has been set in stone yet. Most people are unaware of the move so we need to raise the profile of this and keep up local pressure as it would be terrible to lose this facility through apathy. The borough councillors are arranging a door drop leaflet to raise awareness.

HCC have withdrawn funding to West Berks District Council for Hampshire residents to use the Waste and Recycling Centre at Newtown Road. West Berks will issue permits to those living with in there boundary.

CIL – B.Cllrs will actively campaign to make sure money for infrastructure is also made available to benefit our parishes for example on the A339 and not just spent on improvements for the M3 and A30 etc.

- 08/16.10 Newtown Road Waste and Recycling Centre:** Hampshire residents make up 20% of the visits to the site and therefore 20% of the recycling. It is short sighted of West Berks as they will lose recycling which earns them money and Hampshire residents are using their shops, therefore putting money into their local economy. There is concern that inappropriate items will end up in bins and there will be an increase in fly-tipping. The secretary for state at Defra stated that boundaries are important to councils but not to residents. It was suggested we try and form an action group with other local parishes for example Burghclere and Highclere.

**JS / SA / FS**

- 08/16.11 Neighbourhood Plan:** The draft plan is not quite ready. It was sent to BDBC, an independent consultant and two residents for review. Some nice comments have been received, for example it is a well written and sophisticated document. Quite a lot of re-writing is required though and it is anticipated the work will be complete within a month. The consultant has agreed to give it a 2<sup>nd</sup> overview at a reduced price.

- 08/16.12 County Councillor Report:** None – apologies from Cllr Chapman

**Recess proposed at 8:22pm:**

JB – Designated spaces in Anchor Yard for the Post Office will be of no use for the less able as it is too hilly. Disabled spaces are required in the village. Focus should be on trying to stop the Post Office closing.

AG – One of the properties backing onto Basingstoke Road has removed it's hedge which now highlights how overgrown the others are – they need to be cut back. Fly tipping will become an issue if residents cannot use Newtown Road Site. If the Post Office closes, how will blue badge holders manage with the parking in Swan Street?

TS – Wrote to the Neighbourhood Plan Group about the possibility of incorporating the Malthouse Openspace into the Churchyard by removing the hedge. It would increase the light levels making the space by the stream more appealing. *Refer to GP Meeting.*

AD – The Malthouse Openspace is owned by the borough. Could a road sweeper be requested for the square – straw everywhere. The owner of Swan Street Stores has



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another shop elsewhere with a Post Office with in so has experience of this set up.

**Back to Standing Orders 8:40pm.**

**08/16.14 Rolling List:** No updates.

**08/16.15 Planning Applications:**

- 15.1 T/00282/16/TCA – Kingsclere Health Centre – No objection.
- 15.2 16/02603/FUL – Telecommunications Station, Wolverton – No Objection
- 15.3 T/00292/TPO – 11 Hook Road – No Objection

**08/16.16 Clerks Report:**

- 16.1 Grant Requests – None.
- 16.2 A variety show is being held at the Anvil in Basingstoke on 1<sup>st</sup> October in aid of the Mayor’s charity appeal – tickets now available.

**08/16.17 Approval of Income and Expenditure:** The accounts for both July and August were agreed and signed off.

**08/16.18 Date of next meeting:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....