

Kingsclere Parish Council

Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Club on Thursday 26th May 2011

Present: Cllrs Bond; Brolly; Gibb; Goff; Gundry; Savin; Smith; Theaker
Clerk; Minutes Secretary; c60 members of the public: 2 Borough Councillors; 2
police officers; 2 members of the press

Apologies: Cllr Best; County Councillor Chapman; Mrs S Woodman.

Presentation on traffic calming measure in Kingsclere:

Cllr Goff detailed proposals to improve traffic conditions in Kingsclere, giving opportunities for discussion and residents approval.

- 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs to be installed at approached to the village from the north. This proposal was supported with the comment that signs should also be placed at Overton, Whitchurch and Burghclere to deter HGV's from the South.
- It was agreed that the bus shelter layby at Fawconer Road be improved to reduce the risk of further damage to the shelter structure.
- The proposal to extend the 30mph zone on the Basingstoke Road to be pursued.
- Central white line at the bend on Newbury Road to be reinstated and "SLOW" marking added.
- There was overwhelming approval for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on Swan Street between St Mary's Church and Bear Hill.
- The proposal for bollards on the footway to prevent traffic mounting the kerbs needs to be revisited as many residents express concern. Resident at No:43 was concerned that her property was still not adequately protected.
- The proposals for rationalisation of the signage at Pound Green received overwhelming support. Concern was expressed regarding poor visibility at the give way markings resulting in traffic overrunning the give way lines.

Following the useful discussions the Chairman asked that any further thoughts be submitted to the Parish Council. Members of the public offered thanks to the Parish Council for all the work that had been done so far and for considering their views.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th May 2010 were agreed

Matters arising: None

The Chairman's Review:

The Annual report had been circulated at the start of the meeting and Cllr Goff highlighted some of the activities and achievements of the last year.

Open Forum:

- a) It was pointed out that the churchyard trees needed trimming
- b) There was overgrowth at junctions making poor sightlines
- c) Concern was expressed over the condition of some of the Bridleways

A note was taken of all these matter and will be looked into by the Parish Council.

The Chairman presented Peter Woodman on his retirement from the council in recognition of his contribution to the community.

Thanks was also recorded for the many years of service given by further retiring councillor Mr Ray Peach.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed:..... Signed:.....
Chairman Parish Clerk

Dated:.....