



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 02/16  
held at 7.30pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Club

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		ACTION
OM 02/16	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs: Adams; Cruickshank; Farey; Mussett; N Peach; Price; B Cllr: Osselton; Sherlock. C Cllr Chapman;	
02/16.1	<b>Apologies:</b> R Peach; F Sawyer; J Sawyer.	
02/16.2	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Price 02/16.7 – Member of Tennis Club	
02/16.3	<b>Minutes:</b> 3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 accepted with one amendment - remove Price from attendance list - and signed. 3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 accepted with one amendment – date of next meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 - and signed.	
02/16.4	<b>Matters arising:</b> None	
02/16.5	<b>Chairman's Remarks:</b> 5.1) The Government are proposing to reduce funding for community pharmacies by £170M. It is anticipated that 3000 small pharmacies will end up closing due to a lack of funding which could affect the chemist in Kingsclere. 5.2) The Post Office Ltd have a strategy to move all sub post offices in rural area's into shops which will affect the post office in Kingsclere.	
02/16.6	<b>Display Boards:</b> The old, very heavy display boards that are currently in use are very unstable and belong to the Village Club. The council would like to invest in some new, lighter more stable boards for current and future presentations. Prices have been researched online and three quotes were obtained for new boards in three price ranges. The GPC recommend to OM the mid range boards at £695.00. <b>Resolved</b> – Purchase "Giant Board Small Format" in Dark Grey	Clerk
02/16.7	<b>Holding Field – Sycamore Tree:</b> Three quotes had been obtained for the crown lifting of the Sycamore Tree that overshadows the tennis courts and removal of ivy. <b>Resolved</b> – accept the cheapest quote from Opus and proceed with work	Clerk
02/16.8	<b>Recreation Ground Swings:</b> The weekly inspection report from BDBC highlighted a high risk for the cradle swings as the branch chains are worn to the extreme. There are three options available:- remove the cradle swings; replace the branch chains only at £285.00; or replace the whole chains including the cradle seats at £532.00. Each option was discussed with consideration to how long it would be before we secured the funding for the refurbishment of the whole play area. <b>Resolved</b> – replace the branch chains (Opt 2 above, Opt 1 on quote).	Clerk
02/16.9	<b>Voluntary Smoking Ban in Children's Play Areas:</b> The item had been further discussed at GPC having been deferred from the last meeting. GPC recommend to the OM that the signs offered by BDBC are accepted. <b>Resolved</b> – Accept the signs from BDBC	Clerk
02/16.10	<b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> At the last meeting, which was attended by agents from Turley and Middleton Portway, the reasons for groups very low score for the Gailey Mill site were discussed. Photo evidence was shown of flooding and some of the protected nature on the site. The developers requested to be kept informed of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Lindon Homes representing the Porch Farm site have offered some additional land for recreation purposes but we already have plenty of land, it is equipment we require to upgrade existing facilities. The end grant report for the latest monies received shows a shortfall in spending of £1746.00 so this money will need to be returned. AECOM have been asked to compile the Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission paper but they have suggested there could be a conflict of interest with the work they are doing for BDBC. This is being checked out as the group would prefer not to have to find new consultants at this late stage. The views of all residents is being compiled and will then be publicised on the website.	
02/16.11	<b>County Councillor:</b> HCC are facing difficult times because although they have built up reserves the cut on grants from the Government is actually 39% and not the expected 19%. The precept set by HCC has increased to 3.9% (1.9% + 2.0% for social care) but there are higher increases in some other areas including Hampshire Fire and Rescue. The budget needs to be reduced by £140M over the next 4 years which means there is no spare funding for anything nice but on a positive note we are better off than some other Local Authorities. The HFR have approved the new proposals which means that Kingsclere will be getting a smaller engine. This will enable the engine to be dispatched with only 2 Fire Fighters as oppose the current requirement of 4, therefore enabling response to more incidents. The major road schemes that are seen to be happening in Basingstoke have received funding from the Government.	
02/16.12	<b>Borough Councillors:</b> Cllr Osselton has been in contact with both the local Post Office and the Chemist to see what help is required. For the Post Office one store has been ruled out but one other is still in consideration and our MP Kit Malthouse is being	



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consulted. The chemist is in part of a cluster of 4 and the government are planning two phases of reduction in funding for these. Residents who would like to keep the pharmacy in Kingsclere are urged to sign the petition in the chemist – an online petition is available nationally but one specifically for Kingsclere will be looked into.

Childrens Centres are also facing cuts which may cause some having to face closure. Roadworks at the hospital are causing bottlenecks which are being looked into as this is having an impact on the Kingsclere Bus Service.

Cllr Sherlock – The Local Plan is currently being inspected and approval is expected during March which will then go to Full Council 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**Recess proposed at 8:11pm**

JG – Both the pharmacy and the Post Office are vital services to community, particularly those of pensionable age. The history of the previous skate park should be reviewed as it was underutilised for its purpose and mainly used as a shelter for drug users and rough sleepers. The all weather wicket on the Holding Field is being ruined as it is placed where the children play football.

AG – Pharmacy at the Medical Centre do dispense for people over 1 mile away from a chemist.

It was highlighted that the Medical Centre only uses receptionists to dispense prescriptions who would not be able to provide the services of a pharmacist.

NC – A Neighbourhood watch group has started in Peel Gardens and they are looking into burglar alarms and CCTV in their road. What is the current status of the CCTV in the village and would it be possible to have CCTV on the roads into/out of the village.

Answer – We still have CCTV cameras but no longer have the broadband service to access them remotely. Advice from the Police, before the BB contract was cancelled, was that CCTV was of little use unless connected to 24 hour monitoring and there were more suitable crime prevention measures for low crime areas such as Kingsclere.

Footage from the CCTV in the past was deemed inadmissible in court and camera's in the past had been painted and covered over with hats. The current gang operating in the area are known to the police, they constantly change vehicle and use ringed number plates. It is the running cost not the capital cost of CCTV which make it unsuitable in low crime areas like Kingsclere.

SP – The chemist is a vital service, as someone who collects prescriptions for three different people requiring things that are ordered in especially, closure of the Kingsclere chemist could result in multiple bus trips if the items are not available at the time. When and where does our MP hold surgeries?

Answer – At the village club – dates to be published in the tower.

**Proposed to return to standing orders at 8:35pm**

**02/16.13 Rolling List:**

Playground – AC Meeting with Playground Services for a quote tomorrow.

WW1 Commemorations – no update.

Emergency Plan – meeting still needs to be arranged with the clerk.

**02/16.14 Planning Applications:**

14.1 T/00062/16/TCA – 5 North Street - No Objections.

14.2 16/00389/LDEO – Unit C Frobury Farm – No Objections

**02/16.15 Clerks Report:**

15.1 A339 Major Road Works – clerk to acknowledge letter but the Parish Council have no powers on these matters.

15.2 Circus Visit – The Youth Football Club were unhappy with the condition of the field after the Circus departed last year so to be invited to inspect the field this year.

15.3 CCTV Correspondence – the correspondent had raised the issue during recess.

**02/16.16 Approval of Income and Expenditure:** The accounts for February were deferred to the next meeting as some figures transposed incorrectly to report.

**02/16.16 Date of next meeting:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016, 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 8:43pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....