



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 05/16

held at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd May in the Village Club

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Present: Cllrs: Adams; Farey; N Peach; F Sawyer; J Sawyer; C Cllr: Chapman.

Apologies: R Peach; Price; Mussett; B Cllrs Rhatigan & Sherlock;

Declarations of Interest: 05/16.11.1 Cllr Adams – Property owner.

Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 25th April 2016 were accepted and signed.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 16th May 2016 were accepted and signed.

05/16.4

Matters arising:

03/16.7 CCTV – The report from the meeting between the Police and the Neighbourhood Watch Group in Peel Gardens recommended the Parish Council continue to use the existing equipment but not to invest any more in it. A.Bates who was involved with the installation has been asked to check the system is still working and recording. The public are asked to report any covering or moving of cameras.

03/16.10 Memorial Bench – The Village Club Trustees have given permission for the bench to be placed in their front garden outside the Committee Room.

05/16.5

Chairman's Remarks:

i) The chairman was sorry to report that unfortunately due to work and family commitments James Cruickshank had resigned as a Parish Councillor. The council will now go through the process of appointing a new councillor, a notice will be put in the tower advertising the vacancy.

ii) The new Chief Executive for BDBC will be visiting Kingsclere on 3rd June 2016. Accompanied by the Chairman and B.Cllr Sherlock, they will tour the village and hope to be able to visit the largest employer in Kingsclere, Park House Stables. They will also meet up with Cllr Adams to discuss our progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.

iii) Normally at this time of year, a walkabout is scheduled with Steve Goodall from HCC Highways to highlight any local issues and we have requested an appointment for this year. Items that will be discussed include the flooding of the slip road from Basingstoke, the usual pot holes, the bollards along Swan Street and the safety fencing at the bridge on Bear Hill. Please inform the Chairman of any particular issues you would like raised.

iv) A letter has been sent from the Chairman to the Minister concerned about the impact the potential loss of the Pharmacy would have on the village where if it were to close the nearest pharmacy is seven miles and our public transport is limited.

v) The Chairman attended the presentation of the Guides Awards on Friday evening where three guides were awarded with the Baden Powell Award, the highest commendation available. The guides also made a thank you presentation to Sue Adams who, having contributed 40 years to Guiding, retired. Sue was presented with a garden bench that had been inscribed.

05/16.6

Church Yard: The PCC have submitted a request for grant funding towards the cost of repairing the tarmac driveway up to the Church. As the Churchyard is now closed, the council discussed whether or not it has responsibility for the driveway or not. Further research required to ascertain legal responsibility – clerk to check archives and contact the PCC for other records. Council agreed to a grant for the full amount but do not accept liability.

Resolved – Grant St.Mary's PCC £822.00

05/16.7

Neighbourhood Plan: The last meeting on 3rd May 2016 was fully attended and the plan is coming together. The remainder of the Grant has been applied for. The website is still work in progress but Anne and Sue have spent a lot of time getting it up to date. Mark Hirst has updated the evaluation criteria for site selection to make it more robust which the group are considering. At the next meeting on 6th June, the group will look at all the evidence again and using the revised criteria, make the final decision on site(s) for development. Debra Power has completed a 1st draft of the pre-submission plan. The group have until this weekend to comment when the 2nd draft will be prepared. The group hope that the plan will be robust enough to not need to seek professional help and will be ready mid to late August for a formal 6 week consultation. It will then be reviewed following comments received. The group will stay in contact with BDBC throughout the process who will then review the document against their Local Plan for any possible discrepancies before it is independently examined prior to the referendum. The six week consultation will be the last opportunity for the public to comment on the Neighbourhood plan – the referendum will be a yes or no vote to adopt the plan, not an opportunity to choose sites.

There is a meeting of all the NP groups in the Borough at BDBC on 6th June which the NP Chair and PC Chair will attend. Overton's referendum will be on 22nd June.

There will be notification that the Neighbourhood Plan is available to comment via the Tower, local papers and flyers. It will be available to view online and some printed copies will be held in various locations around the village including the Parish Office,



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Library and Health Centre.

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County Councillor Report: Our county councillor is now Chairman of HCC. The main topic currently is Devolution which is where the Government are devolving powers to the Local Authorities. HCC had been working with all the borough/district and city councils for a two tier system but did not want a directly elected Mayor. Subsequently some of the councils to the south of the county tried to set up their own deal with the government but HCC would not sign up to it. This then filtered out to other boroughs who looked into setting up a Mid Hants Council. HCC are looking to set up a unitary authority for Hampshire and will be consulting with the public which is not something some of the others have been doing. Hampshire has one of the best Music Services and Cllr Chapman fears this may be lost if the county is broken into smaller authorities and highlighted Westberks as an example.

The chairman congratulated Cllr Chapman on his new role.

05/16.9

Borough Councillors: None – apologies from Cllrs Rhatigan and Sherlock

Recess proposed at 8:20pm

RE – Highlighted flood problems on Knowl Hill, B3051 for the walkabout. Also, there are some large advertising banners left on display from the “Cleverest Street” event at the Fieldgate that need to be taken down. Clerk to email.

DT – Thank you Nicki for all the bulb planting last autumn, the spring flowering bulbs have shown a fantastic display this year.

AG – Hedge along Basingstoke Road still needs cutting back and also on Basingstoke Road, fencing needs replacing by the gas works as some is missing and there is a steep drop the other side. The village market is now closed, after 23 years it has run its course and the demand is just not there anymore.

Back to Standing Orders at 8:25pm

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Rolling List:

Playground – Cllr Adams will ask James to pass on any information collated in order to continue the work he started.

Emergency Plan – the templates have arrived.

05/16.11

Planning Applications:

11.1 16/01444/HSE & 16/01445/LBC – 25 Newbury Road – No Objections

11.2 16/01414/HSE & 16/01415/LBC – No Objections

05/16.12

Clerks Report:

12.1 Insurance Renewal – we are in a three year contract so no decision to be made but policy reviewed.

12.2 Fullers Village of the Year – an invitation has been received but it was felt that we would not be ready this year. Deferred to the GP to discuss for next year.

12.3 Centenary Fields – In association with the Royal British Legion, the Fields in Trust organisation are encouraging communities to dedicate a Centenary Field in honour of those fallen during WW1. We do not have a suitable open space to dedicate, the Holding Field needs to remain dedicated to the Holding Family.

12.4 Correspondence on Youth Facilities – there is a need for a provision of some facilities for our young people and a youth shelter is a possibility. The information provided by Thames Valley Police on such facilities was very positive. It was agreed that we need to find out exactly what the Youth Club Trustees have planned.

12.5 Grant Application from Tadley CAB – It has not been a year since we last granted them money but the council would like to support them again this year. The report they provided showed a clear need for their services by Kingsclere residents.

Resolved – Grant £200 to Tadley CAB to be paid on the anniversary of the last payment in July.

05/16.13

Approval of Income and Expenditure: The accounts for May were agreed and signed off.

05/16.14

Date of next meeting: Monday 27th June 2016, 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....