



## Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 03/20 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Village Club

### **GP 03/20 – Present:**

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Price; Sawyer J. Clerk – Porton; Admin Assistant – Read.

### **03/20.1 – Apologies:**

Cllrs: Mussett; Peach N. Cllr J Sawyer was late as he was attending the Library meeting on behalf of the PC.

**Resolved:** Apologies were accepted.

### **03/20.2 – Declarations of Interest:**

None.

### **03/20.3 – Matters Arising:**

None.

### **03/20.4 – Issues List:**

After the creation of the Issues List last GP the Clerk wanted some clarification. It was agreed to add the Route 56 Bus to the Issues List. The review date for the consideration of an Article 4 Directive was set to September 2020. CM to contact the HCC regarding the Love Lane Footpath and where “on the list” it is.

**Action:** CM. Sep GP

### **03/20.5 – Cemetery:**

#### **5.1. Car Park Gates:**

Two quotes received for installing replacement gates. After a short discussion it was agreed not to go ahead with purchasing replacement gates as the matter of unlocking and locking them daily would be impractical.

**Resolved:** It was agreed not to purchase replacement gates.

#### **5.2. Rules and Regulations:**

The Clerk is still working on the Rules and Regulations. A change of wording from “Natural Stone Quarried in Great Britain” to “Natural Black, Grey or White Stone” was agreed as stone is no longer quarried in Britain.

**Action:** Clerk. Apr GP.

### **03/20.6 – VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Referred from OM after the PC was asked to investigate options to play Winston Churchill’s speech in the Square. Richard Jacklin has agreed to provide a sound system and the PC are happy for it to be plugged into the Christmas lights column.

**Action:** Apr GP.

### **03/20.7 – Great British Spring Clean and Poster Competition:**

Cllrs went through a rough timetable of the day and indicated their availability. Event has been advertised in the Tower, on social media and through posters. Clerk to buy raffle tickets for tea and coffee.

**Action:** Clerk, Admin.

### **03/20.8 – Re-painting & Tidying the Bridge at Bear Hill:**

It was reported this job is already on the Lengthsman’s list.

### **03/20.9 – Parking on The Green by the Bridge at Bear Hill:**

Photographs taken by a Cllr seems to indicate there is a lot of tarmac where cars have been parking. It was suggested to tidy the area up and edge the grass. NP to investigate options for the PC to claim ownership as HCC don’t own it and BDBC indicate they do not wish to own it.

**Action:** NP.

### **03/20.10 – South & South East in Bloom:**

It was suggested the PC enter this competition that takes place every June. After a short discussion it was agreed to continue planting and perhaps enter in another year.

### **03/20.11 – White Gates:**

Document circulated prior to meeting. It was agreed not to investigate purchasing white gates at Site 2 by the entrance onto Ashford Hill Road as this should be something developers at the Fawconer Road site would install. It was suggested to change the proposed location of the signs on Basingstoke Road and Winchester Road so they are at the point where the speed limit changes from 40mph to 30mph to have maximum impact on drivers. It was agreed there is no point replacing existing signage on Ecchinswell Road and Foxs Lane since installing white gates isn’t feasible. It was agreed the proposal to paint dragons on the road at all entrances was a good idea. A question was raised asking if the dragons on the road make noise when driven over. The possibility of having a bedbug sign on entrances was raised but would depend on cost. SA to reply with comments and questions and ask for a cost breakdown for each site.

**Action:** SA. Apr GP.

### **03/20.12 – Recreation Ground and Holding Field Signs:**

Four quotes were received. It was agreed to go with the cheapest quote of £22.00 per sign with the photo background as there was no difference in price. Clerk to order eight signs.

**Resolved:** Clerk to order eight signs at £22.00 per sign

### **03/20.13 – Recreation Ground Play Area Fence:**

One quote was received. Legislation requires there are two exits, therefore two sets of gates are required. Clerk to source grants.

**Action:** Clerk. Apr GP

### **03/20.14 – Wildflower Area in St Mary's Churchyard:**

The Clerk received a complaint from a resident voicing their concerns the wildflower area was not being properly looked after and the orchids are dying. Clerk has found a volunteer to look after it who has concluded the wildflower area is adequately maintained and cared for by PC contractors. It was noted the Holly tree needs to be reduced as the orchids are not getting enough light.

**Action:** Clerk

### **03/20.15 – Land at Fawconer Road:**

BDBC raised concerns on the previous proposed plan over the width of access from Ashford Hill Road and what impact suggested placement of houses would have on the image of the village. JS, FS and SA met with a representative of David Wilson Homes to discuss an amended plan, which was circulated at the meeting. There was a query that a tree with a TPO was missing from the plan and a question on how much of the hedgerow at the back of Fawconer Road will be retained. Apart from these queries, which would be chased, the Planning Panel were content with the new proposals. It was reported DWH is planning to resubmit before the end of the month.

### **03/20.16 – Watership Down Health – Premises Option Appraisal:**

Document circulated prior to meeting. Clerk to email proposed responses and Cllrs to reply with changes.

**Action:** All Cllrs, Clerk

### **03/20.17 – Allotments:**

One plot holder has failed to pay rent or return agreement form by 1<sup>st</sup> March. Clerk sent reminder by email in February and has now sent a termination letter stating items need to be removed by 16<sup>th</sup> March. One plot has been offered, awaiting reply. One person has been removed from waiting list due to not responding to Clerk when asked for an address. There are four people currently on the waiting list.

### **03/20.18 – Highways Issues:**

No issues. The Clerk is aiming to do a walk around of the village and plot all the surface drain covers when the weather improves.

### **03/20.19 – Action List:**

#### **19.1. Allocate Priorities and Due Dates to Items:**

Document circulated prior to meeting. Priorities were allocated. It was agreed to remove "Due Date" column. It was agreed to move PSPO's to the Issues List.

#### **19.2. Allocate Review Dates to Items (Where Missing):**

Review dates were allocated.

#### **19.3. War Memorial:**

Clerk has emailed eight surveyors and has received one partial quote. It was noted the Clerk can only provide surveyors with the information the War Memorial trust has supplied. Clerk to contact other Parish Councils who have been successful in similar projects to ask for advice and suggestions.

**Action:** Clerk.

### **03/20.20 – Planning Applications:**

**20.1. 19/03353/FUL – Cottismore Garden Centre, Newbury Road:** Objection remains unchanged.

**20.2. 20/00491/FUL – Goldfinch Cottage, Newbury Road:** Comments on the basis this application doesn't refer to the Neighbourhood Plan.

**20.3. 20/00300/FUL – Nutkins Farm, Union Lane:** No objections.

### **03/20.12 – Date of next meeting:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21:20

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

**Distribution:** Cllrs: S Adams; I Bowes; M Farey; C Mussett; N Peach; R Peach; A Price; F Sawyer and J Sawyer.

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