



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 08/18
held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th August 2018 in the Village Club

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ACTION

- OM 08/18 Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J. Admin Assist - Read
- 08/18.1 Apologies:** B Cllr Sherlock. Clerk - Porton
- 08/18.2 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 08/18.3 Minutes:**
3.1 Minutes of Ordinary meeting 30th July were accepted and signed.
3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 13th August were accepted and signed.
- 08/18.4 Matters arising:** - None
- 08/18.5 Chairman's Remarks:**
- i) Councillors are reminded about the Church Fete stall and the sign up sheet. They are also reminded to complete all paperwork required for the fete and to ensure it is in the office by Wednesday morning, so it can be photocopied. A gazebo has been sourced.
 - ii) The judges for Village of the Year came on Wednesday 15th August. Thank you to the Councillors to assisted. Special thanks to Councillor SA for her work on our village entry, and Councillors IB and FS for assisting and showing the judges around the village on the day. The judges seemed very happy when they left.
 - iii) The Public toilets are now open. Thanks to the Clerk, Councillor IB and Borough Councillor Donald Sherlock for all their work.
 - iv) The next WW1 Centenary meeting will be on Tuesday 28th August in the Kingsmill Room at St Mary's Church.
 - v) This Thursday 23rd August there will be a meeting of the new "Walkers are Welcome" initiative at 7:30pm in the holding room at the Village Club. All are welcome.
 - vi) If any Councillor would like to volunteer to attend the AONB general meeting on the 17th October, would be helpful, as I have a clash of commitments that day.
 - vii) Councillors Commission on the 5th September 1-3pm.
- 08/18.6 Internal Audit Report:** The internal audit has been completed. There are no major issues that need addressing. The council would like to thank the Clerk for her hard work and efforts for the Parish and excellent record keeping. It is not unappreciated.
- 08/18.7 Manydown Planning Consultation – 17/00818/OUT :** Documents were available to view prior to meeting. It was reported a transport assessment has been completed and, in an attempt, to reduce the impact of the increased traffic that this development would cause it has been recommended that another roundabout be built on the A339 between the crossroads and before the Roman Road roundabout. It was stressed that the resulting report and documents from the transport assessment are only a recommendation and will not necessarily happen. Concerns were raised from multiple Councillors about the increase of traffic that this development would cause and the impact it would have on Kingsclere and the A339. Notably the A339 junction between Kingsclere and Little Knowl Hill, the roundabout on Union Lane and the two turnings in Headly turning onto Ashford Hill Road and Thornford Road. The latter two were particularly of concern considering how dangerous they can be to use at rush hour currently. It was mentioned that West Berkshire County Council had sent a letter to BDBC on 22/5/17 voicing their concerns about the increase in traffic and the impact on Newbury and surrounding areas, and as far as we're aware there has not been a reply. It was suggested that in the reply the concerns about the A339 are highlighted, concerns about the safety of the two Headly junctions with increased traffic brought to their attention and that a reference to WBBC's letter is included, asking if they have replied and, if so, where it is possible to view the reply. It was also suggested to make it clear to BDBC that if, over time, the Manydown development causes major traffic issues, we expect BDBC to support Kingsclere with reasonable coping mechanisms. A suggestion to ask County Councillor Thacker to attend the next meeting so we can raise these concerns with him was put forward, with support. JS to write a draft reply and Councillors to send comments to be included.
- 08/18.8 Update on Neighbourhood Plan:** Polling cards have been posted. There are hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan for the public to view in the Parish Council office, the library and the Fieldgate Centre; it is also available to view on the Parish Council website.
- 08/18.9 County Councillor:** Not present.
- 08/18.10 Borough Councillor:** Ashford Hill road should hopefully be reopened by Thursday or Friday, the reason for the closure is due to drainage systems being installed for the new development in Ashford Hill. The possibility of constructing a new reservoir to supply water

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to the proposed Manydown development is being looked into, to avoid straining current systems that supply water to houses by removing it from natural rivers. It is reported that Hannington Parish Council are likely to object to the proposed development at Folly Farm.

Recess

Standing Orders were suspended at 20:23:

1. Does the fact that there are now better drains in Ashford Hill mean there are more houses to come? *Ashford hill has no neighbourhood plan. It is unclear.*
2. Where will a new hospital will be built? As Basingstoke hospital wouldn't be able to cope with the increase in people due to this new development.
3. Will there be monitoring of the A339 to measure pollution and how much it increases with the new Manydown development? *It should be measured from now, so the impact can be seen. CM to contact HCC about getting pollution measured.*
4. Fly Tipping – The fly tipping that was reported in July's OM has been cleared up. It is apparently more than one person responsible. *BDBC will now be monitoring. B Councillor DS had taken it to Environmental Health.*
5. A resident reported they had not received their polling card for the Neighbourhood Plan referendum. *Phone BDBC and they will help resolve this issue.*
6. It is understood that the War Memorial will not be repaired before November. A resident mentioned that there may be an option to get it cleaned before then. Is that something that can be done? *It will be looked into as it is not certain that it is safe to clean.*
7. Two residents (neighbours) reported that their gardens back onto the Holding Field and that a rope swing has been erected on a tree in the holding field by their garden fences. They also reported that a group of children approximately 10 years old have been climbing this tree, which is causing damage to it, and using the bushes around the tree as a toilet. The residents voiced their concern about the safety of these children as they are climbing to considerable heights, and also commented on the foul language often used and that things had been thrown into their gardens. *Report it to the PCSO if the problems continue – details are in the Tower. IB to have a look and remove the rope swing.*

CM

IB

Back to Standing Orders 20:35

08/18.11

Rolling List:

11.1 Village of the Year: It is reported that 8 Villages have entered this year. The judges were shown the Village Club, library, St Mary's Church, Malthouse Open Space and the Fieldgate Centre. The presentation ceremony will be held on the 25th September 4-8pm in Liss – last year's winner. Up to 12 people from Kingsclere can attend, Councillors are asked to let the Clerk know if they wish to go.

All Cllrs

08/18.12

Planning Applications: None.

08/18.13

Clerks Report: No report.

08/18.14

Approval of Income and Expenditure: Deferred to next meeting.

08/18.15

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th September 2018 7:30pm in the Village Club

Meeting closed at 20:39

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....