



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 09/17  
held at 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the Village Club

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**ACTION**

**OM 09/17**

**Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J.

**09/17.1**

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Peach N. B.Cllr Ken Rhatigan.

**09/17.2**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**09/17.3**

**Minutes:**

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 were accepted and signed with one amendment – 08/17.6.iv) changed from 2018 to 2017.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September were accepted and signed.

**09/17.4**

**Matters arising:** 08/17.7 Festive Lights – The order has been submitted to SSE with a contingency for the column to be installed on the pavement side of the wall should permission not be received from the PCC/Diocese in time.

**09/17.5**

**Chairman's Remarks:**

- i) Last weekend displayed some of the wealth of volunteers we have in the village. Whilst a team were helping with the Autumn Clean at the Village Club the Parish Paths Group returned from their outing of path clearing. Thank you to all the volunteers we have in the village.
- ii) War Memorial – The council have instructed works to install safety straps on the memorial as a temporary measure until the stone can be replaced.
- iii) Thank you Councillors for your time and effort at the Village Fete which was an extremely worthwhile exercise with many public visitors to the stand.
- iv) Councillors please submit your sums for your assigned tasks on the Plans and Priorities matrix, including suggested grant funds ready for the next FE meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- v) We have been accepted onto the Lengthsman Scheme and St Mary Bourne is our lead council. Hopefully a difference will be seen soon.
- vi) Cllrs Sawyer will be attending the NWD AONB Annual Forum.

It was resolved to take item 10 next.

**09/17.10**

**County Councillor:** Delighted KPC have joined the Lengthsman Scheme and have joined with the SMB cluster which has proved beneficial to other parishes.

There has not been a Full Council meeting yet, since the summer break – officers are busy reporting possible savings in the revenue budget. Savings are having to be made whilst extra duties are included – for example NHS Healthcare. The council is being stretched to find savings and it is likely that Highways will feature highest in the headlines but the savings here will be small compared with Adult and Children's Services.

An agreement is still trying to be reached for the access to the HWRC in Newtown Road. HWRC's are under threat of closure and HCC are looking to reduce their number of sites by possibly up to 50% but hopefully the northern parishes will not be affected as much with an agreement at Newtown Road. Central Government are being lobbied for a solution.

HCC are looking closely at services that they are not legally obliged to offer some of which is politically contentious. One example is School Crossing Patrols – it may be possible for Belisha Beacon crossings to be installed funding of which would be capital rather than revenue.

An area looked at for saving was concessionary bus passes with the savings used for subsidised routes but concessionary fares for the elderly is a statutory obligation.

BDBC had run a token system previously which could be used for taxi's where buses were not available but HCC adopted a uniform system across the county – a free bus pass.

The Lengthsman Scheme is a small budget so it is unlikely to be withdrawn. The regime for salting on the roads in winter is likely to change.

Question and answers:

Could HCC publish information on why the cuts are happening and when to help residents understand the situation? There is a complex set of reasons for the cuts and residents need help to understand these. Many residents would support an increase in Council Tax but not when services are being cut. *TT – will look into getting some more information published. It is difficult to second guess opinions and public consultation is required.*

Will any of the bus routes in Kingsclere be affected for example the community bus? *TT.*

*Any service route that is not financially viable is at threat – it will be down to the bus companies to make the decision on which routes they cannot support. TT will look into whether any of Kingsclere's buses are subsidised – Clerk to provide details of routes.*

Is there any information on savings from renegotiating contracts? *Not all available to hand but Highways will save £400k over next two years.*

Is there any information on profits from the private firms? *No it is a public tender and the best offer is accepted.*



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Standing Orders were suspended at 8pm to enable the public to ask questions of Cllr Thacker:

JB – Some eligible bus pass holders would be willing to pay a subsidy. *This is precluded by law.*

SP – Waste disposal is becoming an issue, fly tipping is likely to increase which is a burden on everyone and will cost thousands to put right. *The cross border problems have highlighted this but statistics show that although reports of fly tipping are up the volumes are down. Parish Clerks are reporting more. HWRC's are now taking more waste but some items are chargeable.* The problem has not really shown itself yet. *The fly tipper is the criminal and faces prosecution.*

AG – The community bus route is 56.

JS confirmed that the council had subsidised the start-up of this service but we have not been asked for further subsidies.

TT advised that there was no current threat to the Community Library in Kingsclere.

- 09/17.6 Consultation on Draft Revised Street Trading Consent Policy:** Documentation circulated prior to the meeting. Comments to be submitted:  
Section 2.2.2 – “grandfather rights” could this be defined in the glossary and add the point “Does not cause obstruction to emergency service vehicles”  
Section 6.1 – include Parish/Town Councils in consultation.  
Section 10.16 – include Parish/Town Councils in consultation.

- 09/17.7 Broadband Universal Service Obligation - Consultation on Design:** Documentation circulated prior to the meeting. A highly technical document but the main issue to highlight is that it is likely to be a very long time before remote businesses, for example farms, will be connected. Remote businesses can use satellite connections though and many do. BT have upgraded many poles using public money and there is a limit. Kingsclere has been well supplied. Cllrs resolved there was no response to submit on this consultation.

- 09/17.8 WW1 Commemoration Events – November 2018:** The first meeting was well attended and the minutes will be circulated soon. Cllrs ideas from GP were well received, especially the projection of poppies onto St.Marys. A tweaking of the ceremony is being looked at to involve more young people and thus handing on the culture to the next generation. The next meeting will be in the Methodist School Room, 31<sup>st</sup> October 7:30pm.  
CM to consult the PCC about the poppy projection idea.

- 09/17.9 Neighbourhood Plan:** The Appendix on Site Selection is complete. The Appendix on the consultation is complete in draft form. The Basic Condition Statement is being drafted. It is hoped to be ready to formally present to BDBC in one month.  
There has still not been a response from BDBC on the Green Spaces. The clerk advised that the new Parish Online mapping facilities shows land registry boundaries where available.

- Sue and the NP group were thanked for all their work on the NP.
- 09/17.11 Borough Councillor:** DS – Household waste collections should remain weekly – the cabinet will be recommending this to full council next week. Savings for a fortnightly collection would have been 600K. BDBC do subsidise some buses and also Community Support Officers.  
Cllrs highlighted that residents may need to be given options – if they knew what savings were being made and what other services could be supported with that money they may have been more willing to accept fortnightly collections. It was highlighted that the current policy on replacement bins and those issued to new houses is for the smaller capacity which does not suit all homes. Some homes do need the larger bin.

- Recess Standing Orders were suspended at 20:47:**

AG – A large Co-op artic lorry is regularly going up Swan Street. *The signs are advisory and cannot be enforced.* Three vehicles were parked on Newbury Road, near the dragons teeth, which left drivers pulling out blind to pass them near the corner. Could double yellow lines be installed here around the corner? *Clerk to contact Highways.*

JB – Could someone help Louise with putting out the tables before the meeting? *Yes, it was not realised that fitness class, who used to set up, was no longer in the hall before.*

SP – The Police and Crime Commissioners Office are being evasive when asked questions about the closure of Whitchurch Office. There has been a change to the Rural Policing Strategy but this is denied. We have lost a PC in the area and there were only 6 covering the whole rural area outside of Basingstoke Town Centre. Crime statistics are on the increase when there is cutting back on policing. The PCC Office should be generating information automatically but when asked they suggest submitting a FOI request. There is



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a lot of mischief going on around the village which PCSO's are not having the time to deal with. Vigilante groups are forming in some areas of the country. *IB attended a NW group meeting in Basingstoke where it was highlighted that the approach from the police is to put resource where people are most at risk. PCSO's are being utilised in different areas. SP had informed the PCC that he would be contacting other parishes to request pressure to be applied.*

*All Crime needs to be reported – the information provided may help in other cases too and helps provided a picture of crime patterns.*

**Back to Standing Orders 20:58.**

**09/17.12 Rolling List:**

12.1 Village of the Year Competition: The first meeting has been booked for 24<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm at the Village Club. A personal invitation will be sent to all village organisations. There will be a power point presentation but unfortunately the Channel 4 program has not started yet so there is no video to demonstrate.

**09/17.13 Planning Applications:** None to consider. FS asked about the site on Winchester Road. Clerk confirmed there had been an application for this but it had been some time ago.

**09/17.14 Clerks Report:**

14.1 Basingstoke Variety Show – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Anvil. Tickets are available at the Anvil Box Office, £15 or £11 concessions with the proceeds to the Mayors Charitable Appeal.

14.2 North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum 2017 – Tickets available at £10. Cllrs Sawyer will be attending.

14.3 Tadley Community Liaison Lunch – Incorporating Tadley and District Citizens Advice AGM – 18<sup>th</sup> October. We supported the CAB with a grant of £200 this year but the Chairman is unable to attend as it falls on the same day as the NWD AONB.

**09/17.15 Approval of Income and Expenditure:** The accounts for September were agreed and signed off.

**09/17.16 Date of next meeting:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 20:57

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....