



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 03/23
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 27th March 2023 in the Village Club

OM 03/23 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Conquest; Farey; Gaines; Mussett; Peach N Peach R.
Clerk – Ackrill; RFO – Porton.

03/23.1 – Apologies: Cllr Sawyer

03/23.2 – Declarations of Interest: None.

03/23.3 – Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Monday 27th February 2023 were accepted and signed.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting Monday 13th March 2023 were accepted and signed.

03/23.4 Questions from the Public: None.

03/23.5 – Chairman's Remarks: Annual Parish Meeting was held last week – it was good to see so many organisations in attendance. The room was full so very well attended. In the Chairmans remarks we briefly reviewed the budget and there were no questions. It was very timely to have the Citizens Advice (CA) speaker with the current financial climate – it was impressive to see how much the CA actually do and the number of residents in Kingsclere that have been helped. We were reminded about speeding in the village from a resident – not sure what else the Parish Council can do but this will be revisited when reviewing priorities for the year (after elections).

A teams meeting is booked with HCC staff and Cllrs to discuss the A339.

03/23.6 – Pollarding of Lime Trees: frequency debate – 6 trees have been funded by a resident so will be done in April – we are in the third year so the remainder will be done in the Autumn.

03/23.7 – SLCC Membership Renewal: RFO renewal at £101.00

Resolved – Membership fee approved for the RFO at £101.00.

03/23.8 – HALC/NALC Membership: Renewal £768.72

Resolved – Membership fee approved for HALC and NALC at £768.72.

03/23.9 – Grant Request:

9.1. Kingsclere Cricket Club – request for £135 for Boundary Netting

Resolved – Grant approved for £135 to Kingsclere Cricket Club

9.2. Busy Bees – request for £250 Rejuvenate outdoor play area

Resolved – Grant approved for £250 to the Busy Bes charity.

03/23.10 – County Councillor: No report

03/23.11 – Borough Councillor: Apologies received from Kerry Morrow. Ken Rhatigan and Stuart Frost both gave a verbal report to the meeting. Key issues highlighted were potholes and 24 Swan Street sale. Chairman expressed thanks to the borough for a very speedy response to a bin emptying issue.

“BCllrs were asked about the felling of trees along Newbury Rd. on the A339. The Borough tree officers had responded to e-mails from Cllr. Adams stating that BCllrs were informed in advance and following a review, work will recommence to complete the job. Safety reasons were given as the reason for the work. BCllrs agreed with the PC that the site at the entrance to the village looked a mess. BCllr Rhatigan will be speaking to the tree officers shortly.”

03/23.12 – Community Engagement:

12.1. Coronation – update from DC

Two meetings of various village groups have occurred and a plan is being drawn up. The Jubilee lamp will be lit on the Friday, a King Charles III lens for the projector has been arranged, bunting is going up. Saturday - The Village Club will live stream the coronation itself. A Kingsclere “Coronation Conga” is being organised – there will be three starting points to converge and then end at the Fieldgate Centre. A wonderful array of events are then planned at The Fieldgate Centre including a giant inflatable (suitable for adults too), organisations have been invited to host a stand, singers and bands arranged for the party to continue well into the night. Sunday – a walk and picnic on the downs (suggested by the stables). The “Twinners” from Cormicy will be here – it’s their 10th anniversary (should have been in 2020 but has been delayed - Covid!). Musicians are required for the Saturday evening at the Fieldgate Centre.

03/23.13 – Health and Safety: Cllrs Peach and Peach have plugged gaps in the hedge with some saplings.

03/23.14 – Action List: Cllrs to review the action list asap.

03/23.15 – Holding Field: SA circulated an email report in advance of the meeting. There are some projects in the Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed last year that the Holding Field project should be reviewed. SA and IB reviewed the project for a 10 year plan. Cllrs agreed to the outline concept of the Holding Field plan.

03/23.16 – Planning Matters:

- 16.1. 23/00606/ROC 4 Sandford Hill Cottages – no objections
- 16.2. 23/00632/HSE 15 Coppice Road – no objections
- 16.3. 23/00630/ROC Priors Mill, North Street – no objections
- 16.4. 23/00681/LBC Priors Mill, North Street – no objections

03/23.17 – Clerk’s Report:

Busy Bees have withdrawn application to use the Holding Field. It is the litter pick on Saturday – help is requested to put up the gazebo at 09:30 – all other paperwork complete (RA etc) and equipment sorted. Tennis club have requested the trees around the courts are pruned – added to the budget for 2024/25.

03/23.18 – Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts for 21st February 2023 to 22nd March 2023 were agreed and signed off.

03/23.19 – Matters for Future Consideration: None.

03/23.20 – Date of Next Meeting: Monday 24th April 2023 7:30pm in the Village Club.

03/23/21 – Exempt Business

21.1 Litter Warden Salary – Cllrs agreed to the increase detailed in the confidential report circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved – Litter Warden Salary approved.

Meeting closed 20:59

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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