

**Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting GP 03/16 of  
Kingsclere Parish Council held at 7.30pm on  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in the Village Club**



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- GP03/16 Present Committee Members:** Cllrs: Adams; Farey; Price; N Peach. Clerk: L Porton.
- 03/16.1 Apologies:** J Sawyer.
- 03/16.2 Declaration of Interest:** Price and Peach 03/16.6 Allotments
- 03/16.3 Matters arising from Minutes of GP Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016:**
- i) GP 03/16.4 Skate Park – There has been support from more people on Facebook. We need more support as project requires funds of at least £30,000. NP to reply **NP**
  - ii) GP 03/16.5 Memorial Bench – HFRS suggest the grass is not suitable, the clerk has written to ask why. The Village Club front grass may be suitable – clerk to ask trustees. **Clerk**
- 03/16.4 Malthouse Openspace:**
- 4.1 Hedge between Church – Permission has been granted by the PCC for the hedge to be lowered in height. Scofell have quoted £1230.00 + VAT but we will have to wait now until after the nesting season. New quotes will be required for September. **Clerk**
  - 4.2 The chicken wire that was attached to the bridges to create a non-slip surface is worn and now causing a trip hazard. It has been re-fixed two/three times since Christmas. Non-slip decking strips are available for a reasonable cost and are easy to fix. Clerk to arrange a quote for the two bridges. **Clerk**
- 03/16.5 Clean for the Queen:** The borough are encouraging all to get involved in Clean for the Queen, a campaign launched by County Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy. We will register our interest on the web [www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk](http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk) and put an appeal in the Tower. **Clerk**
- 03/16.6 Allotments:**
- 6.1 Plot sizes and pricing – Clerk has research prices and the committee are happy with our current price/rod compared with other councils. The plots appear to have become misaligned over the years – some have grown, some have shrunk. Clerk to arrange a quote from Terrain Geomstics, who plotted the cemetery extension, for plotting of the allotments. Plots to be measured this summer – clerk to organise with some volunteers. **Clerk**
  - 6.2 Water Troughs – The water has been turned back on and shortly after the quick release hose became detached which could not be re-fixed with the water running. It has been suggested we need to get the troughs properly plumbed in as the hose is not designed to constantly take mains pressure. Clerk to arrange quotes.
- 03/16.7 Holding Field:** Following the risk assessments, a quote of £285.00 has been obtained to erect some ranch style fencing for the gaps in the hedge which would prevent new hedging whips from being trampled down before they are established. **Clerk**
- Resolved** – Clerk to instruct Arthur to go ahead with new fences
- Football Container – SA is still chasing BDBC for a response, a holding reply was received in January.
- 03/16.8 Planning Applications:**
- At the time of the meeting the only plans circulating are 16/00792/HSE which arrived this morning.
- 03/16.9 Rolling List:**
- i) The Square – NP has devised an action plan, the roses have been pruned (organised by AD – a thank you has been sent). The tree planters are proving difficult – clerk had pictures of one suggestion for which a quote is to be requested, along with a bespoke quote. Clerk also to contact BDBC to see if they have any suggestions. The bus shelter has been identified as being supplied by Glasdon – clerk still needs to get the price for replacement reinforced glass as the Perspex has been burnt again. **Clerk/NP**
  - ii) Summer Bulbs – Have been planted
- 03/16.10 Date of next GP Meeting:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7:30pm at The Village Club, Holding Room. Not 13<sup>th</sup> June as written on agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed:.....Chairman Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk Date:.....