

# OM 08/21 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Mussett; Sawyer F; Sawyer J. Clerk – Ackrill; Assistant Clerk – Read. 5 members of the public. 1 member of the press.

08/21.1 – Apologies:

Cllrs: Farey; Peach N; Peach R; Price. BCllrs: Frost; Poland; Rhatigan.

08/21.2 – Declarations of Interest:

None.

# 08/21.3 – Minutes:

- 3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were accepted and signed with one amendment.
- 3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were accepted and signed.

# 08/21.4 – Matters Arising:

# 4.1. OM 07/21.21 – Review of the Financial Regulations:

Document circulated prior to meeting. The only proposed changes were in clause 11 regarding the Public Contracts Regulations and an amendment to refer to the EU Exit legislation and the contract thresholds that are now published in Procurement Policy Notes. There was also noted that the Financial Regulations should ensure that the RFO role is now clarified as being separate to the Clerk role. No further comments. New financial regulations unanimously adopted.

Resolved: Financial Regulations unanimously adopted.

# 4.2. FE 03/21.9 – Accommodation:

At July FE it was suggested that KPC could look to add the Committee Room in the Village Club (KVC) to KPC's lease as an additional office. It was agreed for FS to contact KVC and enquire. KVC stated that if KPC wished to rent the room full time, a new lease would be required which in turn would generate solicitor costs. KVC suggested that an alternative could be for KPC to hire the room as a regular booking for things such as office public opening. It was agreed to refer this to next GP for further discussion.

Action: Oct GP.

# 08/21.5 – Chairman's Remarks:

- i) On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021, the Chairman sadly received the resignation of Cllr Price. In his email, Cllr Price explained that he has very much enjoyed his time as a Parish Councillor and is nothing but supportive of Councillors and the work the Parish Council does, his personal circumstances have changed, and he is unfortunately no longer able fulfil the role of a Parish Councillor. The Council wishes him all the best and thanks him for his commitment and volunteered time whilst a Councillor. KPC will discuss this new councillor vacancy at October GP.
- ii) On 14<sup>th</sup> August, the Parish Council held the 2021 Making a Difference Awards. Thanks to all of KPC's office staff, especially the Assistant Clerk, for their organisational efforts ensuring the day ran smoothly. Thanks to the Kingsclere Community Association, especially Andy Bates, Ian Bowes, and Sue Grove-White for going out of their way to ensure it was a successful event. Thanks to the ClIrs who volunteered on the day, especially ClIrs Adams and F Sawyer. And finally, thanks to the three VIPs who presented awards on the day, the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, William Huntingdon, and BCIIr Rhatigan. The Chairman has written to the VIPs on behalf of KPC to express thanks.
- iii) Thanks to the Cllrs who volunteered at the church fete on 30<sup>th</sup> August. KPC received feedback from parishioners on issues including the Care Home proposal at Fawconer Road, the resitting of the play area at the Recreation Ground to the Holding Field, and BDBC placing 24 Swan Street up for sale.
- iv) From 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August, there were issues with a traveller's encampment on the Holding Field. A full report will be later in the agenda. Many thanks to the Clerk for her work in ensuring a successful and peaceful conclusion.
- v) Congratulations to the RFO for the exemplary External Auditors Report. The audit reports year on year are outstanding thanks to the RFO's professionalism and hard work.
- vi) KPC seems to have some good support for work in the Malthouse Open Space in the form of a donor, and another possible source of funding, as well as additional labour support. The Chairman mentioned it at this meeting with the aim of moving the project forward. The Chairman will contact a resident who may be able to help with funding. KPC will discuss at October GP.
- vii) KPC received a police report from PCSO Joshua Revett which has been circulated to Cllrs. KPC's only comment is that the bowling green field referred to in the report is in fact the Holding Field.
- viii) Cllr Bowes added that the Community Fun Day organised by the Kingsclere Community Association on 14<sup>th</sup> August was a very successful event, with over 800 people attending. **Action:** Oct GP.

It was agreed to take item 9 next.

#### 08/21.9 - 24 Swan Street:

Cllr Bowes gave a short explanation for the benefit of the members of the public in attendance on the history of the ongoing issue that is 24 Swan Street. Since KPC's last meeting. BDBC has placed 24 Swan Street on the market for £750,000 and there has so far been one viewing; it was noted that £750,000 is considerably more than the £500,000 figure KPC was supplied with in July. KPC has submitted an application to BDBC for 24 Swan Street to be listed as an Asset of Community Value (AoCV). This was agreed with input and support from all councillors via email during August, when no council meetings are held. BDBC has acknowledged receipt of the AoCV application however has requested KPC supply a formal notice of its decision to apply for 24 Swan Street to be listed as an AoCV. IB can see no regulation that requires this however it was agreed that KPC would comply (a formal vote was held after discussion on this item had concluded, details below). BDBC also asked for information on the current lease holders' agreements for 24 Swan Street, which KPC has also complied with. As well as the AoCV application, a petition in support of saving 24 Swan Street from being sold to developers has been created which has widespread support and over 1000 signatures at the time of this meeting. All Kingsclere Youth Club Trustees are of the view that 24 Swan Street should be the Youth Club's base of operations, and a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is currently being set up and will be registered imminently with the goal of purchasing and running the building for the community. A governing document for this CIO is being written up and trustees are in the process of being registered, focus will then turn to securing grant funding. It was suggested that revenue could be raised through charging for parking, and the suggestion of converting some of 24 Swan Street into student accommodation for the Dance School and Performing Arts Collage was put forward. Once BDBC approve 24 Swan Street as being an AoCV there is a 6-month timeframe for the building to be purchased by the community. It was reported that the Kingsclere Community Library enquired on two separate occasions regarding renting space in 24 Swan Street, before it was proposed to be sold, and never received a reply from BDBC. In addition to the long-established Dance School and Performing Arts College, between them having has over 200 students and 20 members of staff, and the other businesses that occupy 24 Swan Street, it was noted that the Kingsclere Gardening Association (KGA) rent space to store equipment and that without this space, the KGA may be forced to disband.

As well as the devastating impact the selling of 24 Swan Street would have on the local businesses and educational facilities that use the space, concerns are also regarding the parking issue that would be exacerbated by the loss of much needed parking. His would push vehicles into the centre of the village and have a knock-on effect, impacting other local businesses. 24 Swan Street is also located within the conservation area means that the roads are not well designed for the car, and additional vehicles parked on the road and in the centre of the village after being pushed out of 24 Swan Street would have a detrimental impact on the conservation area.

A resident in attendance stated that they were attending this meeting to ask the Borough Councillors of their position regarding 24 Swan Street, and for them to make their position and views public. The resident also stated that it is their view that plans to sell 24 Swan Street were laid years ago by BDBC, considering the changes to businesses' leases and the fact new enquiries for tenancies were not being responded to or were actively discouraged. It was suggested that, considering how long the process would have taken, the proposal to sell 24 Swan Street must have been on BDBC's books at the time when the planning application for the old catholic church was submitted.

Kingsclere's Borough Councillors have been asked by KPC and residents on more than on occasion to voice their support for the AoCV application and the plight that these businesses and the community faces if 24 Swan Street is sold, however no support has been forthcoming. It was noted that it is the role of a BCIIr to represent the best interests of the community for which they serve as BCIIr, regardless of their own role within the Borough Council. KPC understand that BCIIrs are not permitted to get involved in property deals, however requesting support for an application to register a building as an AoCV has nothing to do with any property deal.

It was reported that high-profile individuals had recently been contacted by the Dance School and their response is awaited. It was queried if the position of our MP is known and, it was clarified that contacting our MP is currently an outstanding action from September GP.

After discussion on this item had concluded a formal vote was taken, to ratify the decision ClIrs made via email in August to submit an application to BDBC for 24 Swan Street to be listed as an Asset of Community Value. It was unanimously agreed that KPC should apply for 24 Swan Street to be listed as an Asset of Community Value, and KPC consider this to have been decided on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 and that the action to submit the application to BDBC in the early hours of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was authorised and in line with what ClIrs agreed.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that KPC should apply for 24 Swan Street to be listed as an Asset of Community Value, and that KPC consider this to have been decided on 23rd August 2021.

## 08/21.6 – Travellers on the Holding Field:

The Chairman reported the chain of events that occurred between 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August when travellers gained access to the Holding Field. The Clerk and Chairman made decisions during this emergency period, with input from other Cllrs.

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- At approximately 4pm on 20<sup>th</sup> August the Chairman was informed by a Cllr that two vehicles and caravans had gained access to the Holding Field. The Charman immediately informed the police.
- By 4:50pm the police had attended site and spoken to the travellers. The police were informed by the travellers that they were intending to leave site on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.
- After discussion with Cllrs, the decision was made to leave any action on KPC's part until Monday, to wait and see if the travellers left of their own volition.
- By the end of day 23<sup>rd</sup> August, the travellers had made no indication they were intending to leave.
- On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August, the Clerk researched options, sought legal advice, consulted with other Clerks, and sought quotes from bailiffs. After discussion with Cllrs, KPC settled on a company that is also used by Winchester City Council.
- At 4:30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> August, the travellers were served notice. The bailiffs knew the travellers on a first name basis and indicated that usually when notice is served, individuals would leave.
- The traveller's liaison officer from BDBC visited site and spoke to the travellers. The travellers are known to BDBC.
- The police spoke to the travellers on 25<sup>th</sup> August to urge them to leave. As the Holding Field is owned by the Parish Council, it is technically private land and therefore the police can only urge people to leave instead of removing them.
- By the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> August, the travellers had no intention of leaving. The chairman called and spoke to all other Cllrs asking if they supported an eviction, the decision was a unanimous yes.
- 8am on 26<sup>th</sup> August bailiffs arrived on site and began the eviction process. The travellers moved on with minimal resistance. By 11:30am they had left.
- There were five black sacks of rubbish, piles of green waste, and five chickens left on site. Minimal litter on the ground was discovered.
- The travellers informed the bailiffs they would return for the chickens shortly, so KPC instructed the bailiffs to stay until the end of their chargeable hour to await their return. After the hour had expired, the travellers hadn't returned, so the Clerk contacted BDBC animal welfare who in turn put her in contact with an animal sanctuary who attended site. The travellers then returned for the chickens.
- The Clerk organised for BDBC to remove the five bags of rubbish. The clerk is now sourcing quotes for removing the green waste is an outstanding action from September GP.

The total cost of this incident is £1500 for the cost of bailiffs, £27 for a new padlock and chain for the Holding Field gate, 14 hours of the Clerk's time, and an as-yet unknown cost for removing the green waste. It was noted that this unexpected expenditure would likely need to be recovered via an increase in the precept next year and it was clarified that the cost of resolving this incident is the equivalent to approximately a 3% increase in the precept. It was noted that KPC was very fortunate that the scale of this incident did not escalate and that things such as towing vehicles and addition bailiffs were not required. The cost could have easily been significantly higher. It was unanimously agreed to ratify the expenditure cost of £1500 for the bailiffs and £27 for the new padlock and chain. Quotes for removing the green waste will be discussed at another meeting.

**Resolved:** Approval of £1520 expenditure for the cost of bailiffs and a new padlock and chain unanimously ratified.

## 08/21.7 – Security of the Holding Field:

At September GP after a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to recommend to full council that KPC take no further action at present regarding the security of the Holding Field (Minutes ref: GP 08/21.5). This recommendation was unanimously agreed. It was noted that should this topic be discussed on a future agenda, it be discussed under Exempt Business so that members of the public would not be present when security matters are discussed.

**Resolved:** Agreed to take no further action at present regarding the security of the Holding Field. **08/21.8 – BDBC Local Plan Review:** 

BDBC has been unable to meet its 5-year land supply and is therefore having to review its Local Plan (LP). Because the 5-year land supply has not been met, the LP and the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan (KNP) are currently at risk, as developers can claim their application is a "Sustainable Development" and therefore takes precedence over policies in the LP and KNP. The Planning Panel attended a meeting regarding the LP review and reported that the PowerPoint presentation shown at the meeting has been circulated to ClIrs. The plan period after this LP review will extend the LP until 2039. KPC agreed when the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan (KNP) was developed that it would be reviewed in sync with the LP. It is hoped that a draft document of the new LP will be available by spring with the aim of it being adopted in 2024. The current draft figures state that over the next 18 years, BDBC needs to provide 16,200 homes, mainly in Basingstoke town, with other areas in the borough having their housing locations reviewed. Kingsclere's housing allocation for Kingsclere now is an additional 175 houses totalling 225 houses. There is a settlement study currently underway, and all housing allocation figures will be finalised after this is completed. The housing allocation for each borough is set out by Central Government and BDBC has reportedly been challenging how these are calculated. There

are reportedly three developers interested in building houses in Kingsclere, and the locations with the most interest are Porch Farm, Yew Tree Farm, and Gailey Mill. It was noted that these sites are of more interest to developers than the smaller sites identified in the KNP, and concern was raised over the larger sites creating developments covering numerous fields at once, drastically changing the village and settlement in one go. It was noted that at a previous meeting, one of the BCIIrs indicated that they considered the Kingsclere settlement boundary to extend to the last house along the A339 by the garage. BDBC requested to know if KPC wish to allocate housing provision through the Neighbourhood Plan process, or if KPC is happy for the planning authority to allocate housing provision. The Planning Panel were unanimous in its agreement for KPC to allocate through the KNP process, and this decision was unanimous among full council. SA to reply. It was questioned exactly why the Manydown development project has failed to be delivered in time, it was suggested to ask BCIIrs at the next opportunity.

**Resolved:** Unanimously agreed that KPC wish to allocate housing provision through the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Action: SA.

## Recess:

## Standing orders were suspended at 20:50:

It was reported that the Kingsclere Gardening Association is threatened by the proposal to sell 24 Swan Street. They are currently looking for new premises.

A resident reported that the grit bin by Crown Green is damaged and full of water. This is HCC's responsibility.

A resident asked if it was possible to replace the crab apple tree on the extreme left-hand side of George Street. It was agreed to discuss this at next GP.

A resident asked if a reply had been received from CCIIr Thacker or HCC on why HCC won't reduce the speed limit on Winchester Road. It was explained that there was communication from HCC some time ago, however, there has been no communication since.

Concerns were expressed over impact additional houses in the village would have on the Health Centre and the School, and how either would cope. KPC share these concerns.

## Back to standing orders 20:59.

## 08/21.10 – County Councillor:

No report.

#### 08/21.11 – Borough Councillor:

BCIIr Poland sent a written report prior to the meeting saying that he had responded to concerns over the fly tipping at the Bring Back Bins at the Fieldgate Centre which was resolved swiftly and that the only other concern was potential problems because of road closures and the impact of remedial work at the Fieldgate Centre, however he believes this has also been resolved.

#### 08/21.12 – Planning Policies in Rural Areas:

KPC received an email from numerous other local Parish Councils stating that many of them are having issues with BDBC regarding planning. This email was enquiring if any local Parish Councils wished to work together to tackle the common issues Parish Councils face regarding planning, and the difficulties preventing unsuitable development in their areas while under pressure from the Local Planning Authority. Cllrs considered this a good idea, and it was noted that due to the Covid19 pandemic and many meetings still being held online, a lot of networking opportunities have now been lost. It was agreed that as the chair of the Planning Panel, Cllr Adams would be best to represent KPC.

Resolved: It was agreed for KPC to be involved in this initiative and for SA to represent KPC.

## 08/21.13 – Holding Field Project:

Document circulated prior to meeting. This document was written after completing the project scheme paper for financial planning. It was proposed that the projects in the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan (KNP) need revising and updating, in line with financial planning and changing times. The purpose of this document is to review the Holding Field (HF) project and then feed it into the budgeting process. The current HF plan is widely focused on the tennis courts, however since the original plan was written other ideas have been suggested such as the adding an outdoor gym to the HF and moving the Recreation Ground play area to the HF. It was also suggested that the plan to install a skate ramp in the HF was perhaps not as desired now as when the plan was first written. It was suggested that the plan to move the tennis courts be removed from the HF project, and KPC instead look to improve the courts as they currently are. It was noted however that a lot of the actions in the HF project were part of a larger scheme, such as the sustainability of the of the Tennis Club and Bowls Club, and KPC risk losing the reasoning behind some of the decisions to include actions in the HF plan. It was noted that the projects in the KNP were never expected to be funded mainly from the precept and that CIL money could be used for some of the project actions, which is why the HF project is attached to the KNP. The urgent actions identified on the risk assessment this year have been included on next years' budget. It was suggested that project schemes need developing outside of meetings, and that once new draft documents have been prepared, they be brought to a GP. It was agreed that SA, IB, and CM would meet and discuss project schemes.

Action: SA, IB, CM.

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## 08/21.14 – External Audit Report:

Documents circulated prior to meeting. No comments or concerns from the auditors. Congratulations were expressed to the RFO for another outstanding report. It was unanimously agreed to accept the External Audit Report.

Resolved: External Audit Report unanimously accepted.

## 08/21.15 – Financial Planning:

It was reported that the budget continues to be modelled. The precept increase for next year is indicative at around 15%, there is nothing to suggest it could be less than this, however any unexpected costs may cause an additional increase. It is the intention to forward project the budget for three years, however it isn't possible to do so until any actual costs and inflation are worked out. There haven't been many project scheme papers submitted by Cllrs for funding for projects, however some outstanding items have been picked up on and have been included in the modelling. The reserves for development funding will be exhausted in the next financial year. CM will keep modelling and keep track of figures. If there are any changes Cllrs will be informed. It was suggested that it would be useful to find out how much other Parish Councils are increasing their precepts by. Clerk to investigate.

# Action: Clerk.

# 08/21.16 - Action List:

Cllrs were reminded to review and update the Action List to help keep track of their actions, and to delete any completed actions.

## 08/21.17 – Bedbug Sign on Ecchinswell Road:

At May GP it was agreed to spend £200 for 50% of the cost of a replacement road sign for Ecchinswell Road, with the Bedbug logo (Minutes ref: GP 05/21.6). The RFO requested that the Council clarify if this expenditure was considered part of the White Gates project, or as an additional unrelated expenditure. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that the £200 for 50% of the cost of a replacement sign was considered expenditure in addition to the White Gates project cost.

Resolved: £200 expenditure for the Ecchinswell Road Bedbug sign considered in addition to the White Gates project cost.

## 08/21.18 – Annual Report 2021:

A quote was sought for printing the 2021 Annual Report. Due to the Annual Report being overdue, it was agreed to approve this quite via email and ratify at the next meeting. The 2021 Annual Report has been printed and delivered, and the invoice is £26 cheaper than the quoted price at £322. Expenditure of £322 was unanimously approved. A price for delivering the Annual Report to houses in the village is being sought and is expected to be well within budget.

Resolved: Approval of £322 expenditure for printing the Annual Report unanimously ratified.

# 08/21.19 - Lengthsman:

KPC has 15 hours to allocate for Lengthsman tasks. The document is on the Cllr OneDrive folder so Cllrs can add tasks in. It was suggested to add painting the bridge at the bottom of Bear Hill, ansd trimming the hedge at the top of Bear Hill to the list, and to find out if the Lengthsman is able to clear the pavement along the A339 next to the garage and clear the weeds in the MHOS pond.

#### 08/21.20 - Health and Safety: 20.1. **Risk Assessments:**

The office working risk assessment has been completed. The financial and banking risk assessments are currently being completed. The following risk assessments are still outstanding: Community Orchard, MHOS, Cemetery, Christmas Lights, Recreation Ground, and Remembrance Day.

#### Action: IB, NP.

## 08/21.21 – Planning Applications:

T/00447/21/TCA - The Old Dairy, 18 George Street: No objection. 21.1.

#### 21/02996/PIP – Kingsclere Nursery, Kingsclere Bypass: 21.2.

This is not a planning application it is an application for planning principle. This site was in planning application 19/00708/FUL submitted in early 2019 and discussed by KPC at May 2019 GP (minutes ref: GP 05/19.15.3). KPC objected to the application in 2019 as KPC felt it did not comply with the Local Plan policy SS6 (f) and didn't fully comply with policy K6 of the Neighbourhood Plan. KPC cannot see anything in the body of the application that has changed and do not feel that this application meets the criteria of paragraph 80 of the National Planning Policy Framework, that is required for planning in principle. There were also inaccuracies pointed out in the design statement. Concerns were raised that the applicants were trying to gain planning permission by applying for planning in principle and bypassing the normal route and requirements of a planning application. On this basis, and the basis that nothing in the body of the application has changed since planning application 19/00708/FUL, KPC object.

#### 08/21.22 - Clerk's Report:

A report from PCSO Joshua Revett was circulated to Cllrs earlier today. Police report included in Appendix 1. Wildflower Meadow: 22.1.

At September GP it was agreed to seek advice regarding the cutting of the wildflower meadow on the Recreation Ground in the Autumn, and for KPC to follow the advice given. The Clerk sought advice and

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reported that KPC was recommended to have the wildflower meadow cut now, with the cuttings collected and disposed of. This has been scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> October. (Note: the date of 1<sup>st</sup> October was reported at this meeting, however the correct date for the wildflower meadow cutting is 20<sup>th</sup> October.)

## 22.2. Use of Recycling Centre at Fieldgate Centre During Drainage Works:

The Parish Council has been informed that the recycling centre at the Fieldgate Centre will be closed from 27<sup>th</sup> September for 5 weeks to accommodate drainage works being completed. It was agreed to advertise this on social media.

Action: Assist Clerk.

## 22.3. Grant Application from Citizens Advice Tadley:

KPC received a grant application from Tadley Citizens Advice Bureau (TCAB) asking for £700 to partially fund their out of hours service, which is one day per week. The external funding that was paying for this service has now ended and TCAB is now seeking alternative funding. While KPC is sympathetic to Tadley CAB's cause, it was agreed that KPC do not have the funds to approve a grant over the maximum grant limit for an applicant. It was unanimously agreed to offer the maximum grant amount of £250 instead.

**Resolved:** Requested grant of £700 denied, however a grant of £250 unanimously approved.

# 22.4. Grant Application from Kingsclere Singers:

KPC received a grant application from Kingsclere Singers asking for £200 to go toward the cost of hiring a hall for rehearsals. Due to the Covid pandemic, their member numbers are reduced, and they have had not income from concerts so there is a shortfall of funds for the new term. They are hopeful that once they are able to resume concerts, their finances will recover. KPC's grant policy states that it does not approve grant for operating costs, which this would be. It was argued that without the rehearsal space, there is no way for the Kingsclere Singers to generate any income, as to put on a concert they must first rehearse. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Bowes would contact the Kingsclere Singers to investigate if other funding would be available from alternative sources. It was agreed not to make a decision on this grant application at this time, and to wait until Cllr Bowes has had discussions with Kingsclere Singers.

## 22.5. Remembrance Parade:

It was reported that two wreaths have been ordered, one for KPC and one on behalf of the Borough Council. BCllr Ken Rhatigan has confirmed he will attend. The road closure application is currently being completed. **08/21.23 – Approval of Income and Expenditure:** 

## The accounts for 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were deferred until the next meeting.

Action: Oct OM.

08/21.24 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7:30pm in the Village Club.

08/21.25 – Exempt Business:

None

Meeting closed 21:50

| Signed: | .Chairman | Date: |
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| Signed: | Clerk     | Date: |

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## Appendix 1 - Police Report from PCSO Joshua Revett:

PCSO Josh Revett is the new PCSO for the Rural West of Basingstoke this includes Kingsclere and is taking over from PCSO Ireland who is moving to Gosport in October.

One of the main priorities in rural crime is related to the theft of ATVs, Quadbikes and machinery from farms, there is an ongoing operation to try to stop this at all costs called Operation Slid. As the police, we believe it to be an organised crime network doing these thefts and are in the process of building intelligence to identify the suspects.

PCSO Josh Revett has an ongoing project about thefts from vehicles in rural car parks these include The Chase Woods in East Woodhay, Beacon Hill and White Hill. I have been working with numerous agencies to try to gain signs and maybe even CCTV in these car parks to minimise these thefts from vehicles, please be vigilant when parking and do not leave any valuables in your car.

There was an illegal encampment on the bowling green field with two camper vans setting up, but this was dealt with swiftly and multiple agencies managed to get these people moved off the bowling green field. The police want to encourage to report anything that seems out of the ordinary, no matter how seemingly unimportant you might think it is. This is due to the fact it assists the police in building a broad library of intelligence that they can act on. Please provide information of suspicious persons or vehicles in the area and unknown drones. It is very easy to either report to Hampshire Constabulary this can be done on the telephone calling 101 or report to the Hampshire Police website at: https://www.hampshire.police.uk/

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