



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 05/24
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th May 2024 in the Village Club

OM 05/24 – Present:

Cllrs: Conquest; Gaines; Jonas; Mussett; Peach N and R Peach
Clerk – Ackrill; BCllrs Bound, Conquest and Morrow; 7 Residents

Not Present:

OM05/24.1 – Members Apologies: None

OM05/24.2 – Declarations of Interest: None

OM05/24.3 – Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 29th April 2024 were accepted and signed.

OM05/24.4 - Questions from the Public: 6 Residents spoke about the Planning Application for the Solar Installation and Operation 24/00852/FUL. Issues and concerns over the size, benefit to community, ecology, precedent, fencing, manufacturing of the panels / importing of panels (environmental costs) wildlife, views, noise, security, and disposal.

1 resident also spoke about The Star application pointing out the glare issue already created by existing lights and would be very concerned to see further strong lighting affecting the hunting owls and traffic if ever installed.

OM05/24.5 – Chairman’s Remarks:

- a) Well, done to Cllr Conquest who was successfully elected as Borough Councillor replacing Ken Rhatigan in the May Local elections. Thanks also to Ken for all he has done over the years for the parish.
- b) Thanks also to the KPC Councillors for all they did last year, and Cllr Mussett looked forward to moving forward and bringing projects to fruition this year.

OM05/24.6 – Clerks Report:

- a) Thanks to Cllr R Peach for ordering the parts for the 2 broken bins £30 plus £5 delivery

OM05/24.7 – County Councillor: Not present no report received.

OM05/24.8 –Borough Councillors: Cllr Bound had forwarded report attached to these minutes (Appendix One). Cllr Conquest attended first meeting as BCllr – Cllr Conquest will be on the Audit & Accounting Committee and the Resources Committee. Cllr Morrow remains as Portfolio Holder for Sport and Leisure. BCllrs announced their community grants were once again available. Items were given across to BCllrs from KPC to continue working on including Land at allotments, Fieldgate issues, trees that were cut down beside the roundabout on the A339 and sanitation concerns in the public toilets. Cllr Morrow can hopefully help KPC progress the Holding Field development.

OM05/24.9 – Community Engagement and Media:

9.1 D Day Convoy 29th June at approximately 10.30am Salute will be in Kingsclere. Details are in the Tower. There will be seating and refreshment outside the club as the convoy goes through.

9.2 D Day Fun event following the Convoy fun day at the Fieldgate, Live music, bouncy castle, and other attractions.

Clerk reminded everyone present that there was £1000 funding budgeted for the D Day celebrations and requests for funding from organisations needs to be in by 12th June. DC suggested KCA may apply for some funds for posters and banners.

OM05/24.10 – Health and Safety: Just a note that the village entrance markings from B3051 were not back in place on the road.

Action: Monitor

OM05/24.11 – Planning Matters.

11.1 24/00852/FUL Land at Strattons Farm – Following a lengthy debate where Cllrs raised concerns such as proof that this is best site, lack of detail regarding a decommissioning plan, they were unconvinced about net gain, impact on local species, the biodiversity studies and lack of information regarding this. Concern on the siting of the panels so close to existing boundary hedgerows and tree lines. The Policies of the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan how many of these policies the

application goes against, the actual benefit to the parish which stands to be considerably inconvenienced whilst installation is carried out notwithstanding the impact on views and rights of ways. Cllr's overall opinion is that they were not opposed to Solar or opposed to considering a different application on this site but that this application as it was could not be supported and was inadequate and left too many questions unanswered. Not all Cllrs were of the same opinion and level of concerns varied. The application was put to a vote.

Resolved: Objection to this Application by 5 votes to 1. Cllrs Conquest, Jonas, Gaines, Mussett and N Peach objected to this application as is, on grounds of a poor application, not enough detail in documents and surveys, and evidence of parish benefit. At this stage are still open to considering a Solar installation in some form on this site. 1 Cllr – Cllr R Peach had no objections to this application subject to Planning rules being met.

Action: Cllr Mussett will draft the response to be circulated and agreed before submission

11.2 24/01011/FUL The Star Inn – After debate the Cllrs agreed to no objection to the building works but would not wish to see further strong lighting at this site possibly affecting the Owls and traffic. Cllrs also echo the concerns of the biodiversity team regarding Nesting Birds and Bats being disturbed.

Resolved: No Objection with comment on biodiversity and lighting.

Action: Clerk to submit response

11.3 Neighbourhood Plan update- The Developer and landowners for Coppice Road and Strokins Road sites attended the meeting on the May 13th. Update - **Coppice Road** – Currently in final stages of discussion with a new builder after Bewley Homes dropped out last year. They will contact KPC/ NP team when the deal is finalised. **Strokins Road** – some difficulty communicating with Vivid, yet to receive a sensible offer. SG has been in contact with Fran Toomey (BDBC Affordable Housing Strategic Lead) and she has raised the issue with Vivid and colleagues and is also clarifying the details of the BDBC covenant. With regard to the refresh of the NP it is still being compared to the revised Local Plan.

OM05/24.12 – Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts as circulated were agreed and signed off (copy attached to minutes).

OM05/24.13 – Review of Internal Audit Report – The report was circulated prior to the meeting, another outstanding Internal Audit with no matters arising or areas of concern. Chair thanked our RFO for all the hard work and diligence throughout the year.

OM05/24.14 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 circulated with agenda paperwork to all Councillors

14.1 Section 1 – the Annual Governance statement 2023/24 – this was reviewed, and all present were happy.

Resolved: Section 1 the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

14.2 Section 2 - Accounting Statement 2023/24 – was reviewed and all Cllrs were in favour of approval.

Resolved: Accounting Statement 2023/24 was approved and signed by the Chairman

OM05/24.15 Insurance – The amendments as discussed at the April OM Minute Ref OM04/24.20 have been actioned and the renewal premium is now £1771.64. KPC is in a three-year LTA with Clear Councils (formerly BHIB). Clerk to write to the Bowls Club officers and explain as Landlords KPC are assuming responsibility for insuring the building from June 1st 24.

Resolved: Premium of £1771.64 from Clear Councils approved.

Action: Clerk / RFO

OM05/24.16 Matters for Future Consideration: Nothing other than the planning items were raised these have been covered in item 11.

OM05/24.17 – Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 24th June 2024 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21.30

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

Appendix One

BCllr Mike Bound Report

Report to Kingsclere Parish Council – Monday, May 20th 2024

As the Council has not long come out of purdah following the election period, in terms of Kingsclere parish I have nothing particular to report except to say that I have of course been involved with resident enquiries/problems within this part of the ward as necessary. Examples of this would be, Keeps Mead, an access problem and just last week, trying to get a parked car removed in Fawconer Road that had been abandoned, partly blocking access to a drive.

The Council elections, for one third of the council places, were held on Thursday 2nd May and the count for those elections concluded on the Friday at the indoor bowls club in Basingstoke. The Conservative group remain the single largest group on the council. The Council was run (23/24) as a coalition of, Basingstoke Independents, Lib Dems, Independents (not members of the Basingstoke Independents) and a Green councillor. The Labour group were not in the coalition but tended to support the coalition; the Conservatives were and still are the 'official' opposition.

The new overall council composition for 2024/5 is now as below. Nothing has changed regarding the group coalition running the Council and the Cabinet remains as before. Since the election I believe that a Conservative councillor has moved to the independent grouping and the Labour group has a change of leader. There have been alterations to the memberships of the various committees to reflect the changed composition of the council overall and the fact that some councillors decided not to stand again whilst others lost out at the election itself. In the Tadley North, Kingsclere & Baughurst ward, the LibDem candidate, David Conquest, who lives in Kingsclere won. I would like to extend my commiserations to Ken Rhatigan who lost out but with whom I personally had a good working relationship. I know Ken worked very hard for the residents of Ashford Hill, Headley & Kingsclere, in particular and was well respected.

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| • Conservative Party - 15 seats | (2023/4 – 23) |
| • Labour Party - 11 seats | (2023/4 – 10) |
| • Liberal Democrats - 11 seats | (2023/4 – 9) |
| • Basingstoke & Deane Independents - 10 seats | (2023/4 – 8) |
| • Independent - 4 seats | (2023/4 – 3) |
| • Green Party - 2 seats | (2023/4 – 1) |
| • Women's Equality Party - 1 seat | (2023/4 – 0) |

Personally, I was a member of the previously constructed DC committee (Planning) and this committee met before the selection meeting for new committee members on Thursday last to form the committee for the meeting of 16th of May. Of interest to this Council, the proposal at the Sawmill site was refused as was the application for a single dwelling at Little Knowle Hill, just along from the former Pineapple public house. At the Mayor Making on the 9th May, the new mayor was sworn in (Cllr Dan Putty) and the Deputy Mayor for the year was elected – Cllr Colin Phillimore. This coming council year, in addition to the DC committee I am also on the Licensing committee and a substitute on three other committees – Human Resources, Resources, and Environment and Infrastructure