



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 09/16
held at 7.30pm on Monday 26th September 2016 in the Village Club

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Preceding the meeting there was a presentation by Richard Bayley, Project Director of Manydown.

Slides were shown of the synthesis of the previous three outlines. The development of 600 houses on the south side have been put on hold for a few years. The plan was marked with light yellow to depict larger 4/5 bedroom houses, darker yellow for mid sized 3/4 bedroom houses and red for the starter and 1/2 bedroom houses. Traffic surveys were completed in May (more done than normally) after the Blackdam improvements were complete using various methods including auto counting, manual counting and registration plate recognition. The survey will recognise, along with the traffic count, existing background growth, the impact from Manydown and the other approved local development. The count recognised a 70% use of private cars highlighting a public transport need.

The main street in Manydown will have the normal carriage way plus a cycle lane and a footway. The A339 will have an expanded junction at Roman Road – which had already been highlighted as a need by BDBC and HCC Highways. Archaeological issues have been investigated and resolved, Wellington Terrace will become a dead end and that traffic will be directed through Manydown. The plan is to be right not just for Manydown but all. The Manydown bus service will run through Winklebury to the Leisure Centre and on into town in 15 minutes. Car parking for the houses within the development will be in accordance with the borough policy.

Concerns were raised about the impact on the A339 for residents of Kingsclere as there are plans for another development at the Newbury end too, Sandleford development. The Parish Council need to write to highways at HCC and West Berks to express concerns. It was highlighted that the bus service in Kingsclere is inadequate for commuters using the train service to London because of timings. Concern was raised over further development north of the A339 and its impact but this is in the AONB so cannot be developed. The environmental impact will be offset by the country park to the west, bigger green spaces within the development, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage and parking designed for the density.

Meeting Commenced at 8:10pm

OM 09/16 **Present:** Cllrs: Farey; Mussett; Price; F Sawyer; J Sawyer.

ACTION

09/16.1 **Apologies:** Cllrs: Adams; N Peach; R Peach.

09/16.2 **Declarations of Interest:** Farey - 15.2 Fieldgate request of support for LIF application

09/16.3 **Minutes:**

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 22nd August 2016 were accepted and signed.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 12th September 2016 were accepted and signed.

09/16.4 **Matters arising:** None

09/16.5 **Chairman's Remarks:**

- i) Pharmacy – Statement from David Mowat MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health, confirmed that the proposed withdrawal of funding will not go ahead but will be reviewed. Thank you to everyone who signed the petition which has demonstrated, with over 2 million signatures that democracy works.
- ii) Congratulations to Jonathon Broom-Edwards who achieved a Silver Medal at the Paralympic games in Rio earlier this month. Jonathon attended both the primary school in Kingsclere and The Clere School. Clerk to write.
- iii) The Crown Green noticeboard has been moved to prevent damage to the Royal British Legion garden. Thank you to the RBL gardener for organising this.
- iv) Newtown Road Waste and Recycling Centre can now only be used by West Berks permit holders. B.Cllr Rhatigan has been working very hard to resolve this issue and progress has been made.
- v) The Post Office consultation has now closed, it has been noticed that Newbury Post Office is facing similar problems.
- vi) The annual report has been distributed. Thank you to the resident who delivered to every household in the village and thank you to all contributors.
- vii) The Clerk and Chair attended the Association of Parish and Town Councils for a presentation on Devolution in Hampshire delivered by both the Chief Executive of HCC and the Chief Executive of BDBC. It was noted that there is not an advocate in the current government pushing this forward.

Clerk

09/16.6 **Co-option to Vacancy for Parish Councillor:** A statement from Ian Bowes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed to accept Ian Bowes application and therefore restore our members from the current 8 to the maximum of 9. Clerk to complete necessary paperwork.

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Resolved – Ian Bowes co-opted as Councillor

- 09/16.7 Hampshire Boundary Review:** Kingsclere will lie within the same boundary as Whitchurch but will still be one whole village. The maps on the Boundary Commission Website are not very clear but from May 2017 our County Council Ward will be Whitchurch and the Cleres.
- 09/16.8 Dog Signs:** Signs that were erected on the Holding Field depicting no dogs have all disappeared. The fouling by dogs is dangerous particularly for young people. The cost of 12 bespoke signs (to allow for replacements), 2 metal posts with fixings and a pack of six plastic signs for wooden posts is £469.01. This has been recommended from GP.

Clerk

Resolved – Purchase signs at £469.01 and arrange installation

- 09/16.9 Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation:** Document circulated prior to the meeting. Chairman is disturbed by the time line for this, the document was only received late last week and a response is required before our next full council meeting. Concern is raised over which councils will be affected – pg 8, 2.1.2., states it will be for town and parish councils with a precept over £500,000 (or higher than the lowest charging district) yet pg 14, 3.3.6 states the Government are prepared to consider extending referendums to all parishes. KPC have not raised their precept over 2% but have been very close and this year it was reduced. It was noted that we should be connected and in a position to explain ourselves but the overhead of a referendum would wipe out the monies raised by the increase. A floating threshold would be more appropriate reflecting the different needs of different areas in the country. Councillors were concerned that this would also lead to unnecessary increments year on year to avoid the need of referendum. Clerk to respond.

Clerk

- 09/16.10 Neighbourhood Plan:** The team is currently working on the re-write of the draft document for a second consultation at the end of October

- 09/16.11 County Councillor Report:** The cabinet member of household waste is confident of finding a resolution for residents wishing to use Newtown Road HWRC. Cllr Chapman will not be seeking re-election in May 2017. HCC need to find £140m. Biggest expense is Adult Services Social Care and Children with high dependency needs which will leave councillors having to make difficult decisions. As chair of HCC, Cllr Chapman has had 5 royal visits and recently attended a reception with the Lord Mayor of London marking the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire. Hampshire parishes had made substantial contributions to the rebuilding of London after the fire. A question was asked of Cllr Chapman – Why can't residents outside West Berks contribute towards the use of the Newtown Road HWRC if they so wish? It's disappointing that this is not already in place.

- 09/16.13 Borough Councillors Reports:** A large number of leaflets were delivered to householders to try and engage as many people as possible in the Post Office consultation. Approximately 80 emails and numerous telephone calls were made to councillors as a result. Cllr Rhatigan will be checking out what the responses to the consultation were. The HWRC issues are still being pursued – BDBC have offered to pay a fee for a voucher scheme for the residents most affected which is likely to cover a 10 mile radius. The borough councillors have supported the Fieldgate's application for LIF funding.

Recess proposed at 8:45pm:

AG – Big bangs are being heard up until 11pm at night- Environmental Health need to be contacted at the time so that action can be taken. Over hanging trees on Newbury Road are impeding the footway.

ML – The July minutes list KHA on the rolling list update where it should be KCA – please can these be amended. J.S. apologised for this and we will amend accordingly. The KHA are making good progress with the WWI special edition Bed Bug Recorder. The HWRC at Wade Road is not very good compared to Newtown Road.

AD – Congratulations on the Annual Report. Some dog signs have been found thrown in the pond. How are the dog control orders enforced? – contact the dog wardens in BDBC or the Police.

Back to Standing Orders 9:03pm.

- 09/16.14 Rolling List:**

WW1 Commemorations: Correction to minutes of KHA to KCA.

Emergency Plan: The meeting on Thursday was attended which was a good demonstration and reasonably attended. Stuart Morgan of HFR may be able to



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provide a plan created by a similar village that could be used as a model for Kingsclere. There is a new award available for young people about fire awareness – The Duke of Cornwall Award.

The Square: GP recommended installing two tree grills and a tree seat in the square at a cost of £322 (x2) and £314.10 respectively.

Resolved – Purchase two tree grills for £644 and a tree seat for £314.10

Clerk

09/16.15 Planning Applications:

15.1 16/03162/HSE – 7 North Street – Comments – Concerns raised about materials, conservation officer to be consulted.

15.2 16/02603/FUL – Park House Stables – No Objections

09/16.16 Clerks Report:

16.1 Grant Requests – None although one is expected soon from Bunnies

16.2 Fieldgate request of support for LIF funding application

16.3 Thank you letters have been received from:-

Kingsclere Beaver Scouts – for their grant for wildlife houses;

Royal British Legion – for new inscription on the memorial;

Tadley CAB – grant funding;

Ralph Cook – for the care of the two wild flower areas at St.Mary's

09/16.17 Approval of Income and Expenditure: The accounts for September were agreed and signed off.

09/16.18 Date of next meeting: Monday 31st October 2016 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....