



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 05/19 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th May 2019 in the Village Club

The meeting commenced at 19:50 immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

OM 05/19 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J.

Clerk – Porton; Admin Assistant - Read

05/19.1 – Apologies:

CCllr Thacker. BCllrs: Rhatigan; Kinnear.

05/19.2 – Declarations of Interest:

05/19.4 Tennis Club - AP. 05/19.9 Allotments – IB, NP, RP, AP

05/19.3 – Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 29th April 2019 were accepted and signed.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 13th May 2019 were accepted and signed.

05/19.4 – Matters Arising:

04/19.12 Tennis Club: The Clerk contacted HALC asking if the PC would need to charge the Tennis Club VAT if they were to reclaim the cost of refurbishing the courts. HALC stated that if the PC were to reclaim the cost of works from the Tennis Club, we would need to include the VAT cost, or it would be illegal. It was noted the PC, as landowner, can apply for grants. To be put on June GP agenda to discuss options.

Action: June GP.

05/19.5 – Chairman's Remarks:

- i) Congratulations to BCllr Clare Kinnear who was elected on 2nd May.
- ii) Congratulations to BCllr Ken Rhatigan who was appointed leader of BDBC.

05/19.6 – Tree Survey:

The PC received advice from HALC regarding tree surveys and were provided with a quote of £715.28 to have all the PC owned trees surveyed – surveys are usually done every 3 years. The survey would identify any trees with problems but would not provide an inventory of all trees. It was noted that the PC is responsible for the trees in the Churchyard, even though it doesn't own the land. It was proposed to accept the quote of £715.28 with the understanding that Cllrs would identify trees on their areas of responsibility, to create an inventory, by September OM. This was accepted.

Resolved: Quote of £715.28 accepted.

Action: All Cllrs, Clerk. Sept OM.

05/19.7 – Route 56 Bus:

JS and SA met with BDBC Officers. It was noted the Route 56 Bus is run by Basingstoke Community Transport, not BDBC. Cancelling 1 bus incurs a fee and takes approximately 76 days, as it goes to the traffic commissioner. BCT have not cancelled 1 bus, as requested by the PC, because if the service is cancelled, they would be able to cancel both busses and only incur 1 fee. An Officer from BDBC will contact BCT to try and cancel 1 bus and to investigate grants that could assist. It was noted it is the responsibility of BCT, not the PC, to investigate other sources of funding. A proposal to continue subsidy for 1 month and review at June OM was accepted, on the understanding that BCT would start the process of cancellation and seek other grants.

Resolved: PC to continue subsidy for 1 month with review at June OM.

Action: June OM

05/19.8 – Insurance Renewal:

At the last OM the PC agreed to ask the insurance company to raise the value of the playground equipment to £15,000. This has resulted in a slight increase in the quote which is now £1,513.96.

Resolved: New insurance quote of £1,513.96 approved.

05/19.9 – New Water Trough at Allotments:

Referred from May GP. Three quotes received. GP committee agreed to go with lowest at £1050. Part of the cost will be covered by S106 funds and the remainder will be recovered through allotment charges over the next 3 years.

Resolved: £1050 for new water trough approved.

Action: AP

05/19.10 – County Councillor:

The Chairman read out extracts from the CCllr's report – attached in full in Appendix 1 at the end of the minutes. This report will be available on the PC website.

Recess:

Standing orders were suspended at 20:38:

A resident enquired about what is happening with works to the pond, it is being choked. – *The PC have approved the plan from HLOWWT and are waiting for quotes from an ecological water specialist. BDBC need to approve the works as it is their land, when quotes are received the PC will discuss. Any work will be completed in the winter months as we're not allowed to do this type of work at this time of year.*

Is the report on the PC website yet? – *No. we are having trouble uploading it.*

A resident asked if the tree survey would include trees in the 3 plots of land identified for housing development. – *No, it is not our land. When planning applications are submitted, the PC would then look to see if a TPO is required.*

A resident reported that lorries carrying roadmaking material are going from the roundabout and up Swan Street causing an increase in lorries going through the village. – *They're going to where the material is required for surface dressing.*

A Resident asked if a landing net could be placed on the pond to help get litter out. – *Wellington boots are usually enough to remove litter. We will add it to our discussions.*

A resident asked when the tree survey will take place and if the Tree Wardens would accompany the surveyor. – *The Clerk will contact and organise date with surveyors. The Tree Wardens don't complete any work, they advise on planning applications. They will be informed of the survey.*

A resident expressed their disappointment that CCllr Thacker was not in attendance and asked if they could get reassurance that he will attend the next meeting. – *No, we cannot assure you of that.*

Does he reply to emails? – *Sometimes. BCllr and CCllr contact details are on our website.*

A resident asked when the traffic data collection (mentioned in the CCllr's report) will take place. – *We don't know, hopefully by the end of June. We will discuss traffic at GP.*

Action: June GP

Back to standing orders 21:10.

05/19.11 – Borough Councillor:

The Clerk read out a report from our BCllrs – attached in appendix 2.

05/19.12 – Planning Applications:

12.1. 19/00677/FUL - The Holding Field, Ashford Hill Road – This is the PC's planning application for the Holding Field Car Park extension so cannot comment.

05/19.13 – Clerk's Report:

13.1. Annual Membership Renewal of HPFA - £40:

Resolved: Approved.

Action: Clerk

13.2. Thank you from Kingsclere Community Association for grant:

The PC received a letter of thanks from the KCA for the grant for their mid-week social.

05/19.14 – Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts for April 2019 and May 2019 were agreed and signed off.

05/19.15 – Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation:

The bank accounts for 31st March 2019 were reconciled at £77,874.63 - agreed and signed off.

05/19.16 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 24th June 2019 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21:18

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

Distribution: Cllrs: S Adams; I Bowes; M Farey; C Mussett; N Peach; R Peach; A Price; F Sawyer and J Sawyer.
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County Councillor report
Kingsclere PC, 20 May 2019

Tom Thacker, Hampshire County Councillor, Whitchurch and the Cleres Division

Summary

- Speed limits general;
- B3051 - Proposals and actions for signage at the top of White Hill;
- B3051 - Survey of speeds on Winchester Road;
- B3051 - Investigation of possibilities for signage and or road marking enhancements on Winchester Road;
- B3051 - Pavements outside 54-60 Swan Street;
- B3051 - Highway maintenance and repairs;
- A339 matters;
- County Matters General.

Speed limits general

Decisions to progress speed limits are taken in line with our 2016 policy which prioritises the investigation of speed limits to sites where there is evidence of a related road casualty collision history. I have attached a link to the higher-level policy and general traffic management policy on HCC's web site.

Higher Level Policy:

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport/Futuretrafficmanagementpolicy.pdf>

General Traffic Management Policy:

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/road-safety/TrafficManagementPolicyGuidanceJanuary2014.pdf>

Recorded casualties can be viewed here:

<https://www.crashmap.co.uk>

B3051 Matters

I attach various supporting documents on the Community Funded Initiative.

HCC will conduct a feasibility study on several matters along the B3051 between Kingsclere and White Hill. This will take six weeks and I have asked officers to deliver the report by end of June if possible.

Areas to be looked at include:

- **White Hill**
 - Amber flashing lights are not permitted by DoT for horse warnings – this fact was advised by HCC 's principal traffic engineer to me and borough councillors in February 2018;
 - **HCC will instead investigate as part of its feasibility study, putting gateway signs either side of the brow of White Hill**, advising of Pedestrians and Horses crossing; if feasible, where they should be located, as a Community Funded Initiative option.
 - The Community Funded Initiative on traffic management is a new programme that the County Council is promoting. It enables Parish Councils and community groups to fund straightforward traffic management measures. This recognises the change in County Council policy on prioritising traffic management measures towards locations where there is an evidence led road casualty need, whereas measures of a low priority for County Council funding may nevertheless be of a high value to the community. **The scope includes village gateway enhancements**, as well as other options, but excludes changes to traffic regulation that require a Traffic Regulation Order. In terms of funding, participating Parish and Town Councils and community groups will be expected to fund the whole cost of the works, the design and implementation fees, and contribute towards ongoing maintenance of the measures depending on the type of measure implemented. I have attached some information that you may find helpful.
 - **Pedestrian warning sign enhancements** will be considered and proposed to accompany and enhance the existing horse warnings.
- **A speed survey outside the 40 mph zone on Winchester Road** to determine the possibility of extending the limit, or adopting a 50 mph limit. This will comprise HCC installing a radar box and collecting 1 week's data.
- **A full examination of the signage and road markings along Winchester Road.**
 - **A look at whether white lines can be painted** along the sides of Winchester Road in the 40 mph zone, and maybe beyond.
 - **Looking at placing double white lines along parts of Winchester Road.** There are clear rules as to the suitability of having double white lines: there must be a visibility issue, (such

as a bend), and the road must be of a certain minimum width. The study will examine both these aspects.

Pavements on Swan Street

Officers and I have discussed the matter of addressing the slope of the pavement at 54-60 Swan Street, where the pavement narrows. This and the raising of any pavements, will be difficult and therefore likely too expensive to address, without major reengineering as all pavements need to provide a sufficient slope for run off, yet still remain below the damp course of the houses they abut. As it would require traffic orders, it is not eligible for the Community Funding Initiative.

Highway maintenance and repairs

I have spoken today with the highways engineer to follow up on a number of issues:

- Bollard reinstatement – a work order has been raised to install new style bollards that are designed to be more robust. This is not expected to be completed within the next 6 weeks and is dependent on the delivery times for the new bollards;
- Clearing of surface water drainage on Swan Street – this has been partially completed, but parts of it are outstanding due to the narrowness of the road and may need to be completed at night;
- Repainting of road markings – The PC should contact Steve directly with their requests. Due to competing calls on limited funds, those issues which are a safety matter will be given priority.

As an ongoing request, if the Parish Council or a resident reports an issue to HCC and finds it has not been addressed in a timely matter, or has difficulty in reporting an issue, please email me directly at tom.thacker@hants.gov.uk, and I will look in to it.

A339 Matters

Hampshire County Council's Strategic Transport team is working with West Berkshire Council on developing a brief for a transport study relating to the A339 corridor. The study will investigate the following themes to identify solutions or strategies to approach them:

- Issues relating to gaining access onto the A339 from communities and access roads that are adjacent; and magnitude of impacts of traffic using less appropriate routes between the A339 and A34;
I have asked that this should include routes between A339 and Whitchurch, Overton and Andover via B3051. This is because all such traffic passes through the village of Kingsclere, which has some very narrow roads and pavements. Some but not all of this traffic will come from or end up on the A34.
- Impact of current development proposals along length of the corridor from both BDBC Local Plan and West Berks Local Plan 2029 and future Local Plans likely growth impacts;
- Severance impacts caused by the route and congestion/delays – consider capacity enhancements where possible/practical
- Address safety issues along the route
- Review previous HGV study to see if there have been any changes in volumes to address perceived high level of HGV use
- Ensure local businesses/agricultural economy and access needs are catered for along the route
- Assess cycle route connectivity and potential along the route/adjacent to it
- Strategic focus on potential for A34 improvements to cater for longer distance traffic

Any moves to tackle HGVs passing through the village will need to be address as part of this work.

As soon as the study has commenced HCC officers will update the Parishes and fellow County Councillors on the associated timeline and expected outputs.

I am working with my fellow County Councillors to provide input into any reviews of how the strategic nature of the A339 and its unsuitability along much of its length should be addressed as a long term aim. We would welcome any constructive input from the Parish Council.

In terms of funding for high cost improvements that may come from the study, HCC would be looking at future Large Local Major funding from the DfT or other such funds. HCC does hold some S106 funding for the route, but not enough to cover major improvements.

County Matters General

Hampshire has elected a new leader and Deputy Leader. Keith Mans now leads the County. He has strong experience having held served as Deputy Leader to Roy Perry, and in cabinet as Executive Member for Children's Services.

He was Chief Executive of the Royal Aeronautical Society, having served in the RAF flying Vulcans and Canberras.

Cllr Rob Humby, Executive member for Environment and Transport, has been elected Deputy Leader.

Both Keith and Rob represent rural wards and in my various discussions with them have shown that they each understand the particular issues facing local government in rural areas.

Borough Councillors Report

Delighted to confirm that Cllr Clare Kinnear was elected for the Kingsclere Ward on the 2nd May and will join with Cllr Ken Rhatigan as Kingsclere's current Ward member and liaison with the Borough Council.

Also, Ken Rhatigan was elected as the Leader of the Borough Council on Thursday 16th May.

We are in the process of helping The Youth Club with training once the BDBC have confirmed what provisions they can provide.

The lighting at the end of Longcroft Road has been identified as a BDBC light and although as yet we have not had confirmation as to reconnecting this lamp to the electricity to provide the safety element to individuals using the garages. It is hoped that this lamp could be adopted by HCC to ensure that there is lighting in the hours darkness. We hope that this and other crime prevention measures will improve residents' safety and reduce the anti-social behaviour.

It is hoped that the Gailey Mill will be included in a Borough wide survey of water quality once the EA have confirmed their involvement in a new scheme to test the quality of our streams and rivers.

The 56 Bus has 10-12 Kingsclere residents using the bus service on a Wednesday. Most of the residents who use the bus do not drive and do their weekly shop on this occasion in Tadley. We are looking at opportunities to find alternative financial provision to ensure that the bus service remains in operation.