

Kingsclere Parish Council
Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Club
On Thursday, 26th April, 2012

Present: Cllrs. Farey, Gibb, Gundry, Smith and Theaker. 10 members of the public, County Councillor, 1 Borough Councillor and 1 member of the press.

Apologies: Cllr. Brolly, Cllr. Sherlock, Mr. & Mrs. A. Denness.

Presentation on Faster Broadband for Kingsclere

Mr. David Fernley, HCC Programme Manager for Broadband, gave an interesting talk. HCC had secured a £5m grant from central government but had also to match this sum. 90% of all premises in Kingsclere would be able to access faster broadband. More information could be obtained at www.hants.gov.uk/broadband.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th May, 2011 were agreed.

Matters arising: None

The Chairman's Review:

There had been no increase in the precept for this year. The Parish Council had been very careful in its expenditure and as a result the reserves had not been diminished. £2k had been set aside for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Improvements had been made at the Malt House Open Space, the nettles had been cut down and the pond cleared out. A lot of work had been done at the cemetery and a rose bed was being prepared. A third water trough was to be installed at the allotments.

A planning application for change of use at the Lime Quarry had been considered and objections raised on traffic grounds.

The Holding Field car park was to be resurfaced and in the meantime work had been carried out on clearing the hedges.

Open Forum

- (a) What is happening at the chicken farm.
- (b) The footpath from Fox's Lane to Ecchinswell Road via the chicken farm has been re-sited.
- (c) The dog signage at Half Path has been broken.
- (d) No printed Annual Report this year.
- (e) Will you continue as a Quality Parish Council.
- (f) Are you going to review the Village Plan.

A note was taken of all these matters and will be looked into by the Parish Council.

Report of County Councillor

Cllr. Chapman reported that a meeting with HCC Highways representatives had taken place at the Lime Quarry and he understood that the Highways Engineer had

recommended refusal of the application. Grants from the County Council were to be halved this year although there were some community grants available. County Councillor Keith Mann should be contacted in this connection. The Government are relaxing the rules on the 20 mph limit.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.