



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 04/20
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th May 2020
Using Zoom Online Meeting Software

GP 04/20 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Price; Sawyer J. Clerk – Porton; Admin Assistant – Read.

04/20.1 – Apologies:

None.

04/20.2 – Declarations of Interest:

None.

04/20.3 – Matters Arising:

3.1. 03/20.6 – VE Day 75th Anniversary:

Events in the village were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, however the Chairman laid flowers on the War Memorial early in the morning on 8th May which was recorded and posted on Social Media. Prior to 8th May, suggestions on how to celebrate and mark the day at home were shared on KPC's social media. KPC encouraged people to join in the 3pm toast on their doorsteps similar to the Thursday evening clap for carers. It was reported that numerous streets in the village held social distance street parties by moving patio tables to the front garden or drive and, if that was not possible, on the footway. Many residents also returned to their doorsteps after the Queens Speech at 9pm to sing-a-long with Catherine Jenkins for a rendition of "We'll meet again". Thanks were given to the Clerk and her family for putting bunting up throughout the village. It was noted that Honesty Café provided pre ordered cream teas on the day.

3.2. 03/20.7 – Great British Spring Clean and Poster Competition:

The Kingsclere GBSC event and Poster Competition Awards Presentation were postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. The new dates for the Great British September Clean are 11th – 27th September 2020. KPC will look to agree a date when things are more certain.

3.3. 03/20.9 – Parking on The Green by Bear Hill:

An email has been to HCC legal department for advice on taking ownership. Currently awaiting a reply.

3.4. 03/20.12 – Recreation Ground and Holding Field Signs:

There is a slight increase on the original price quoted for the signs due to the type of brackets required for fixing to posts. They have been ordered.

04/20.4 – Holly Tree in Churchyard:

Referred from OM. A suggestion at OM to fell the holly tree rather than crown lift it was discussed. The tree wardens were consulted and it was their view that felling the tree seemed extreme and unnecessary when the desired effect of reducing shading to the wildflower meadow in the Churchyard and improving sight lines for motorists pulling out of Sawn Street could be achieved by crown lifting the holly tree. A quote for £250 +VAT to crown lift the holly tree in line with the lime trees as per the original proposal at OM was unanimously accepted. It was noted that no works should commence until the Autumn after bird nesting season had finished and to avoid damage to the wildflower plants.

Resolved: Quote of £250 + VAT accepted to crown lift holly tree in line with lime trees.

04/20.5 – Recreation Ground Play Area Fencing:

The PC received three quotes to replace the damaged play area fencing: £9,535; £10,700 and £14,980.10 – all + VAT. Quotes are like for like to supply and fit metal fencing. It was questioned if KPC had budgeted for this expenditure. KPC had not budgeted for it however it was not known that that fence would break. KPC has some reserves and would look for additional external funding. It was noted that a fence around the play area is not legally required, however it was agreed that it was a good idea due it being a dog walking area and to ensure children's safety. It was noted that the provisional cost of the works to the Cemetery are roughly double this proposed expenditure and that KPC would be saving for a number of years to afford the Cemetery works. It was also noted that the proposed expenditure is a similar amount to the whole cost of works on the Holding Field Car Park. It was suggested to investigate other fencing materials that may be cheaper per square metre such as wooden or recycled plastic fencing. It was agreed to ask BDBC if there are any funds that could be allocated for this project as well as investigate other options such as the Greenham Common Trust or CIL and S106 funds. NP to check if the quotes received seem appropriate for the materials used. CM to investigate and circulate different fencing material options.

Action: CM, NP. Next GP

04/20.6 – Fly Tipping:

CM and the Clerk have independently gone round the village and identified locations where green waste has been fly tipped: on the footpath from the Fieldgate Centre to Newbury Road, the back of Garret Close, the

back of Strokens Road and on the bank of Love Lane footpath along the section that borders the school. The waste on the bank of Love Lane Footpath was noted as being on private land as both the school and houses opposite own to the centre of the path. It was agreed it would be difficult make a point about not fly tipping when the WBC Recycling Centre on Newtown Road is closed, and green waste bins aren't being collected by BDBC; however, this does not mean KPC condone fly tipping and stress that residents should get a compost bin for green waste. It was suggested that posters are put up where waste has been removed to dissuade people from fly tipping. CM to compile list of locations and send to BCllr KR to organise removal.

Action: CM.

04/20.7 – Community Orchard Signs:

It was suggested to use a similar format to the Dog Fouling Poster Competition to receive orchard artwork for use on signs and related materials for the Community Orchard. It was agreed not to have age categories and to open the competition to everyone, not just children. There will be one winner and age would be taken into consideration when choosing the winner. All other artwork received would still have the chance of being used elsewhere in the future. Competition to run until September. Admin to create template and receive submissions either electronically or posted to the office. To be advertised on posters, SM and in the tower.

Action: Admin

04/20.8 – Woodland Trust Tree Planting:

Planting has occurred in the Cemetery, the Holding Field, and the Recreation Ground. There will be approximately 100 trees left over to plant comprising of mainly large trees such as oak and silver birch. Suggestions of planting locations were the top of the Rec and the MHOS. It was agreed to grow some of the saplings in pots for a few years until they are bigger with the aim of eventually planting them on the Rec at the top of the ridge. It was suggested to ask the tree wardens for location suggestions.

04/20.9 – Dog Poo Posters:

The announcement of winners and awards presentation did not happen as planned due to Covid-19 restrictions. Winners have been informed via email. It was suggested to print and laminate the winning designs and put up around the village as the dog fouling problem has increased during lockdown.

Action: Admin.

04/20.10 – Traffic Calming Measures:

Documents were only received from HCC a few hours before the meeting began and therefore not all Cllrs had chance to review them prior. It was noted that the figures in the documents were only provisional costings. Previously KPC liked the idea of dragons being painted on the road at all entrances, costing £2166.40 for all sites. The budget for Traffic Calming Measures is £2000 however it was suggested funds could be taken from the £2000 allocated for Oak Trees, as the PC has small oak trees that will be grown on in pots ready for planting out. The suggestion of completing all works to one location first was put forward with Winchester Road being identified as possibly being the first choice for this, costing £2865.97. If KPC went for this route, then a clear order of works to other locations would be needed. It was agreed KPC would like to have the bedbug sign at locations where this is possible. It was agreed to defer any decision to next OM so Cllrs can review documents, with an initial proposal to do works to Winchester Road first, with a planned timescale to implement the rest of the works to other locations.

Action: Next OM

04/20.11 – Planning Applications:

11.1. T/00164/20/TCA – The Old Vicarage, Foxs Lane: Fell a healthy tree in the conservation area albeit a leylandii. Comments to be submitted referencing relevant Neighbourhood Plan policies to strongly encourage replacement planting.

11.2. T/00163/20/TPO Brook House, Popes Hill: Fell a diseased tree. There will be planting to replace. No objection.

04/20.12 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 8th June 2020 7:30pm using Zoom Online Meeting Software unless Government restrictions in place for Covid-19 are lifted, in which case normal meeting procedures will resume in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 20:50

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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