



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 10/16
held at 7.30pm on Monday 31st October 2016 in the Village Club

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ACTION

- OM 10/16 Present:** Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Peach R; Price; J Sawyer.
- 10/16.1 Apologies:** Cllrs: Mussett; N Peach; F Sawyer.
- 10/16.2 Declarations of Interest:** Price – 18.1 Grants – Village Bunnies (parent)
- 10/16.3 Minutes:**
- 3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 26th September 2016 were accepted and signed.
- 3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 10th October 2016 were accepted and signed.
- 3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 17th October 2016 were accepted and signed.
- 10/16.4 Matters arising:** None
- 10/16.5 Chairman's Remarks:**
- i) Pharmacy – Cuts of 12% in funding could threaten our local pharmacy, our MP raised a question about this in parliament earlier this month. At the moment we hope ours will be safe as it is in an isolated area.
- ii) Remembrance Sunday – Wreath will be laid by Chairman, hoped that other councillors will attend at 10:45 on Sunday 13th November. Thanks to the Kingsclere branch of RBL for organising and to Cllr's Peach's for closing the roads during walk, wreath laying and silence.
The War Memorial has been professionally inspected as there is a crack in one of the upstands – there is no danger of it falling, repairs being investigated.
- iii) The Devolution workshop was attended along with Cllr F Sawyer.
- iv) Busy Bees hosted a Harvest Lunch which was attended along with the Borough Cllrs and our MP.
- v) North Wessex Downs AONB AGM was attended with Cllr F Sawyer. The group are concerned about funding following Brexit. The main presentation was about "Dark Skies" - our new street lights confirm.
- vi) HALC AGM was attended along with Cllr F Sawyer and Cllr Adams. The main topic concerned the proposed Referendum for Parish Precepts which was unanimously opposed.
- vii) Two new businesses in the village, L.Titcombe, Funeral Directors and a Takeaway. Florist is changing ownership too.
- viii) New Memorial Bench – thanks to the Village Club for permitting this to be placed in their front garden.
- ix) Foxs Lane – traffic and surface issues highlighted to Hampshire Highways. Pedestrians are particularly exposed on the village end of the lane where there is no footpath.
- x) Photo Club Exhibition – congratulations on a splendid display of talent.
- xi) Community Speed Watch – a new co-ordinator is in contact with PCSO Kness and a handover is in process.
- xii) Parish Paths – a leader is still being sought.
- xiii) A339 – since the presentation by Richard Bayley last month on Manydown, letters have been sent to West Berks Highways and Hampshire Highways about the additional traffic pressures on the A339 but we have not heard back.
- xiv) Defibrillator – further training has taken place for existing and three new volunteers. The emergency services do not do as we thought and contact volunteers when a 999 is raised. The group are looking at ways to communicate the volunteer details to the community should they be needed in the event of a cardiac arrest.
- 10/16.6 New Financial Regulations:** The regulations were reviewed at the F&E meeting and a copy with tracked changes was circulated prior to the meeting. The new regulations were accepted as per circulated document with the following, additional minor changes:-
- Section 4.1 - items over £500 to be determined by council; a duly delegated committee of the council for items up to £500.
- Section 5.8 - Any Revenue or Capital Grant in excess of £500 shall before payment, be subject to ratification by resolution of the council.
- Section 11.1 h – where the value is below £3000 and above £500 the clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates.
- Resolved** – New Financial Regulations adopted.
- 10/16.7 Post Office:** News was received 10 days ago that the PO will close spring next year, probably in March 2017, and it will move to the general store in Swan Street. Members expressed that the consultation had not been two way process and therefore not a proper



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consultation. Some of the public had not received a reply to their concerns at all although some had received a standard reply as had the council. There are two major issues to still overcome, an automatic front door and parking issues which have been referred to BDBC.

Standing Orders suspended at 7:58pm

Cllr Ken Rhatigan - The decision of Post Office Ltd had been typed up very quickly after the consultation period ended – a written response has been sent back to them requesting financial information but this will not be divulged in writing. A meeting has now been requested but no date yet. There are concerns that the company have “laid a path to what they want”, no monitoring of traffic or parking has taken place. Questions raised by cllrs – Could the information be available by a Freedom of Information request? Is there a right of appeal? Is the mobility issue at the proposed premises discriminatory?

Resident – could the back of Swan Street Stores be made into a Car Park for the PO? Cllr Ken Rhatigan to see if a meeting can be arranged with Post Office Ltd and for the Parish Council to be included.

Back to Standing Orders 8:07pm.

- 10/16.8 Land Registry for Hannington Green:** The ownership of Hannington Green had not been transferred at the time Hannington Parish Council had been set up. We have received the documentation from Land Registry to transfer over, KPC will not incur a fee for this – costs have been met by either HCC or HPC.

Resolved – Chairman signed documentation to be posted tomorrow.

- 10/16.9 Recreation Ground Play Area:** Cllr Adams temporarily took over this project after James left and would now like to hand it over to Cllr Ian Bowes. We get weekly reports from BDBC who inspect the playground for risks and at the moment there are 6 low risk items and 9 medium risk items highlighted – The slide that had been highlighted as high risk has been closed.

IB

A quote has been obtained for a complete refurbishment from Fawns at £38,000. Fawns highlight access issues which meant higher fees for installation and the removal of old equipment. They have subsequently been asked about the possibility of reusing some of the equipment, the swings could be reused but the climbing frame and slide are obsolete. Three further companies are coming to inspect and quote – Mant Leisure, Sovereign and Play Innovation. As the project will exceed £25,000 we will have to go through the “Contract Finder” procurement process.

Parish Clerk is investigating possible grant funding to top up the council budget. Cllr Bowes is not convinced that we need to spend £40,000 completely refurbishing the play area and will investigate repairs so that monies raised could be utilised on new equipment rather than replacement. It may be possible to improve the facilities fairly quickly whilst other possibilities are being investigated.

- 10/16.10 Village of the Year:** This year’s winners were presented with awards at the HALC AGM. There were many awards given as well as Village of the Year for example, best village hall etc. Kingsclere won this award in 2003 and it is felt that it is time to apply again but not until 2018 as there will be a lot of work needed to present our application. Groups in the village will need to be contacted to get on board and help with the process. This year’s winners highlighted that it had been a very rewarding process for the village, improving the quality of the environment – it was not just all about winning. Item to be added to the Rolling List.

- 10/16.11 Dog Control Orders – Enforcement:** The Community Safety Patrol Team has requested written permission from the council to operate Fixed Penalty Notices on our land. This is to support the legal team with prosecuting anybody who fails to pay a FPN for the original offence. The council support this providing that we will not be requested to fund any legal action.

Clerk

Resolved – Clerk to write to the Community Safety Patrol Team

- 10/16.12 Highways Survey:** An overarching response could be sent in for this but due to the nature and number of questions it would be too time consuming for the clerk to consolidate. Councillors and clerk to all submit individual survey responses.

All

- 10/16.13 Neighbourhood Plan:** Draft plan has had a 2nd health check and although much improved some evidence is still not presented in a robust enough way. The Strategic Environment Assessment has now been received. The group intend to send out flyers with FAQ’s such as “What happens next?” It is planned to extend the consultation period to more than the required 6 weeks as it will fall over the Christmas period. It is



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hoped that the plan will be ready to present to the council before Christmas.

10/16.14 County Councillor Report: No report.

10/16.15 Borough Councillors Reports: Cllr Rhatigan – The waste and recycling centre at Newtown Road is still an ongoing issue, communications started in July. West Berks are being pushed for a resolution. This has been brought to Full Council at BDBC for debate and permits have been printed for residents within 10 miles of Newtown Road. Jockeys working at Park House Stables are in danger trying to cross Winchester Road and negotiations are underway with Highways to move the 30 mile an hour limit out from just past the end of Swan Street to past the stables.

Three parking spaces in Anchor Road Car Park will be marked in red for Post Office use only.

LIF funding application by the KCA has been supported.

CIL – the price for Kingsclere has been fixed at £200, Basingstoke's is lower. The council are encouraged to submit requests for funding to ensure we get our share.

Recess proposed at 8:47pm:

JB – Village of the Year, look up the previous application as there will be lots of useful information in there.

AG – Could the three parking bays in front of the toilet block be utilised and marked as PO only? They would come under highways.

DT – Footpaths, Love Lane drains needs clearing – the drain by the no cycling bars is full of gravel. Clerk to report.

KW – Post Office, Swan St. Stores is already extremely busy and is not really suitable for financial transactions. There is also not protection in terms of privacy – residents are concerned about being robbed when getting money out.

AG – Post Office, Headley Stores have installed contained unit at the cost of £30,000 but Swan St. Stores will be an open counter similar to Overton.

Back to Standing Orders 8:55pm.

10/16.16 Rolling List: No further updates to existing items (Recreation Ground discussed at item 16.9) – Village of the Year added.

10/16.17 Planning Applications:

17.1 16/03697/FUL - Lynch House Winchester Road – No Objections

17.2. 16/03500/HSE & 16/03501/LBC - 39 Swan Street – No Objections providing Conservation Officer is happy

17.3. 16/03644/LDEU - Barn At Frobury Farm – No Objections

17.4. 16/03529/HSE - The Old Malthouse Popes Hill – No Objections

17.5. 16/03527/LBC - Frobury Ecchinswell Road – No Objections providing Conservation Officer is happy

17.6. T/00384/16/TCA - 20 Swan Street– No Objections

10/16.18 Clerks Report:

18.1 Grant Requests – Bunnies, request £200 for a new shed, total project costing £739.99.

Resolved – £200.00 granted to Kingsclere Village Bunnies

18.2 CPRE are requesting donations, we already subscribe to the organisation annually – last year we granted an additional £50.00

Resolved – £50 granted to CPRE

10/16.19 Approval of Income and Expenditure: The accounts for October were agreed and signed off.

10/16.20 Date of next meeting: Monday 28th November 2016 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

Clerk

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Parish Clerk

Date:.....