



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 05/19 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th May 2019 in the Village Club

GP 05/19 – Present:

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

05/19.1 – Apologies:

Cllr J Sawyer – Holiday.

Resolved: Apologies were accepted for Cllr J Sawyer.

05/19.2 – Declarations of Interest:

05/19.8 - IB, NP & AP

05/19.3 – Matters Arising:

3.1 04/19.6 – Great British Spring Clean Update:

At the April 2019 GP it was minuted that items volunteers were unable to clear were marked on the GBSC map. Arranging for its disposal is an outstanding action and clarification on the details recorded is needed. JS and Clerk to clarify details and organise professional clearance.

Action: JS, Clerk.

05/19.4 – Woodland Trust Trees:

The PC was made aware that the Woodland Trust is providing free trees to community organisations. Trees are available in different species packs with sizes of 105 or 420. The “Wildlife” pack was proposed; hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel, common oak; and it was agreed to apply for the 420 size pack. The Holding Field, Recreation Ground and Community Orchard were proposed as sites to plant the trees. It was noted that receiving trees isn't guaranteed, but it is worth applying.

Resolved: PC to apply for the 420 size Wildlife pack to plant on the Holding field, recreation ground and Community Orchard.

Action: NP, Clerk.

05/19.5 – Cemetery and Dogs:

The Clerk received correspondence from a resident regarding dogs being exercised in the Ecchinswell Road cemetery. The sign on the path says no dogs however the sign in the car park says dogs on leads. The path is not a right of way, it is a permitted path. A PSPO from BDBC is in place which doesn't permit dogs in the cemetery. CM to investigate appropriate signage for the cemetery and prepare a proposal for next GP.

Action: CM.

05/19.6 – Recreation Ground Internal Fence:

It was reported that 2 of the 4 fence posts have rotted and the fence is now unstable. It was decided to remove and not to replace the fence as it is an internal fence within the play area.

Resolved: Remove fence and not replace.

05/19.7 – Heritage:

Document circulated prior to meeting. Councillor met Kingsclere Heritage Association and they agreed with the proposed actions in the document.

Resolved: Heritage Document adopted by the PC.

Items identified to be added to the Action List: a holistic review of signage and other road furniture, replacing the Millennium Trail plaques, painting the Victorian lamp posts – Clerk to contact HCC regarding this, and painting bollards on George Street and Popes Hill.

Action: Clerk.

05/19.8 – Allotments:

8.1. Castle Water:

Castle Water billed the PC in 2017 for wastewater, the Clerk queried this bill as the allotments produce little wastewater. No further bills or communication was received until October 2018 when a bill for the timescale April 2017 to October 2018 was received. The Clerk queried again and was advised to apply for an abatement, this was completed, returned and granted. Further monthly bills were received, and the Clerk was informed that the abatement would only be applied from December 2018. Castle Water has said they are unable to cancel outstanding bills from before the abatement was applied in December 2018. The PC believe that bills dated before December 2018 should not be paid because the PC was not informed that an abatement was required when the original bill was queried in 2017.

Clerk to contact HALC for advice and if required invoke Castle Water's complaints procedure.

Action: Clerk.

8.2. New Water Trough Quotes:

Three quotes have been sourced and it was agreed to go for the cheapest quote at £1,050. Refer to next OM due to amount. Clerk to notify tenants. Due to S106 contributions the PC will pay £400 of the £1,050.

Action: Clerk. Next OM.

8.3. Polytunnels:

The PC has been informed that some plot holders have put up polytunnels. This does not go against the rules and regulations. Unless the PC is asked to look at changing the rules and regulations by the AMG no action will be taken.

8.4. Clerk's Report:

There were 5 plots available at the beginning of April 2019. 3 were offered and subsequently have been taken up. Currently there are 2 vacant plots and 1 person on the waiting list. The vacancies have been advertised in the June Tower.

05/19.9 – Speed Indicator Device:

The Clerk has downloaded the computer software required and can now download data from the SID but will require help with this onsite (at the SID location). There was a short discussion about the placement of the SID. The PC concluded that it's in the best location for the desired traffic calming benefit.

05/19.10 – Installation of Christmas Lights and Purchase of Additional LED Blubs: t6:

The PC now has sufficient strings of lights to allow installation of lights in the tree located in the church yard near the junction of Swan Street and George Street. This is in addition to the lights strung along the trees running beside Swan Street and George Street. A proposal for £300 + VAT to hire a cherry picker and driver to install the lights in the tree was agreed upon. The plan is that the installation will take account of tree growth over time allowing the lights to remain visible. A further proposal for £100 for replacement LED bulbs to use with current light strings was also agreed upon. As a result all the PC's Christmas lights will be LED replacing the less efficient and less reliable filament lights.

Resolved: £300 + VAT for cherry picker and £100 for LED bulbs agreed.

05/19.11 – Community Orchard:

Up to £70 for mulch for the base of trees was proposed and agreed upon. Up to £350 for roughly 30 trees was proposed and agreed upon. It was agreed to apply for S106 open spaces funds for the trees.

Resolved: Up to £70 for mulch and up to £350 for trees agreed.

05/19.12 – Request from Kingsclere Guides:

Clerk received a request from Kingsclere Guides to use the PC's notice boards to post 'positivity posters' and to write positive messages on pavements in chalk. No issues with noticeboard use, the pavements belong to HCC so the PC cannot give or deny permission. Clerk to contact Kingsclere Guides and inform.

Action: Clerk.

05/19.13 – Highways Issues:

Clerk to inform HCC of the red and white barrels at the entrance to Cottismore.

Action: Clerk.

05/19.14 – Action List:

Deferred to next GP.

Action: Next GP.

05/19.15 – Planning Applications:

15.1. 19/01178/HSE - 21 Coppice Road – No objection.

15.2. T/00206/19/TCA - Trevally House, 7 North Street – Removal of hedge on private property.

Comments: It is illegal to remove hedge if there are nesting birds.

15.3. 19/00708/FUL - Kingsclere Nursery, Kingsclere Bypass – Objection: The site is on the border of the settlement policy boundary. The PC don't feel it complies with Local Plan policy SS6 (f) - New Housing in the Countryside and that it doesn't fully comply with policy K6 of the Neighbourhood Plan – Reinforcing Kingsclere's Landscape Character.

15.4. 19/01008/FUL - 53 Newbury Road – New dwelling. No objection to the construction of a new dwelling but objections to the design. The PC feel the design is not in keeping with surrounding properties and the proposal to remove trees both go against policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan.

15.5. 19/01012/LDPO - Morville, The Dell – No objection.

05/19.16 – Date of next meeting:

Provisional date of Monday 10th June 2019 7:30pm in the Village Club - to be agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 20th May 2019

Meeting closed 21:10

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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