



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 07/19
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th August 2019 in the Village Club

OM 07/19 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Sawyer F; Sawyer J. BCllrs: Rhatigan; Kinnear.
Clerk – Porton; Admin Assist - Read

07/19.1 – Apologies:

CCllr Thacker; Cllr Price.

07/19.2 – Declarations of Interest:

None

07/19.3 – Minutes:

- 3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 24th June 2019 were accepted and signed.
- 3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 8th July 2019 were accepted and signed.
- 3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 15th July 2019 were accepted and signed.
- 3.4 Minutes of Planning Panel Meeting 23rd July were accepted and signed.

07/19.4 – Matters Arising:

None

07/19.5 – Chairman's Remarks:

- i) The planning application for the Holding Field car park extension has been approved. The contractor can complete the work during the autumn half term to minimise disruption to school parents. Many thanks to all involved in this project.
- ii) Following the last OM in June, the petition presented to the PC and supporting documentation was sent to Hampshire Highways and the Police and Crime Commissioner. HCC acknowledged receipt of the petition and added it to their website.
- iii) The drains in Swan Street have been unblocked, this has improved things.
- iv) Replacing the damaged bollards on Swan Street is "on the list". The PC was informed replacements have been ordered. It is unknown when they'll be installed.
- v) JS is meeting with Southern Water and a Kingsclere resident on 21st August to discuss inconveniences caused by the works continuing at the water works. It was understood works were meant to be completed by April 2019 and were not.
- vi) On 18th October JS will attend a meeting with Hampshire Pension Fund.
- vii) The PC will be at the bank holiday church fete. Cllrs to discuss and organise rota and send anything that needs printing to the Clerk by Wednesday morning.

Action: All Cllrs.

07/19.6 – VE Day 75:

May 2020 will be the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Last year the PC and various village organisations were involved in numerous events to celebrate the centenary of the end of WW1. It was proposed that the PC help promote any events by producing a leaflet closer to the time detailing any events organised. The PC ask village organisations and clubs to contact the Clerk with details of their event to be included. The Clerk included this in the August Tower, a reminder will be published closer to the time.

07/19.7 – Parking Consultation:

CM spoke to BDBC and has a contact to send the consultation findings and letter to. They are aware that they will receive it. Clerk and CM to write draft letter and circulate to Cllrs before sending.

Action: Clerk, CM.

07/19.8 – Proposal to Install Double Bench in Orchard:

It was proposed to install a double bench, that the PC already own, in the orchard facing out to the stream on one side and looking down the orchard on the other. Clerk to ask contractors to look at the area and provide quotes for installation. It was noted that the double bench is not a picnic bench, however picnic benches will be installed as the orchard project progresses.

Action: Clerk.

07/19.9 – Malthouse Open Space Work Specification:

Referred to next GP.

Action: Sept GP

07/19.10 – Replacement Benches in Recreation Ground:

Documents circulated prior to meeting. The benches on the rec are damaged and need replacing. Proposal to replace 4 benches and install a new bench in the play area at a total cost of £2135.87 + VAT. It was noted that 3 other contractors were approached to provide quotes however the PC did not receive replies.

Resolved: £2135.87 + VAT for purchase and installation of 5 benches approved.

Action: Clerk.

07/19.11 – Speed Indicator Device:

The PC has budgeted for another SID for purchase this year. Three like for like quotes were supplied to the council, it was agreed to go for the cheapest quote at £2630.52. It was noted that this quote is from the same company that installed the SID on Winchester Road and therefore the software would be compatible with what the PC already have. After a short discussion it was agreed that this SID would be installed on Basingstoke Road instead of Newbury Road, as on the agenda, as it was felt that this road was subject to a greater amount of speeding.

Resolved: £2630.52 approved for purchase and installation of SID in Basingstoke Road.

Action: Clerk.

07/19.12 – County Councillor:

No report.

Recess:

Standing orders were suspended at 20:00:

A resident was pleased that a new SID in Basingstoke Road was going to be installed and enquired as to what had happened to the old speedwatch SID – it is currently in storage. The PC are looking to get a solar panel and then install the SID in the village.

A resident raised concerns over placement of benches in the village as they are used as a gathering point for young people and there have been reports of young people using drugs in the village recently. They asked the PC to be mindful of the placement of new benches for these reasons.

A resident reported that parking near the entrance to the allotments is difficult and that they feel the bench at the entrance is in the wrong place and restricts parking. – the PC will consider what parking options could be explored for the allotments.

A resident reported problems of dog fouling in the allotments and around the village. It was suggested the PC install somewhere to tie dogs to at the entrance of the allotments to help prevent dogs being taken inside the gate. A Cllr suggested that a place to secure dogs to could be placed at the entrance to the orchard too – the PC will discuss this request at GP.

It was reported that Kingsclere Community Association has been running play days through the summer holidays thanks to the grant from the PC and other sources. 4 play days have been run so far and attendance has been high with reports of families traveling from outside the village to attend.

Action: Clerk.

Back to standing orders 20:13.

07/19.13 – Borough Councillor:

There will be elections in May 2020 for the whole borough due to ward boundary changes. BDBC's transport strategy proposals were agreed on. The A339 study is due to be completed between autumn 2019 and summer 2020. In the July council meeting BDBC declared a climate emergency for the borough. BDBC have invested in improving their own carbon footprint and will be looking onto getting the views of the public regarding this issue. BCllrs received a report from a resident regarding parking at the end of Swan Street near "the ducks". The PC do not know who owns this land, NP to do a land registry search. The bin collections routes have changed for the whole borough. Some routes have new workers who do not know the routes well and therefore some bin collections in the borough have been missed. Since the changes, 99.6% of pickups have been completed. There is an emergency Saturday round in place until November, if any bins are missed let BDBC know and they will arrange for it to be collected. A recent fly tipper dumped 100 tonnes of processed waste in the borough recently, the police have made an arrest. 2 individuals are facing prosecution for other fly tipping incidents. BDBC are in discussion with HCC and West Berkshire Council regarding renewing the Newbury recycling centre permits. It was reported that the Kingsclere Nurseries planning application is going to committee. BCllr Rhatigan will be attending a meeting this week to discuss grants. Tadley police station is being renovated and will hopefully be fully manned after November.

Action: NP.

07/19.14 – Planning Applications:

14.1 19/01976/HSE – Horsebrook, Bear Hill – comments: no parking or obstructing the junction while works are completed.

14.2 19/01878/ROC – 27A Swan Street – no objections.

14.3 19/01941/HSE – 29 Byfields Road – no objections.

07/19.15 – Clerk's Report:

15.1 North Wessex Downs Landscape Trust:

Documents circulated prior to meeting.

Resolved: £75 in support agreed for 2019. To be reviewed next year.

15.2 Grant Application – Tadley CAB £250:

Documents circulated prior to meeting.

Resolved: Grant of £250 approved.

07/19.16 – Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts for July 2019 and August 2019 were agreed and signed off.

07/19.17 – Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation:

The bank accounts for quarter end 30th June 2019 were reconciled at £83,124.43 agreed and signed off. The accounts for quarter end 31st March 2019 were amended due to a mistype, agreed and signed off.

07/19.18 – Date of next meeting:

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

07/19.19 – Exempt Business:

19.1 Staffing Levels:

After a short discussion it was agreed to increase the hours of the Administrative Assistant by 2 hours per week from 1st September 2019.

Meeting closed 20:52

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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