



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 10/19 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 25th November 2019 in the Village Club

OM 10/19 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J. BCllr Kinnear.

Clerk – Porton; Admin Assistant - Read

10/19.1 – Apologies:

BCllr Rhatigan – School Governors meeting.

Resolved: Apologies were accepted for BCllr Rhatigan.

10/19.2 – Declarations of Interest:

10/19.12 – Quotes for Handrails at Thorneley Road – NP.

10/19.3 – Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 28th October 2019 were accepted and signed with one amendment.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 11th November 2019 were accepted and signed.

10/19.4 – Matters Arising:

None.

10/19.5 – Chairman's Remarks:

- i) Many thanks to all those involved in Remembrance Sunday. Thanks to the Royal British Legion for organising the parade, to St Mary's Church for the church service and to the various village organisations and parishioners for their attendance. Thank you to the Clerk for arranging the road closures and to Cllrs for ensuring they were manned.
- ii) Congratulations to FKS for the spectacular fireworks display on 9th November. It is a wonderful fundraiser for the school and was very well attended.
- iii) Thank you to Kingsclere Players and Kingsclere Community Association for the joint effort in producing the village pantomime "Aladdin". It was a wonderful and enjoyable show.
- iv) Thanks to the Clerk and Cllrs who were involved in putting up the Christmas lights. They will be lighting up the square from 29th November.
- v) On 6th November JS attended the Citizens Advice Bureau AGM in Tadley. They provided copies of their annual review. The PC donates to them each year and the usage figures suggest it is worthwhile for Kingsclere residents. There is a home service available for Kingsclere residents who are unable to travel to Tadley. Local and national organisations were in attendance too. Report available in the office.
- vi) On 15th November J & F Sawyer attended the North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum. It included a masterclass on wildflower meadows that confirmed Kingsclere is doing the right thing. A copy of their management plan will be available to view in the office. There was also a talk from the CEO of Earth Trust about getting people involved in public open spaces.

10/19.6 – 20 Actions Parish and Town Councils Can Take on the Climate and Nature Emergency:

Document circulated prior to meeting. Document is from Friends of the Earth and the PC is already doing a lot of the actions specified. GP Committee previously agreed to recommend to full council to adopt this document as guidance. It was suggested to look at the actions in the document the PC could do at February GP and investigate how the PC can communicate to the public how the PC is thinking of the environment.

Resolved: It was agreed to adopt document as guidance.

Action: Feb GP.

It was resolved to take agenda item 9 next.

10/19.9 – Power for People Request to Support Local Electricity Bill:

The Clerk received an email from the director of Power for People asking for the PC's support in their campaign to get the Local Electricity Bill to become law. After a short discussion it was agreed the PC need more information before it can make any decision on supporting this cause or not. Clerk to contact and ask for more information.

Action: Clerk

10/19.7 – Review of Draft Budget 2020/21:

The 2020/2021 budget will be signed off at January OM. January FE requires final figures for projects in order to balance the budget. It was noted that allowances need to be put in for the replacement of the Millennium Trail Plaques and finishing the works on the Holding Field Car Park including the installation of a height rail at the entrance; all of which need discussing at January GP. It was noted that all the required works in the old cemetery would need to be completed at the same time at a cost of between £15,000 and £20,000. It was suggested the PC forward plan the works and make provision in the budget to build reserves over the next 2-3 years in order to pay for the project. It was noted that posts would need to be purchased to install the new rules and regulations signs in the Holding Field and the Recreation Ground and that this needs to be budgeted for. It was suggested that £1000 be taken from the £3,500 allocated to the Cemetery from reserves and put towards the budget for the Holding Field improvements.

Action: Jan GP

10/19.8 – Review of Standing Orders:

Document circulated prior to meeting. It was noted that there was one typo on page 13 paragraph C.

Resolved: Document unanimously approved with one amendment.

10/19.10 – BDBC Request for Information on Open Space and Play Projects:

The PC has received the annual request from BDBC on more information on how the PC wishes to spend S106 funds. It was agreed to: change the target date for Community Facilities to May 2021; remove the Love Lane footpath project; amend the description of the Popes Hill footpath project; change the project figure to £25,000 and the target completion date to winter 2021 for the MHOS; amend the description for the Community Orchard, change the project figure to £3000 and change the target date to September 2020; and merge the last three projects on the Holding Field into one listed project.

10/19.11 – SID Upgrade for Newbury Road:

It was proposed to upgrade the old Speedwatch SID to solar power at a cost of £500 excluding VAT. This has been previously approved at last GP but needed full council approval due to the cost. The location for installation still needs to be established. £500 excluding VAT for SID upgrade was approved.

Resolved: £500 excluding VAT for SID upgrade approved.

Action: Clerk. Jan GP.

Recess:

Standing orders were suspended at 20:27:

A resident reported that during the Parish Paths group meet up they noticed a gap in the footpath along Gaily Brook where one of the boards is missing. – *Thank you, the Clerk will inform HCC.*

It was reported that there is a large growth of watercress by the Water Works and would it be possible to volunteer to remove it. – *The land belongs to Southern Water. The Clerk will write and inform them that there is an offer of volunteer assistance to remove the watercress.*

Back to standing orders 20:31.

10/19.12 – Handrails for the Steps at Thorneley Road:

It was proposed to accept a quote of £800 excluding VAT to install two handrails on each of the two sets of steps between Ashford Hill Road and Thorneley Road. It was noted the Clerk sought quotes from three other contractors without success. The quote for £800 excluding VAT was accepted.

Resolved: £800 excluding VAT for four handrails accepted.

It was noted that Cllr N Peach abstained from this vote due to a conflict of interest.

10/19.13 – BDBC Plan 2020 to 2024 and Budget 2020 to 2021 Consultation:

Document circulated prior to meeting. The deadline for submission is 1st January 2020. The Chairman went through the document and Cllrs agreed on answers. Chairman to write extra comments on behalf of the PC.

Resolved: JS.

10/19.14 – County Councillor:

No report. It was noted that JS will contact Cllr Thacker about the lack of response from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the speeding petition and follow up letters the PC has sent.

10/19.15 – Borough Councillor:

The draft Council Plan 2020 to 2024 and Budget 2020 to 2021 Consultation is available for residents to complete, closing date is 1st January 2020. CK attended the Citizens Advice Bureau AGM in Tadley. CK is on the CSPO (Community Safety Patrol Officer) task and finish group and will show some local CSPOs around the village on Thursday. BDBC currently has nine CSPOs and has budgeted for two more. CK was asked how the CSPOs can be contacted – the Clerk will circulate their email addresses. CK joined a SERCO bin collection crew and commented that it would assist crews if residents put house numbers on bins, free stickers are available from BDBC. The Local Plan monthly newsletter is now available. The PC hasn't heard anything regarding the outline planning permission on the Fawconer Road site – if more than five people have written to BDBC with concerns it will go to the Planning Committee. The PC hasn't heard anything regarding the Gas Works – CK will ask KR.

10/19.16 – Planning Applications:

16.1 19/03009/HSE – 3 Bear Hill – No objections.

10/19.17 – Clerk's Report:

17.1 CPRE Membership Appeal for Funds:

The PC has received a request for £50 from CPRE. The PC is a member of CPRE and pay £50 per year. For the past 3 years the PC has received this additional monetary request from them at this time of year.

Resolved: £50 for CPRE approved.

The Clerk displayed a poster for the Mayor's Carol Service on 8th December 7:30pm at St Michael's Church.

10/19.18 – Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts for November 2019 were agreed and signed off.

10/19.19 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 27th January 2020 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21:00

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

Distribution: Cllrs: S Adams; I Bowes; M Farey; C Mussett; N Peach; R Peach; A Price; F Sawyer and J Sawyer.

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