



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 06/22 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 10th October 2022 in the Village Club

GP 06/22 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Conquest; Farey; Peach N; Clerk – Ackrill.

06/22.1 – Apologies:

Cllr Sawyer

06/22.2 – Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Bowes and Peach both hold interest in Allotments.

Questions from the Public:

No Public were present.

06/22.3 – Trees:

3.1. Replacement Trees:

Initially two replacement trees were required in the Community Orchard but since time of agenda being posted, three Trees in total have been vandalised and have subsequently died. It was agreed three replacements would be required. NP suggested cost would be £23 per tree as more established trees were required; delivery would be £14. Cost to be ratified at the next Full Council Meeting.

Action: NP

3.2. Eight Trees Grown On:

There is a Silver Birch to go on the grass area in George Street. Two cherry trees which could go in the stream end of the Orchard, One Oak Tree could possibly go in the far corner of the Recreation Ground beyond the wildflower meadow. The other Oaks can go in the hedgerow in the cemetery.

3.3. Woodland Trust Trees:

There are 200 saplings due to be delivered soon which were obtained through a grant from the Woodland Trust. After discussion it was agreed to continue filling the hedgerow to the boundary of the old Cemetery along the bank above the Fieldgate Centre.

3.4. Memorial Tree:

After discussion it was agreed to ask parishioners' views on the type of tree to plant in memorial to Queen Elizabeth II and ask for suggestions of where the tree could be planted. This would need to be an accessible and permitted piece of ground.

Action: DC

06/22.4 – Malthouse Open Space Project:

The project needs to be split into manageable segments, and all present agreed safety should be considered first. KPC would look towards obtaining a quote for Pond Edging / Bank Stabilising, Dog Dip ramp and a potential Dam initially. A specification will be drawn up and an estimate obtained. KPC to register on the Good Exchange. A project should then be submitted for which funds are sought. This will require the estimate to justify the funds sought. Aim will be to seek funding particularly from Greenham Trust who offer match funding grants.

Action: IB CM

06/22.5 – Allotment Coverings:

NP suggested some of the recently vacated allotments could be strimmed and covered to kill the weeds, making them easier to re let at the end of the year. There are couple of plots which aren't as bad which the office is currently working to allocate to those on the wait list. It was agreed to purchase 2 sheets, both of which would cover a half plot, which can be re used in the future when a plot is not used. The allotments charging and letting process may need to be addressed before new agreements are issued in 2023 to cover the cost of reinstating returned untended plots. Matter to be placed on Finance agenda. Sum agreed for 2 plastic sheets to be ratified at next Full Meeting.

Action: NP Clerk

06/22.6 – Replacement Orchard Bench:

KPC has the insurance money to replace the stolen Orchard picnic bench. NP will apply for the remaining balance from S106 funds in order the replacement can be ordered.

Action: NP

06/22.7 – Replacement Hand Sanitiser Dispenser in Allotment Toilet Block:

The dispenser on the outside of the toilet building has been broken. Following discussion, it was agreed not to replace it. The remaining sanitiser will be used to continue refilling the Litter Warden's bottles.

06/22.8 – S106 Developer Contributions:

Clerk will find out exactly how much money KPC can spend as statements seem to differ. It was also agreed that the Clerk to the Council will ask if any of the sums in S106 can be used to go towards the fence and installing play equipment in the Recreation Ground.

Action: Clerk

06/22.9 – Painting of Railings Brimley Hill:

Two of the railings on the HCC Footpath behind the Bel and Dragon were painted by the Lengthsman which is a labour scheme funded by HCC. KPC received a request from a resident to paint the remaining 12 or 13 railings. As they are on land not owned by KPC and as such may either belong to residents or HCC, it was agreed KPC cannot help with this request as KPC would have to pay for materials and it would set a precedent for similar future requests in and around the village.

Resolved: Agreed that KPC cannot fulfil resident's request to paint remaining railings

06/22.10 – Making a Difference Awards:

Following discussion, it was agreed to discuss the format, timing, and budget for the 2023 awards at October FE and OM.

Action: Oct FE. Oct OM.

06/22.11 – Health and Safety:

11.1. Risk Assessments:

Some assessments are still outstanding. DC and Clerk are meeting next week to look over the completed assessments and to discuss any large concerns which either need immediate attention or budget expenditure for next year.

Action: All Cllrs, DC and Clerk

11.2. Litter Warden's Trolley:

The current trolley is too big and will not travel over rougher ground. It was agreed to investigate a new lighter trolley in order for KPC to comply with health and safety requirements and that the Litter Warden has the correct tools to do the job. Options were considered and the Clerk and DC were issued with a £75 budget to research and talk to the litter warden about the best trolley for the job. Expenditure to be ratified at next Full meeting.

Resolved: £75 budget for new litter warden trolley agreed. DC and Clerk to research and source.

Action: Clerk, DC

06/22.12 – Planning Applications:

12.1. T/00415/22/TCA 27 George Street:

Concern over lack of detail on this application, possibly a crown reduction would be enough. Clerk asked to investigate possible TPO application.

Action: Clerk

12.2. T/00419/22/TCA The Lodge Foxs Lane:

No objection or comments.

12.3. 22/02567/LBC Surdeval 13 North Street:

No objection or comments.

06/22.13 – Matters for Future Consideration:

No items were raised.

06/22.14 – Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 14th November 2022 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21:07

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

Distribution: Cllrs: S Adams; I Bowes; D Conquest; M Farey; C Mussett; N Peach; R Peach; and J Sawyer.

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