



Minutes of Kingsclere's Annual Parish Meeting
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd May 2022 in the Village Club

Present:

Representatives from: Girlguiding Kingsclere; Greener Kingsclere; The Tower; Kingsclere Charities; Kingsclere Community Association; Kingsclere Library; Kingsclere Local History Association; Kingsclere Performing Arts and Youth Centre; Kingsclere Photo Club; Kingsclere Village Club; Kingsclere Youth Club; Kingsclere Youth Football. PCSO Rivett. Chris Boulton – CEO Greenham Trust.

Parish Councillors: Adams; Bowes; Conquest; Farey; Jones; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Sawyer. CCllr Thacker. BCllr Morrow. Parish Clerk – Ackrill; Assistant Parish Clerk – Read. Nine other members of the public.

1. Welcome:

KPC Chairman introduced KPC Cllrs and explained their individual responsibilities. He thanked them for their continued hard work. He also welcomed guest speaker Chris Boulton and introduced the newly elected BCllr Kerry Morrow.

2. Apologies:

None.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the APM held on 1st April 2019 were accepted by those present at the meeting and signed.

4. Guest Speaker:

Chris Boulton, CEO of the Greenham Trust, spoke about the founding in 1997 and history of the Greenham Trust, its unique business model, how it works, current projects and future plans. He explained they have given over £64 million in grants to around 5000 different recipients in West Berkshire and North Hampshire. Parishes. He gave an overview of how they adapted to help the community during the Covid 19 pandemic, how it has set up appeals to help support Afghan refugees and people affected by the war in Ukraine. He answered some questions from the public after he had finished his presentation.

5. Chairman's Review of the Parish Council 2021 – 2022:

The Chairman explained Cllrs had given over 400 hours of volunteer time to attend council meetings and thanked them for their excellent work. He spoke about financial planning, the increase of the precept by an average of 27p per week, the possibility of KPC taking over the running of the public toilets, the future of 24 Swan Street, the continuing issues with the Cemetery and non-compliance with the rules and regulations, the complexity of looking after 14 acres of KPC owned land, and the issues of road safety which KPC has taken actions to address. He mentioned projects and events KPC had attended and run such as the Church Fete, Spring Clean and the Making a Difference Awards, in collaboration with Kingsclere Community Association. He concluded by announcing his intention to stand down as Chairman this year and retire from KPC in 2023 after a decade of volunteering.

6. Reports from County and Borough Councillors:

CCllr Tom Thacker stated that John Sawyer has led one of the most efficient councils he had worked with in his six years as a County Councillor, and thanked him for his hard work with KPC. [County Councillor's report is attached in Appendix 1.](#) BCllr Kerry Morrow reported that he had been in post for two weeks and attended the Mayor Making ceremony, and is on the Community Environment and Partnerships Committee. He thanked everyone who voted in the Borough elections and reported there had been a 37% turnout.

7. Reports from Village Organisations:

Reports were received from: Girlguiding Kingsclere; Greener Kingsclere; The Tower; Kingsclere Charities; Kingsclere Community Association; Kingsclere Library; Kingsclere Local History Association; Kingsclere Neighbourhood Planning Group; Kingsclere Photo Club; Kingsclere Village Club; and Kingsclere Youth Football. The Chairman of KPC thanked the representatives for their reports.

PCSO Rivett was called away and had to leave the meeting early, his [Police report is attached in Appendix 2.](#)

8. Public Questions and Comments:

Members of the public raised concerns about the missing drain cover by Coppice Road and potholes. They asked who was responsible for the maintenance of graves in the Churchyard, which is the grave owner, not the Parish Council, and asked if litter picking could be concentrated around Gordon's bench. CCllr Thacker mentioned the [Hampshire County Council website](#) where there is information on grants available for Parish and Town Councils.

Meeting closed 21:41

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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Appendix 1 – Report from County Councillor Tom Thacker:

Hampshire County Councillor

Annual Parish Meeting Report 2022

Facts and Figures:

Hampshire's population is 1,389,200 (2020) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains 5400 miles of roads, 4300 miles pavements, 474 maintained schools for 138,000 pupils, 52 academy schools for 38,000 pupils, 10 residential homes for children and young people, 18 Older Persons Care Homes and 5 Country Parks.

Budget HCC approves £2.4 billion spending on local services in 2022/2023:

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work following the pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.

The annual council tax charge has risen by 2.99%, of which 1% is for adults' social care. The budget includes £556.2 million of capital expenditure over the next three years to boost jobs, the quality of the environment and to tackle climate change.

The proposed capital programme includes:

- £109 million in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire
- £136 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years
- £109 million for integrated transport schemes including over £50 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements
- £95 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years following the £33 million for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls that took place in 2021-2022

Climate Change:

Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to the impacts of a 2% rise in average temperature and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

County Deal:

"In line with our level of ambition, we are prepared to work through the details of a Combined Authority with a Directly Elected Leader."

"Pan Hampshire's sub-geography will be reflected through area-based collaboration building on existing partnerships. These will be included in the structure of a Deal – i.e. North, Central, and South Area Groups."

The County Deal will devolve to a Combined Authority the powers to:

- Deliver strategic services
- Support local businesses
- Develop and control local strategic transport
- Make strategic and long-term investments
- Give adults the skills needed by the labour market
- Control local infrastructure decisions
- Keep the public healthy and safe. This includes control over the Police and Crime Commissioner's functions
- Rate taxes and business tax supplements towards funding the above.

Hampshire is proposing a Directly elected Leader, rather than a Mayor, to lead a cabinet of County and District members.

Waste and Recycling:

In November I wrote to Kit Malthouse and Cllr Rob Humby about the need for a national or at least regional approach to access to Recycling Centres, so that the current cross-border charging, such as that being made by West Berkshire Hampshire Residents' access to the Newtown Road site, can be resolved.

Last month a government consultation paper was published, which proposes to put greater costs onto waste authorities by allowing DIY waste to be accepted without charge. There was no mention of cross-border charging, so sadly the situation remains the same.

New Leadership:

Rob Humby
Roz Chadd

Appendix 2 – Police Report for Kingsclere:

Kingsclere is a large village and civil parish that is situated approximately equidistant 13 kilometres (8.1 mi)) from the towns of Basingstoke and Newbury on the A339. This report will show the occurrences for the last 60 days.

ASB X5

- YOUTHS - ASB, SMASHING BOTTLES IN THE ROAD OUTSIDE HER PROPERTY.
- Report of quad bike without VRM being ridden up and down the road
- A group of youths were messing around by the premises and in the car park at the rear. Potential customers drove into the car park and left telling us they were not comfortable leaving their vehicle in case it was broken into. Shortly after that they were looking at our customers through a window and then threw a number of eggs at the windows and ran off.
- Informant reporting a group of males throwing eggs at their businesses. Shops spoken to by officers about the selling of eggs to the younger generation.
- Informant reporting someone throwing an egg at her property.

Assault with injury X2

Assault without injury X7

Concern for Safety X3

- Informant wants to report someone as missing that lives in the Hampshire.
- Informant reporting she feels vulnerable and wants to take their life.
- Concern for children at an address.

Dangerous Driving X2

- Informant reporting a tractor driving and swerving between lanes. No further action due to minimal evidence.
- Vehicle travelling towards Newbury A339 swerving all over the place crossing the white line.

Malicious Communications X2

Public Order

- Male has made threats to informant. Appropriate action taken.

Road Related Incidents X3

- Vehicle conducting a reckless overtake which caused a risk of a collision. Written warning but no formal action taken.
- Vehicle driving with no MOT.
- Minor injury road traffic collision.

Suspicious person and sus other X 2

- Caller states that she can hear a male shouting 'help me' over the fence near to the roundabout.

Suspicious Vehicle X 2

- Car and the two front tyres of the vehicle are so worn the metal is poking through.
- Vehicle seen swerving all over the road.

Thefts x 4

- Parcel Stolen – No suspect identified.
- Park Bench has been stolen overnight- Nothing seen or heard
- Theft of Purse - No suspect identified
- 80 litres of cooking oil stolen from rear of the pub – Vehicle identified

Firearms x 6

- Management of Shotgun licence holders