



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council
General Purposes Meeting GP 04/23
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th November 2023 in the Village Club

GP 04/23 – Present:

Cllrs: Conquest; Gaines; Jonas; Mussett; Peach N; Clerk – Ackrill.

04/23.1 – Apologies: Cllr Gaines

04/23.2 – Declarations of Interest: Cllr Peach – Item 4

04/23.3 - Questions from the Public: One member of the public in attendance to discuss the Malt House Open Space project – Chairman invited discussion during item 5.

It was suggested that item 5 be discussed next on order resident could have the option of leaving afterwards. All present agreed.

04/23.5 – Allotment Parking: Email received questioning the parking at the allotments now the gate is shut for the winter months. Following discussion, it was agreed not practical to open the gate and allow parking inside the gate there isn't enough space and the ground. KPC will check if parking opposite the limes is permitted.

Action: Clerk and NP

04/23.4– Malthouse Open Space Project (MHOS): Chair invited Andrew Slater to join the meeting at this point. Andrew is representing a group of volunteers who all have an interest in moving the MHOS project forward. The group met last year and now wanted to seek advice and views from KPC on the status of the project to date, in order nothing is overlooked or duplicated, and so ideas already discounted can be shared. The group are aware the MHOS Report on the website. It was confirmed to Andrew that Basingstoke and Deane BC own the land and there is a management plan in place. Cllr Peach will send a copy of the plan over to Andrew for the group's information, all agreed the management plan needed updating, several points from the Malthouse Project Meeting held in Dec 22 were discussed, the water levels, the pond water source, the dam, erosion, silt build up and the current outlets from the pond. The raising of the water level to drive ecology, the discussion of the posts on the rough side need to be planned and the associated risks if any need to be investigated. The MHOS will go on the next GP in February for review.

Action: NP to send across the current management plan and licence. Andrew will draft revised version.

04/23.6– Village Deep Clean: Email from a resident following discussion on social media about the state of some of the Pavement and gullies around many areas of the village. Following a discussion, it was agreed sadly that KPC cannot be involved, our insurance would not allow for volunteers to work on or beside a highway. Clerk was asked to write to the resident to explain the restrictions on a volunteer group organised by the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

04/23.7 – Mowing and Maintenance: The RFO has held a meeting with current contractors highlighting a few points for discussion a) started cutting in March agreed good option but not to add additional cuts in just alter the cycle we have. B) Ad hoc jobs like leaf clearance to be given approximate date. C) Increase in Cemetery Strimming hours due to increase in grave numbers since schedule was written – after discussion 2 hours per month was agreed. D) Holding Field / Basingstoke Road hedge difficult to keep far enough off the pavement. – KPC will look for a quote for next autumn to cut back to 4 feet. Allotment concern over accessibility on one path around the edge (Playground side) Contractors will be asked to cut where they can and letters will go out with renewals.

04/23.8 – Health and Safety: Concern over notice board – The Clerk in discussion with Chairman has ordered additional legs following the decision to alter the layout from back to back to side by side.

04/23.9 – Planning Matters:

9.1 23/02664/FUL 3 Swan Street – no objections or comments

9.2 T/00476/23/TCA 31 Cedar Drive no objections or comments.

9.3 T/00488/23/TCA 25 Newbury Road – no objections or comments

04/23.10 – Matters for Future Consideration: No items raised

04/23.11 – Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 12th February 2024 7:30pm in the Village Club.

04/23.12 – Exempt Business – to propose and pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for the discussion of the following matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

12.1 To discuss the Tennis Club (TC) Lease – Response to the proposed Heads of Term for new lease received now from the Tennis Club and circulated. The Cllrs discussed response and revision. Update on new lease plan - quote to draw up new plan of the area received, all agreed to accept but this requires ratification at next OM.

Resolved: Revised Heads of Term agreed, CM will liaise verbally with TC, Clerk and NP will draft the document to be forwarded.

Action: NP CM Clerk

12.2 Bowls Club – New lease plan quote accepted, to be ratified at next OM. Solicitor is drawing up the new Lease should be completed shortly for circulation.

Resolved: Agreed go ahead draw up new lease plan

Action: NP

Meeting closed 20.45

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

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