



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 01/20 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th January 2020 in the Village Club

GP 01/20 – Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Sawyer J. Clerk – Porton; Admin Assistant – Read.

01/20.1 – Apologies:

Cllr N Peach.

Resolved: Apologies were accepted for Cllr N Peach.

01/20.2 – Declarations of Interest:

None.

01/20.3 – Matters Arising:

None.

01/20.4 – Volunteers Week 1st – 7th June 2020:

It was suggested to contact the Chairman of the Village Club to see if the VC would be interested in collaborating with the Kingsclere Community Association and/or the Parish Council to organise an event to thank volunteers in the village and encourage more people to volunteer. A drop in type event with a BBQ was suggested as a possible idea. JS to write something for the June Tower to thank all volunteers in the village for their hard work. IB to look at the Fieldgate Centre diary.

Action: JS, IB.

01/20.5 – Tree Inventory:

Deferred to next GP.

Action: Feb GP.

01/20.6 – Risk Assessments:

Cllrs to complete their risk assessments for review at February GP. Clerk to send reminders to Cllrs.

Action: All Cllrs, Clerk. Feb GP.

01/20.7 – Byelaws:

Deferred to next GP.

Action: Feb GP.

01/20.8 – Cemetery:

8.1 Rules and Regulations:

The Clerk is currently reviewing the Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery. The Clerk gave examples of some aspects that had been changed and there was a short discussion regarding no dogs, except from assistance dogs, being allowed in the Cemetery. It was reported that there are PSPOs in effect at the Cemetery that prohibit dogs. It was reported the “No Dogs” rule for the Cemetery has been questioned by residents in the past. It was agreed to contact BDBC to establish progress on revising PSPOs as KPC would wish to input. It was agreed to leave the interment days as Monday to Friday but add that Saturdays should be permitted by special prior arrangement. It was noted that the Rules and Regulations can be reviewed at any time. Revised Rules and Regulations to be circulated for next GP.

Action: Clerk. Feb GP.

8.2 Car Park:

It was reported that the old gates in the Cemetery were rotten and were therefore removed. The Clerk has since received reports from residents that there has been alcohol consumption and drug use in the Cemetery car park on numerous occasions. Clerk to report these concerns to the Police and BDBC PCSO's and CSPO's and ask for advice to help tackle this problem. Clerk to source quotes for replacement gates.

Action: Clerk.

01/20.9 – Great British Spring Clean 20th March – 13th April 2020:

KPC's GBSC event held last year was a success with a large amount of public support. It was agreed to hold another event this year with the same format. 28th March 10-1pm was agreed as the date and time. Event to be advertised in The Tower, on social media, the website and on posters. RP can provide a gazebo. It was suggested to liaise with the coffee morning in St Mary's Church to perhaps provide drinks for volunteers.

Action: Clerk, Admin. Feb GP.

01/20.10 – Manydown Outline Planning Application – Update (17/00818/OUT):

No response. It was noted the PC remain concerned over the impact this development will have on the A339.

01/20.11 – Churchyard:

The Clerk approached three companies to quote for tree works required in the Churchyard. Two companies provided quotes. It was agreed to accept the quote of £1620 + VAT for the pollarding of the Lime trees. It was agreed accept quotes of £150 + VAT and £70 + VAT for the works on the two Yew trees and the quote of £100 + VAT to remove the dead Cherry tree. Agreed quotes to go to January OM for approval.

Action: Clerk. Jan OM.

01/20.12 – Trees:

The Clerk approached three companies to quote for tree works required in the MHOS and Holding Field. Two companies provided quotes. It was agreed to accept quotes of £450 + VAT each to fell two diseased Ash trees in the MHOS and the quotes of £100 + VAT and £200 + VAT to fell the diseased Elm tree and two dead Elm trees in the Holding Field respectively. Agreed quotes to go to January OM for approval.

Action: Clerk. Jan OM.

01/20.13 – Holding Field Hedge:

Clerk to source additional quotes for January OM.

Action: Clerk. Jan OM.

01/20.14 – Land Transfer from BDBC:

Document circulated prior to meeting. Clerk and Cllrs went through the questions asked by BDBC regarding the land transfer and provided answers. Clerk to reply.

Action: Clerk.

01/20.15 – BDBC Housing and Homelessness Strategy for 2020 to 2024:

It was agreed to send a response in support of the document. The PC recommends BDBC invest in local communities to prevent homelessness, especially in 16 – 20 year olds, with a push for provision of social housing, not affordable housing. Clerk to send response.

Action: Clerk.

01/20.16 – Traffic Calming Measures:

SA and the Clerk met with a representative of HCC in November 2019. They raised no issues with the proposed locations for white gates. SA and Clerk asked for clarification regarding if KPC can install white gates without going through the Community Funded Initiative route, the answer is yes but would need HCC approval and use HCC approved contractors. If KPC went through the CFI route, HCC would be responsible for the complete works. It was reported the HCC representative estimated the cost would be between £2,000 and £3,000 per pair of gates. SA has since received a quote from HCC of £30,000 for six pairs of gates, meaning the cost is £5,000 per pair through the CFI route. SA is waiting for a breakdown of the figures.

01/20.17 – Recreation Ground:**17.1 Handrail at The Dell Steps:**

It was reported the handrail is rusted at one end and needs replacing. It was agreed to ask the same contractor that installed the handrails on the Thorneley Road steps for a quote to replace it.

Action: Clerk.

17.2 Play Area Fencing:

The fence was rotten and was removed. Clerk to source quotes for replacement fence from play suppliers.

Action: Clerk.

01/20.18 – Community Orchard:

Budget of £150 for hedgehog boxes, bird boxes and a compost bin approved.

Resolved: Budget of £150 approved.

01/20.19 – Village Litter Bins:

The Clerk emptied the bins over the Christmas break and reported incidents of fly tipping in bins including cat litter and electrical items. The number of bins in the village was raised and the suggestion of fewer bins was put forward. It was noted the bins vary in design and age; it was suggested KPC look into replacing the bins with a design that would help prevent fly tipping. It was agreed to remove the open topped bins, the ones reported as the worst for fly tipping, and the Clerk should source some quotes for new bins.

Action: Clerk

01/20.20 – Poster Competition:

It was noted that this item should be titled “Poster Competition” not “Posting Competition” as written on the agenda. It was suggested to ask Lord Huntingdon to be a judge alongside Cllr J Sawyer. JS to write to him and ask. It was agreed the awards presentation be at the PC’s GBSC event on 28th March at 11am.

Action: JS, Admin. Feb GP.

01/20.21 – Holding Field and Recreation Ground Signs:

Designs circulated prior to meeting. Some alterations were suggested to make the wording easier to read. Clerk to source quotes for designs to be put onto metal signage. Admin to make design alterations.

Action: Clerk, Admin. Feb GP.

01/20.22 – Holocaust Memorial Day:

2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. It was agreed the PC should recognise this anniversary. It was agreed a spray of white flowers with an appropriate message be placed on the war memorial at 1pm on 27th January. It was suggested to ask the Vicar if he wishes to be involved. Event to be advertised on SM and website. FS to source flowers.

Action: FS, Admin.

01/20.23 – Lengthsman:

15 hours are scheduled for the Lengthsman in February. Cleaning signs on the A339 and clearing leaves from footpaths were identified as issues that need addressing. Clerk to ask Lengthsman to clean signs on A339 and clear leaves from footpaths, as well as check all signage and clean any that require it.

Action: Clerk.

01/20.24 – Highways Issues:

No issues to report. It was noted that JS has reported numerous issues to Hampshire Highways recently.

01/20.25 – Action List:

Deferred to next GP. It was agreed to put this item at the top of the next GP agenda. Cllrs to provide Clerk with updated items by noon on 3rd February.

Action: All Cllrs. Feb GP

01/20.26 – Planning Applications:

26.1 T/00544/19TCA – Crown House, North Street: No objections.

26.2 T/00549/19/TCA – 4 Canons Court: No objections.

26.3 19/03353/FUL – Cottismore Garden Centre: Objections. The Transport Statement prepared for the Greenham Common Trust is factually incorrect. Paragraph 3.3.1 states “the access road allows for two-way traffic with three generous passing bays” with two photos. The photographs are not a true representation of the access of the narrow entrance. Subsequently to the photographs being taken, some red & white oil drums have been placed which clearly show the width of the permitted access which is inadequate for container lorries to turn in safely. The proposal also does not meet Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan policy K6, Reinforcing Kingsclere’s Landscape Character. The proposed screening is inadequate. If the containers are loaded on top of one another they would be visible from the village across the fields and most probably from the village. The Parish Council suggest that Greenham Business Park would be a more suitable site for this type of business where screening and landscaping could be more easily achieved.

26.4 19/03407/HSE – 33 Cedar Drive: No objections.

26.5 19/03031/LDEU – Caravan At Yew Tree Farm, Basingstoke Road: No objections.

01/20.12 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 10th February 2020 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 21:10

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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