



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 09/20
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th November 2020
Using Zoom Online Meeting Software

GP 09/20 – Present:

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

09/20.1 – Apologies:

Cllr Price.

Resolved: Apologies accepted for Cllr Price.

09/20.2 – Declarations of Interest:

None.

09/20.3 – Matters Arising:

3.1. 08/20.5 Dog Signage:

The Clerk reported that since last GP, BDBC were contacted regarding dog signage in play areas. BDBC advised that it has similar dog signage located in play areas, whilst they are not included in any PSPO, BDBC find the vast majority of dog walkers are responsible and do not allow dogs into play parks. It was agreed a discussion on what actions KPC could take regarding dog signage should be held at next GP.

Action: Jan GP

09/20.4 – Cemetery:

4.1. Request for a Wedge Memorial in Ashes Plot:

KPC received a request to install a wedge memorial in an ashes plot rather than the approved form of memorial, a flat memorial stone that sits flush with the ground. The request was based on not wanting a lawnmower to pass over the memorial stone and that a wedge shape would help preserve the memorial against the weather. It was noted that ashes plots are strimmed, not mowed over. It was agreed that there should not be an exception to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations (R&R) as they are in place to ensure the Cemetery is managed for the long term. It was noted that there are some memorials that do not comply with the Cemetery R&R as there were erroneous memorial applications where the memorials were incorrectly described and the non-compliance with Cemetery R&Rs only became apparent once the memorials were installed; in these instances KPC had previously discussed options and agreed to be more vigilant in future. It was agreed to deny this request but give assurance to the family that the memorials are strimmed and are treated with the respect they deserve. Clerk to contact the family.

Resolved: Permission for a wedge memorial stone denied.

Action: Clerk.

4.2. Request to Repair a Historical Grave Memorial:

The Clerk received a forwarded communication from a member of the public regarding who's permission would be required to repair or replace the grave of the former landlady of The Crown, Rose Amelia Napper, who was killed in the Kingsclere shooting of 1944. The Clerk has searched for records of family members who may be responsible for the grave with no results. Permission would need to be sought from KPC, however with no proposal to consider this cannot be given at this time. KPC however do not have any issue with the suggestion in principle. The question was raised over who would pay for the repair, it was agreed that whilst the KPC does want a well maintained cemetery KPC is not liable for the maintenance and repair of individual graves as this is the long-term responsibility of the families. It was suggested that Kingsclere Royal British Legion (KRBL) or The Crown may be interested in contributing. Clerk to respond to the member of the public and advise that KPC need a proposal to assess before permission is considered and suggest they approach The Crown and/or KRBL.

Action: Clerk.

09/20.5 – Orchard Artwork Competition:

Entries for the Orchard artwork competition closed on 31st October. Cllrs were asked to suggest local artists KPC could approach to be judges, six people were suggested. It was agreed KPC should organise a Zoom meeting with willing judges to discuss entries with the aim of judging taking place by the end of December and results announced by the end of January. It was agreed there would be one winner and two runners up and a budget of £30 was agreed for prizes. Admin Assistant to contact possible judges.

Resolved: Budget of £30 agreed

09/20.6 – Rabbit Control on the Sports Pitches at the Fieldgate Centre:

It was reported there is currently a rabbit problem on all the Fieldgate Centre playing fields which is causing severe trip hazards and health and safety concerns. BDBC own the fields and has proposed that pest control is brought in to resolve the issue. BDBC wish to engage with the local community to advertise this matter and promote community understanding on why this action is necessary. BDBC has this issue on other BDBC owned playing fields so may adopt a Borough wide pest control action for BDBC owned playing fields. It was noted it is usual practice to control rabbits on sports fields. KPC has no issue with the proposed action as it

fulfils a legitimate aim which is to reduce health and safety concerns. It was agreed it is not KPC's place to advertise this action, however KPC recommend BDBC place a notice in the Tower to inform residents.

09/20.7 – Telephone Box on Crown Green:

The BT phone box on Crown Green has been identified for possible removal. KPC could obtain planning permission for a heritage phone box on the same location; similar to the container on the Holding Field as discussed at September GP (Minutes ref GP 07/20.15). It was agreed that in principle this was a good idea, though there were some queries that would need to be answered. CM suggested he writes a paper combining the proposals for the phone box, Holding Field container, and the possible installation of a flagpole at the Ecchinswell Road Cemetery. It was agreed CM would make enquiries to BDBC to investigate and Planning permission requirements, and prepare a proposal to be considered at OM.

Action: CM.

09/20.8 – Bike Hoops:

KPC has several bike hoops in storage for which installation locations are needed. Crown Green, allotments and the Fieldgate Centre were suggested. HCC approval would need to be sought as it owns Crown Green and it was noted both The Crown and the Kingsclere Royal British Legion (KRBL) should be consulted before bike hoops were installed on Crown Green, as the KRBL Memorial Garden is located there and KRBL regularly use Crown Green. Cllrs to think of other areas to install bike hoops. CM to prepare proposal for OM.

Action: CM. All Cllrs.

09/20.9 – Office and Storeroom Lease:

Kingsclere Village Club (KVC) has requested KPC pay for a repair to a floorboard in the storage room KPC rent from KVC as per item 10 of the rental lease, costing £75.00. It was noted this floorboard has been damaged since before the Clerk's time at KPC, over five years, and was damaged at the beginning of KPC's current rental lease with KVC. It was reported that a solicitor for KVC has looked at the lease and has concluded KPC is liable to pay. It was agreed that KPC require a copy of the schedule of condition referred to in item 10 of the lease and that if the amount to repair was greater, KPC's decision may be different. It was agreed that KPC dispute its liability, but as a gesture of goodwill agree to pay £75.00 to repair the floorboard on this occasion, with no acceptance of fault. KPC request a copy of the schedule from KVC.

Resolved: £75.00 to repair floorboard agreed, as a gesture of goodwill.

09/20.10 – Making A Difference Awards:

KPC organise and host the Kingsclere Making A Difference Awards. Given the current situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic, the usual event that KPC would organise will not be able to go ahead in January 2021. It was agreed not to organise any event for the time being and revisit this subject in the new year. It was agreed the Clerk would put a note in the December Tower informing residents that KPC will look to organise something later in 2021, and that KPC would look for nominations in early 2021.

Action: Clerk. Jan GP.

09/20.11 – Litter Bin Replacement Schedule:

Some of the litter bins in the parish are in poor condition. The Clerk enquired with BDBC if the litter bins in the village are on the same replacement schedule as elsewhere in the Borough and was told yes. BDBC noted that litter bins located on KPC owned land are KPC's responsibility and provided information on the litter bins BDBC usually installs. There are currently eight litter bins on KPC owned land, three on the Holding Field (HF) and five on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to replace the bins and purchase two additional bins for the HF, as well as request BDBC install a litter bin by the Orchard. It was agreed to budget for ten new litter bins at approximately £129 each, plus any additional cost for fixings, in the 2021/2022 budget.

Action: Jan FE

09/20.12 – Planning Applications:

12.1. 20/02974/GPDADW – Frobury Farm, Ecchinswell Road:

It was agreed KPC would submit comments. KPC has concerns over the design and external appearance of the building as according to the submitted application and description, it would appear the building will look like a turkey shed with windows and doors added. KPC considered this not a suitable design for a residential dwelling.

09/20.13 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 11th January 2021 7:30pm using Zoom Virtual Meeting Software unless government restrictions in place for Covid-19 are lifted, in which case normal meeting procedures will resume in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 20:57

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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