Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 02/25
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 12th May 2025 in the Village Club

GP 02/25 – Present:
Cllrs: Gaines; Jonas; Peach N; Clerk – Ackrill.
Not present Cllr Mussett
GP02/25.1 – Apologies: None
GP02/25.2 – Declarations of Interest: Cllr N Peach – Allotment tenant
GP02/25.3 - Questions from the Public: None
GP02/25.4 – Allotments:

4.1 **Parking** – letter received from a resident asking for more parking within the allotment site. Cllrs debated the parking at the allotments and resolved there are opportunities for parking within local estates for a few hours if space not available within the site, without losing an allotment or the bench as suggested as an idea. The Council are under no obligation to provide parking.
Resolved: No additional parking is considered necessary at this time. Clerk to reply to letter.

4.2 **Troughs** – Whilst National Association of Allotments and SLCC both say best practice is to cover the troughs it is not required by Law, the Council has in the past agreed not to cover them. Following discussion, the clerk was asked to get a quote to make another wooden hinged cover for those troughs requiring new. Quote to come to OM.
Action; Clerk to obtain trough cover quotes.

4.3 **Vacant plot(s)** – one of these plots has now been let. The other plot 2Kb will be maintained and planted and weeded regularly with unused areas being covered at all times by Cllr R Peach for the coming season. Cllr N Peach will communicate this agreement.
Action: Cllr N Peach to relay decision to Cllr R Peach

4.4 **Gate Post** – Also raised in the resident's letter, Cllr Peach has agreed to replace this post and may only require some post crete. Cllr Peach has said he will check if he has post. Maximum £150 approved to sort the new post and post crete as required. As the gate post to the pedestrian gate is currently doing the job of securing the five-bar gate too this isn't a priority time or spend wise and as Cllr Peach id volunteering it will be as soon as possible.
Action: Clerk to inform Cllr R Peach of budget and decision. Reply to resident.
Resolved: Up to £150 approved for gate post renewal

4.5 **Memorial Bench** – Also raised in a resident's letter suggestion of moving to allow more parking and to deter anti-social behaviour. The bench is a memorial bench, after debate Cllrs unwilling to move the bench, parking already covered in Minute Ref 4.1 above, allotment tenants use the bench too, regarding any anti-social behaviour Cllrs opinion is it only moves the issue to another area.
Action: Clerk to reply to resident

4.6 **Standpipe by water trough Row 1 –** wooden casing has broken Cllr R Peach has offered to remove casing and alter set up. Cllrs all agreed this is a good idea, gratefully accepted.
Action: Clerk to inform Cllr R Peach of decision

GP02/25.5 – Cemetery Fly Tipping - the gap in the hedge between BDBC land and the new cemetery continues to be used to dump dead flowers and debris. Clerk to get a quote for post and rail and then Cllrs will potentially look into filling the gap hedging plants in the Autumn.
Action: Clerk to obtain quote(s)

GP02/25.6 – Draft New Cemetery and Burial Policy: - the clerk is producing a new comprehensive Cemetery and Burial Policy this necessitates updating and incorporating the existing Rules and Regulations and introducing some new ideas, resulting in questions and decisions to be made by this committee (responsible for the Cemetery). The draft Policy was worked through and decisions made to enable clerk to continue drafting ready for PPP in October.
Action: Clerk

GP02/25.7 – Invoice Water Leak repair at Allotment – the invoice for **£**400 plus VAT for digging and locating leak to David Adams Landscaping was approved.
Action: RFO Clerk to pay
Resolved: £400 plus VAT approved

GP02/25.8 – Malthouse Open Space Draft Management Plan – Cllr Peach is chasing up response to her email from BDBC Clerk to send correspondence to Cllr Peach. Deferred to next GP
Action: Clerk and Cllr Peach

GP02/25.9 – Recreation Ground – a letter received from a resident suggesting play area to be refenced. Cllrs are aware of the situation there is a long-term plan to develop a new play area on the Holding Field or the Recreation Ground. The whole project though is high cost. The last quote for fencing the area was above £5k. Cllrs feel the spend would mean a disproportionate increase in precept to potentially to remove if play area is withdrawn/ relocated.
The Cllrs always happy for happy for volunteers to come forward to help with projects. An initial plan / report has been prepared for a potential Pump Track on the Holding Field which will possibly become the first stage of the development of a new play area.

Action: Clerk to reply to resident

GP02/25.10 – Health and Safety: Cllr N peach reported the rabbit holes have again been filled on the Recreation Ground.

GP02/25.11 – Planning Matters:

11.1 25/00976/HSE – 2 Link Road Erection of a single storey rear extension – Cllrs have no concerns with the application.

Action: Clerk to submit decision

GP02/25.12 – Matters for Future Consideration: Nothing to consider

GP02/25.13 – Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 10th November 2025 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 20.28

Signed:……..……...…..Chairman Date:……..……...…

Signed:……..……Clerk Date:……...…….

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