Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting OM 03/14 of

Kingsclere Parish Council held at 7.30pm on

Monday 31 March 2014 in the Village Club



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OM 03/14	Present: Cllrs: Adams; Bond; Cruickshank; Denness; Farey; N Peach & R Peach; Savin; Sawyer; Clerk: S Thompson; Minutes Secretary: Yvonne de Savigny; 12 Members of the public; 1 member of the press, B Cllr Sherlock; C Cllr Chapman	
03/14/1 03/14/2	Apologies: B Cllr Osselton; Declaration of Interest: None	
03/14/3	Minutes: i Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 24 th February 2014 were signed and accepted as a true	
	record. ii Minutes of General Purpose Meeting 10 th March 2014 were signed and accepted as a	
	true record. iii Minutes of the Finance & Establishment Meeting 17 th March 2014 were signed and accepted as a true record.	
03/14/4	Matters arising:	
	 GP 03/14.6 Scouts community week – Suggestions for projects were considered and will be passed onto the scouts. 	Clerk
03/14.5	ii F&E 03/14.5 LRO will be forwarded to Cllrs for approval CHAIRMAN REMARKS:	Clerk
	 The street light exhibition truck will be in the square on April 11th 2014 APM on 17th April will include a presentation from Planning Aid on Neighbourhood Planning. 	
	iii The AGM is on 28 April 2014.	
03/14.6	Resolution to revisit Decision on Play Equipment:	
	Due to new requirements for surfacing, it was unanimously agreed to revisit the decision to accept the quote from Wicksteed for £49,950.	
03/14.7	Kingsclere Library Public meeting report:	
	i Head of Library Services, Alec Kennedy has not made a decision to close the Library. The public consultation finishes in May. The final decision will be made in	
	September. Parish Clirs request that the community make a stand to keep the	
	Library open. Clerk to write a letter to the lead volunteer and suggest that they	Clerk
	arrange a meeting to discuss the options. ii CCIIr Chapman was invited to clarify the situation – He stated that the final decision	
	regarding the future of the village library is his and he has not made a decision yet.	
	He has written a piece for the Kingsclere Tower which should reassure the public	
	that the decision has not been finalised. Consultation regarding all library services	
	within the borough will continue until May.	
03/14.8	Bus route 56. Grants and funding will continue if the service is used to its full potential. It was proposed that advertising be used on the bus so that it is easily identified. Cllr Savin	
03/14.9	proposed sharing costs for £120.00 per village for advertising. Unanimously agreed. Update on Defibrillator:	
03/14.9	Cllr Bond reported a small delay on the installation fo the defibrillator due to electrical connection problems.	
03/14.10	Update on Neighbourhood Plan:	
	Cllr Adams reported that the neighbourhood planning meeting discussed new	
	objectives. Tenders to recruit Consultants have been received and additional work must	
	be undertaken with owners of identified sites before progressing to site surveys.	
03/14.11	County Councillor Remarks:	
	Clr Chapman having spoken at length previously on the Library issue had nothing further to add.	
03/14.12	Borough Councillors Remarks:	
	Cllr Osselton's apologies have been received. Cllr Sherlock reported that the traffic	
	survey reports should be out by the end of next month.	
	Recess proposed & approved at 8:31 Standing Orders Suspended:	
	i. Cllr Tait remarked that there are concerns about vacated allotments. They have been	
	found to be left in a poor state. It was proposed that a refundable deposit be charged to encourage people to handover allotments in good condition. To GP for	
	consideration. A fence post needs repairing and some shrubs need trimming.	
	ii. At the junction of Love Lane path, at the back of Kingsclere school there is a fence	
	post leaning at eye level. This is a hazard that needs repairing. Clerk to review.	Clerk
	iii. Library: Website is misleading. It suggests that the decision to close the library has already been made. One member of the public hoped that the library consultation	

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period was not an electoral ploy to get more votes for the local election. It was pointed out that the library support form is out of date.

- *iv.* There are rumours of Tesco moving into the Crown. *There doesn't appear to be any evidence to back this up.*
- v. Kingsclere still did not have a village PC patrolling the village.

Out of recess 20.44pm

03/14.13 Rolling List:

- i. The cemetery steps are now completed. Cllr Denness thanked the Clerk for all her hard work in arranging the completion of this work.
- ii. SIO6 funds, this will be discussed at the next OM
- iii. Original funding for the outdoor gym is no longer available. Further funding to be sought.
- iv. Cllr Cruickshank re submitted the bid for the recreation ground refurbishment. It was unanimously **agreed** to accept the quote from Wickstead.

03/14.14 Planning Applications:

- i. 14/00517FUL West Kingsclere Service Station No objections
- ii. 14/00638FUL Cottismore Garden Centre No objections
- iii. 14/00577HSE 17 Newbury Road No objections
- iv. 14/00648HSE Glenavon, The Dell No objections
- v. 14/00705HSE 15 Wellmans Meadow No objections

03/14/15 CLERKS REPORT:

- i. CPRE Charter to protect the countryside in available on line for signing.
- 03/14.16 Approval of income and expenditure:
- Monthly Accounts approved and signed off
- **03/14.17** Date of next Meeting: The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Monday 28th April immediately following the AGM at 7:30 in the Village Club

Members of the public and press were ask to leave whilst item 18 was considered.

03/14.18 Banking arrangements and considerations:

It was unanimously agreed to move the bulk of funds from the Co-operative Bank Acount to the Barclays account, leaving a household balance in the account.

Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:18pm

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