



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 07/21 Held at 7.30pm on Monday 26th July 2021 in the Village Club

OM 07/21 – Present:

Cllrs: Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Sawyer F; Sawyer J. BCllrs: Frost; Rhatigan. Assistant Clerk – Read. Four members of the public, one member of the press – NWN.

07/21.1 – Apologies:

Cllrs: Adams; Price; Peach N; Peach R. BCllr Poland. CCllr Thacker. Clerk.

07/21.2 – Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Bowes – Items 6,14 & 27.1.

07/21.3 – Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 28th June 2021 were accepted and signed.

3.2 Minutes of General Purposes Meeting 12th July 2021 were accepted and signed.

3.3 Minutes of Finance and Establishment Meeting 19th July 2021 were accepted and signed.

07/21.4 – Matters Arising:

4.1. GP 07/21.3.2 – Signage Poles:

At July GP it was reported that work to install signage poles was not complete. KPC expressed its wish to see the work completed by the end of July. It was reported that the Clerk has had no further communication from the contractor. The Clerk requested that the Council agree for them to retain the budget and source alternative quotes within the approved budget to get the work completed over the summer. This was agreed.

Action: Clerk.

07/21.5 – Chairman's Remarks:

- i) Congratulations to Kingsclere Village Club on the centenary of the Holding Family gifting the Village Club to Kingsclere; 100 years of service to our community.
- ii) Thanks to Ian and Pam Norris and all the Parish Paths volunteers for swiftly responding to the Primary School's request to clear a path for an end of term walk.
- iii) On 30th June JS attended an online meeting with officers from BDBC and residents regarding 24 Swan Street. This will be discussed later in the meeting.
- iv) On 7th July JS met with representatives from Honesty Café regarding their proposal to purchase and install benches in the churchyard. This was discussed at July GP and Honesty Café were directed to contact the Parochial Church Council.
- v) On 13th July, the Planning Panel met with Gillings Planning and Frontier Estates regarding their proposal to build a 50-bed care home on the Fawconer Road site. This will be discussed later in the meeting.
- vi) BDBC is undertaking a community and sports facility survey. IB offered to complete it on behalf of KPC.
- vii) Thanks to the office staff who have worked above and beyond during the last couple of months. Numerous issues and a large number of meetings have been efficiently handled.

07/21.6 – Request from Kingsclere Football Club to use Holding Field:

KPC received a request from Kingsclere Youth Football Club asking for permission to use the Holding Field, and occasionally the Recreation Ground, for training from September 2021 to April 2022 as the Fieldgate Centre playing fields will be undergoing drainage works. It was agreed via email prior to this meeting to grant permission, and it was unanimously agreed to ratify this decision.

Resolved: Permission to use the Holding Field and occasionally the Recreation Ground unanimously agreed.

07/21.7 – Fawconer Road Site:

BCllr Stuart Frost left the meeting prior to discussion on this item, as he is on BDBC's Planning Committee. The land at Fawconer Road, that has outline planning permission for 13 houses, has been purchased by Frontier Estates from David Wilson Homes. This site is designated in the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan (KNP) for housing, with a percentage of houses being affordable and social housing. KPC is keen to see modest homes built to encourage people to stay in the village and contribute to the community. Frontier Estates is proposing to build a 50-bed care home, providing care for dementia patients and people who require end of life care. This new proposal is fundamentally different to the outline planning application of 13 houses and none of the space will be open to the public or have pathway village access, as it will be a secure enclosed site. Frontier Estates is undertaking a public consultation with residents, and residents by now should have received a leaflet through their doors. The Planning Panel met with representatives from Gillings Planning and Frontier Estates on 13th July - [notes from meeting attached in Appendix 1](#). KPC's is not supportive of this proposal. KPC's concerns include, but are not limited to, the fact that this proposal

undermines the KNP and is completely contrary and against the policies set out in it; the scale and size of the building is not suitable for the size of the proposed site; the limited parking provision that would need to serve staff, visitors, and service vehicles and the inevitable parking problems that would result if this proposal were to go ahead; the proposal not meeting the needs of residents of Kingsclere; up to eight trees with TPO's being felled. KPC created the Neighbourhood Plan during a 5-year process, at considerable cost to the council and with significant engagement from residents and a large turnout on the referendum. At no point in this process was the suggestion of Kingsclere needing a care home put forward by residents. It was noted that when contacted by KPC Cllrs, the BDBC Neighbourhood Plan department were not aware of this proposal. Kingsclere's housing allocation is currently 50 houses and is likely to increase as BDBC has not met its 5-year housing supply. This 50-bed care home would be equivalent to 25 houses, and while this would reduce additional development elsewhere in the village to meet the housing requirement, the type of housing the care home would provide is not what residents have expressed the need for. Kingsclere already has two separate sites for elderly accommodation that serve the village well, and it was clear from residents that they want affordable homes, so people can stay within the village. It was also noted that Kingsclere residents have access to a highly rated hospice in Basingstoke, so there is no requirement for an end-of-life care home in the village. It was suggested that it could be argued that the leaflet supplied by Frontier Estates was misleading, as it claims that existing access would be available, despite the site being closed to the public; that the care home is proposed to be two stories however will be three stories as the kitchens and services rooms will be located in the roof; and that the leaflet states that protected trees are proposed to be retained, when up to eight trees with TPO's would be felled. BCllr Rhatigan agreed with KPC that this proposal would undermine the KNP and suggested this fact be the basis of KPC's argument for objecting. It was suggested that the final size of the building would be bigger than the Fieldgate Centre and that this location is wholly unsuitable. The fact that the site would be enclosed, and the residents would not be able to contribute to the community in any way would not be good for the village. It was noted that Frontier Estates are only a "speculative builder of care homes" so would be looking for another company to either run the care home or purchase the building once complete. KPC understand that there will be three shifts with fifteen members of staff per shift, not including members of the services team such as receptionists, cooks, or cleaners. It was agreed the proposed parking of 18 spaces would be nowhere near enough to accommodate staff, visitors, and service vehicles. Public transport in the village is not adequate or frequent enough for members of staff to use to commute and there is no bus service on a Sunday. Visitors would be forced to park elsewhere in the village, exacerbating the parking crisis that is already causing problems.

Standing orders were suspended at 20:07 to allow members of the public to speak:

The following points were raised as concerns:

- The process of public consultation is right at the beginning of the summer holidays where a large majority of residents will be going on holiday. Frontier Estates should ensure that as much of the village is able to respond to the public consultation as possible.
- If it is a secure enclosed site because the residents need to be kept safe, what would happen if one of them managed to get off the site? It is located directly next to the A339.
- The huge span of roof will collect a lot of rainwater, how will the developers ensure that there is sufficient drainage? The piece of land is the lowest part of the village and the previous developers who secured the outline planning application addressed this issue by having a large section of the land designated as open space. A good proportion of the land would be hard material with not a lot of drainage.
- A resident stated that they would not wish to live there, as it would be noisy, and pollution would be an issue as it is located next to the A339.

Back to standing orders 20:21.

KPC understand that it is Gillings Planning's intention to submit a planning application in August, for a decision in September. It was agreed to inform residents via social media when the planning application is submitted and encourage residents to voice their options. It was suggested to inform residents when KPC has submitted its response to the planning application, to provide a structure for other responses.

07/21.8 – Making a Difference Awards:

There are three award sessions planned at the Fieldgate Centre at 2:30pm, 3:45pm, and 5pm. The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, William Huntingdon, and BCllr Ken Rhatigan have been confirmed as the special guests to present the awards. Letters have gone out to the nominees and certificates are in production. KPC has received around a 70% response rate from nominees as there are roughly 70 people due to receive awards. Cllr help is needed on the day. JS to send an email round for Cllrs to respond to.

Action: All Cllrs

07/21.9 – Litter Warden Annual Leave Cover:

The Litter Warden's review has taken place. They reported that while BDBC has agreed to provide annual leave cover to empty bins, this is not completed, and bins are not emptied. BCllr Rhatigan suggested to email a specified officer at BDBC (name redacted for the minutes) and to copy KR into this email. Clerk to email BDBC officer.

Action: Clerk.

07/21.10 – 24 Swan Street:

On 30th June, JS attended an online meeting regarding 24 Swan Street with members of BDBC, including BCllrs Rhatigan and Poland, and officers from BDBC's Planning, and Environment Departments. KPC understand that since that meeting there is ongoing negotiations between BDBC and JLD School of Dance. KPC has discussed this issue at previous meetings and still has concerns regarding support for the long-standing successful business that will be impacted by 24 Swan Street being sold. In addition, the parking problems in the village will be made worse, as parking will no longer be available at 24 Swan Street. At previous meetings, Cllrs agreed that KPC should make the argument to BDBC that selling 24 Swan Street would be in breach of its policies regarding arts and business enhancement in the Borough. This argument however was not accepted as it was explained that 24 Swan Street is considered part of BDBC's investment portfolio and decisions should be made based on its value to BDBC, therefore these policies are not applicable. It was argued that this was not a good answer to the valid points that KPC raised as this reasoning could be applied for anything that BDBC own, as any property could be considered part of the investment portfolio and exempt from having to comply with policies. BCllr Rhatigan stated that BDBC has been losing money on 24 Swan Street for 20 years, however, did accept that communication from BDBC with tenants and the public on this issue has been appalling. He also noted that the parking allocation at 24 Swan Street for the planning application at the catholic church was linked by the applicants. It was explained that now, the tenants would be able to purchase 24 Swan Street at market price, reportedly approximately £500,000 and BDBC would include an uplift clause to protect itself.

07/21.31 – Recess:

Standing orders were suspended at 20:41:

A resident introduced themselves and brought up an issue regarding a memorial bench in the Cemetery. Cllrs were aware of this issue prior to the meeting and CM had been in contact with the resident prior to try and resolve this situation. Last week a memorial bench in the Cemetery was very badly damaged. The resident suspects it was caused by an impact from a lawn mower, or similar equipment, by KPC's contractors. There is no evidence to support this, however no other explanation could be thought of. The Chairman apologised to the resident on behalf of KPC for this distressing situation. A quote to repair the bench had been sought, and it is more than the bench is worth, CM therefore proposed to the council that KPC accept no liability and reimburse the resident, as a point of goodwill, the cost of the bench. CM then suggested that KPC should think about all the issues that are common in the cemetery regarding things such as trees, benches, and ashes plots, and invite residents to be involved in these discussions for future planning.

Back to standing orders 20:51.

07/21.11 – Litter Bins:

Two quotes for three replacement bins were received. Two of the three bins that require replacing are located in the square and belong to BDBC, with the third bin located on the Dell side of the Recreation Ground. The Clerk has contacted BDBC to request two replacement bins for the square however has not heard anything back. BCllr Rhatigan said to add this issue to the email about the [Litter Warden's annual leave cover \(discussed in item 9\)](#) and it will be dealt with. It was agreed that the bins would need to be fixed in place, additional quotes would need to be sourced for this. It was agreed to approve a quote of £489.85 for three bins and fixings, with additional quotes for installation to be sourced. It was agreed to approve quotes for installation via email. BCllr Frost stated that he works for a company that supplies post fix and would be able to supply KPC with 5 or 6 bags of post fix to secure bins in place.

Resolved: Quote of £489.85 for three new litter bins approved.

Action: Clerk.

It was agreed to take items 15 and 16 next.

07/21.15 – County Councillor:

CCllr Thacker submitted a [written CCllr report attached in Appendix 2.](#)

07/21.16 – Borough Councillor:

It was reported that West Berkshire Council (WBC) is looking into installing a system that would charge non-West Berkshire residents for using the HWRC at Newtown Road, meaning Kingsclere residents would still be able to use Newtown Road HWRC, albeit for a small charge.

The Local Plan is still under review and there is a Local Plan team meeting on 17th August 2021. BDBC has not met its 5-year housing supply meaning that it is looking at new development sites and numbers in the housing allocation for areas. Kingsclere's housing allocation will most likely increase, however it was noted that there is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty towards Overton which is protected from development. The most likely site for additional development would be Porch Farm and it was clarified that pedestrian access would most likely be made through Wellmans Meadow, but vehicular access would be from the A339. It was explained that BDBC has not met its 5-year land supply because the Manydown development was not delivered in the previous administration and the Golf Club development is still not delivered. It was noted that these two sites would total 6-years housing supply. It was stated that BDBC will get its 5-year land supply, but as Central Government has changed the rules regarding housing supply, BDBC needs to make plans to meet Central Government's requirements as its 5-year housing supply is not currently met.

A number of bins have been damaged by the bin crews. BDBC will replace any damaged bin. BDBC do not have large black bins in stock anymore, but residents can have 2 smaller black bins instead. It was noted that residents need to be more careful about what it put in the green and black bins, and it was also noted that 54% of black bin waste from Kingsclere is food waste. It was stated that Central Government will most likely say that BDBC will need to start collecting food waste separately.

BCllr Frost reported that he has attended Economic Planning and Housing meetings, discussing local reports as well as the Local Plan. On 2nd September 2021 he will be attending a meeting on Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). He has also attended meetings regarding the Local Plan update, the economy, policies in the Local Plan, and development control. He has been getting to know the village and residents and assisted in resolving the mowing issue at Longcroft Road play area last month. He is attending a meeting with Hannington on 29th July and will report on that at the next meeting.

07/21.12 – Financial Planning:

Document circulated prior to meeting. It includes a basic template for projects and schemes to capture the basic information needed for financial planning. It was agreed that only schemes with this document completed for them as supplied for September OM would be included in the budget, JS to email reminder to Cllrs. It was noted that the MHOS is not included in the list of known schemes. It was agreed that modelling parameters need to be agreed prior to September OM so an additional meeting via zoom to discuss the draft Financial Planning document on 20th September 2021 was proposed and agreed. This process will help get the core budget under control and work out how to use and allocate the reserves. It was noted that some reserves will probably be used to soften the blow of increasing the precept. Referred to September OM.

Action: All Cllrs. Additional finance meeting on 20th September 2021. Sep OM.

07/21.13 – Church Fete:

KPC has a table at the Church Fete. JS and FS will not be available to attend until lunchtime Cllrs are therefore asked to email JS to volunteer and coordinate timings for setting up/taking down on the day. At previous meetings it was agreed to discuss 24 Swan Street, the Recreation Ground Play Area, and the care home proposal at Fawcoter Road with residents at the fete.

Action: All Cllrs

07/21.14 – Requests from Kingsclere Community Association:

14.1. Use of Holding Field as Overspill Car Park for Bounce Back Day:

The Kingsclere Community Association has contact KPC asking for permission to use the Holding Field as additional parking for the Bounce Back Day on 14th August. This was unanimously agreed.

Resolved: Use of Holding Field for additional car parking unanimously approved.

14.2. Donation to Kingsclere Bounce Back Match Funding Project:

It was agreed to discuss this item, and item 27.1. concurrently. The Kingsclere Community Association (KCA) requested that KPC donate the £250 it its budget that is allocated for the Making a Difference Awards (MaD Awards), to the match funding grant that is financing the Bounce Back Day. As the MaD Awards are being integrated into the Bounce Back Day, the KCA has taken on the costs of running the MaD Awards and KPC would not be contributing any funds to run its own event. It was clarified that any expenses incurred by KPC for things such as purchasing certificate frames or thank you gifts for the special guests should be submitted to the KCA for reimbursement. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to donate the £250 allocated for the MaD Awards in KPC's budget, to the match funding grant for the Bounce Back Day.

Resolved: £250 donation to KCA match funding grant for Bounce Back Day unanimously approved.

07/21.27.1. – Grant Application from Kingsclere Community Association for Bounce Back Day:

As a decision was made in item 14.2. to donate the funds requested, the grant was no longer needed.

07/21.17 – Wildflower Meadow Sign Quotes:

Two quotes for printing and installing the Wildflower Meadow sign were received and circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to go with the quote of £135.00 + VAT.

Resolved: Quote of £135.00 + VAT approved.

07/21.18 – Action List:

Document circulated prior to meeting. The Action List was reviewed and updated.

07/21.19 – Cemetery Fees:

Referred from July FE. FE Committee recommended to OM that KPC adopt charges for the completion of administrative cemetery forms. Charges of £25 for all standard forms and £50 for the Statutory Declaration in addition to an extra charge of £30 per hour for any additional, more complex administrative tasks was unanimously agreed.

FE committee also recommended to OM that KPC sell Exclusive Rights of Burial (ERoB) for 25, 50, 75, and 100 years on a pro rata basis, based on the cost of the ERoB for 25 years at the time it is purchased. This would be for graves reserved in advance, not the ERoB that is purchased at the time of a death when no reservation of a grave was in place prior.

Resolved: Charges for cemetery administration time and forms, and changes to the selling of the Exclusive Rights of Burial approved.

07/21.20 – Review of the Terms of Reference for Committees:

All Terms of Reference circulated prior to meeting.

20.1. Review of the Terms of Reference for the General Purposes Committee:

Document reviewed with no comments or suggested changes. Agreed to readopt.

20.2. Review of the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Establishment Committee:

Document reviewed with no comments or suggested changes. Agreed to readopt.

20.3. Review of the Terms of Reference for the Planning Panel:

Document reviewed with no comments or suggested changes. Agreed to readopt.

20.4. Review of the Terms of Reference for the Employment Panel:

Document reviewed with no comments or suggested changes. Agreed to readopt.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to readopt the Terms of Reference for the General Purposes Committee; the Finance and Establishment Committee; the Planning Panel; and the Employment Panel with no changes.

07/21.21 – Review of the Financial Regulations:

Financial Regulations circulated prior to the meeting. As FE Committee did not review the Financial Regulation prior to this meeting it was agreed IB would review and bring to September OM.

Action: IB. Sep OM.

07/21.22 – Internal Audit Engagement Letter and Quote:

Document circulated prior to meeting. It was agreed to accept this quote of £350 + VAT.

Resolved: Quote of £350 + VAT for Internal Audit approved.

07/21.23 – New Data Protection Policy:

Document circulated prior to meeting. This is a new policy that would replace the current Data Protection Policy. Unanimously agreed to adopt new Data Protection Policy.

Resolved: New Data Protection Policy unanimously adopted.

07/21.24 – Adoption of Council Policies:

All documents circulated prior to the meeting.

24.1. Adoption of the Data Protection Policy:

As a new Data Protection Policy was adopted in item 23, this Data Protection Policy was not readopted.

24.2. Adoption of the Data Retention Policy:

No comments.

24.3. Adoption of the Freedom of Information Scheme Document:

No comments.

24.4. Adoption of the General Privacy Notice:

No comments.

24.5. Adoption of the Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors, and Role Holders:

No comments.

24.6. Adoption of the Adoption of the Reserves Policy:

Suggested amendments and additions agreed at FE were included in circulated document. Agreed to accept updated document.

24.7. Adoption of the Grant Policy:

Suggested amendments and additions agreed at FE were included in circulated document, including attaching the Grant Application form to the Grants Policy. Agreed to accept updated document.

24.8. Adoption of the Investment Policy:

No comments.

Resolved: It was agreed to readopt the Data Retention Policy; Freedom of Information Scheme Document; General Privacy Notice; Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors, and Role Holders; and Investment Policy with no amendments. It was also agreed to adopt the Reserves Policy and Grant Policy with suggested changes from FE. It was agreed not to readopt the existing Data Pretention Policy as a new Data Protection Policy had been adopted in item 23.

07/21.25 – Health and Safety:

Risk assessments are still overdue. Clerk to upload black risk assessments to Cllrs shared OneDrive folder.

Action: Clerk.

07/21.26 – Planning Applications:

26.1. 21/01801/HSE – Frobury Farm: No objections.

26.2. T/00351/21/TCA – Southern Water Kingsclere Wsw: No objections.

26.3. 21/02166/HSE – Long Meadow, Union Lane: No objections.

26.4. 21/02130/HSE – 26 Garrett Close: No objections.

07/21.27 – Clerk's Report:

27.2. Allotment Water Leak:

It was reported that the contractors who attended the site on 15th July could not find the water leak, and believe it is located under shrubbery next to the grasscrete. To access this would require a digger and KPC has been supplied with a quote for this additional work. The contractors reportedly have halved their initial quote as the leak was not located or repaired and added this onto a quote to supply a digger. The work is due to start on 9th August. The Clerk has written to Sovereign Housing to inform them, as a test hole needs to be dug on their land. RP to clear shrubs before 9th August.

07/21.28 – Approval of Income and Expenditure:

The accounts for 26th June 2021 to 22nd July 2021 were agreed and signed off.

07/21.29 – Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation:

The bank accounts for 30th June 2021 were reconciled at £71,270.81 - agreed and signed off.

07/21.30 – Date of next meeting:

Monday 27th September 2021 7:30pm in the Village Club.

07/21.32 – Exempt Business:

32.1. Responsible Financial Officer Contract:

Referred from July FE. FE Committee recommended to OM to extend the RFO's contract by another 6 months with a review after the HR review from HALC. Contract circulated prior to meeting; one correction noted. Unanimously agreed to extend RFO's contract.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to extend RFO's contract for another 6 months with a review after the HR review from HALC. Contract approved with one correction.

Meeting closed 21:52

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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Appendix 1:

Notes from Meeting held on Tuesday July 13th at 1.30pm in The Holding Room, Kingsclere Village Club, to discuss proposals for a care home to be built on the site behind Fawconer Road, Kingsclere.

Present: Anna Gillings, Gillings Planning; Will Rees, Frontier; Cllrs. Sue Adams, John Sawyer, Fiona Sawyer, Mick Farey.

AG explained that Gillings Planning had bought the site at Fawconer Road from David Wilson Homes. She was well aware that the site had outline planning permission for 13 homes in accordance with the policy in the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan.

WR explained that Frontier is the leading UK developer in the care home sector having been established for over 25 years, and to date have built over 60 care homes. The proposal in Kingsclere is to build a luxury 50 bed care home for residents with significant care needs i.e., dementia. Residents would have rooms with en-suites rather than their own self-contained unit with a kitchen, front door etc. There would be several communal rooms including a hairdresser, cinema. The site would employ around 40 staff and have 18 car parking spaces. The building is two story with the majority of windows facing the A339. It will have landscaped outdoor spaces including a water feature. Several new trees will be planted (eight trees with TPO's will be felled) and a Woodland Management Plan will be prepared for the site. The site is nearly all screened with trees/hedging and will be fully secure. None of the land on the site will be available as open space for Kingsclere residents (unlike the proposal in the outline planning application.)

AG had been in discussion with the Local Planning Authority (B&DBC) who indicated that they wanted this development. Due to B&D's inability to meet the requirement of the 5-year land supply, this development would go some way in fulfilling our current requirement of 50 homes. As care home residents would not have their own self-contained units, this development would count as 25 homes (NOTE – confirmed with B&D), which is more than the 13 homes currently planned.

When asked what evidence they had for a need for this type of development in Kingsclere, WR replied that nationally there was a shortage of care homes. They claim that there is an under supply of 100 beds in a 10k catchment area. It was pointed out that a 10k radius from Kingsclere is largely rural with no major settlements, so how could they claim there was a 100-bed shortage? To date, no fact finding, or opinions had been sought from Kingsclere residents.

Cllrs. pointed to the fact that we had spent 5 years working on our Neighbourhood Plan during which time we undertook two public questionnaires, four public meetings, stalls at various village events and meetings with various groups. The message that came back from residents was that the need in Kingsclere was primarily for smaller homes, both rental and market properties, including low-cost housing, in order that younger people can remain in the village and older residents can downsize thus releasing larger properties for family homes. There has never been a call for a residential care home.

AG was appreciative of the work undertaken on the NP but felt that things had moved on and that B&D were keen to fulfil the 5-year land supply criteria. This proposal would go further in doing so than the agreed housing.

Cllrs. also pointed to the fact that residents in Fawconer Road would have their view curtailed as they would be able to see the top of the building. The care home is taller than the proposed domestic housing. Due to their various medical conditions, residents would not make use of any village facilities and would therefore not contribute to the village economy.

AG stated that they would be leafleting residents of Fawconer Road with a view to a two-week consultation. The plan to get the leaflets out by Friday 16th. They also plan to put something in the Kingsclere Tower. They aim to submit outline planning permission by early September. When asked what they intend to do if village residents were opposed to the plans and planning permission was refused, AG stated that they would keep trying until it was granted. They owned the site and will be building a care home regardless of local opinion!

Appendix 2:

County Council Update July/August 2021

Tom Thacker

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Newtown Road HWRC

Newtown Road Waste and Recycling news

West Berkshire Council is actively considering an alternative approach whereby non-Berkshire residents would be charged a fee, each time they visit the Newtown Road HWRC site, enabling north Hampshire residents to continue using the site if it is more convenient for them.

HCC is offering to contribute resources to West Berkshire Council to support the installation of required systems to help progress this in a timely manner.

Details are available here:

https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?IId=39015&Opt=3&fbclid=IwAR3l-MUHL0gnH1s94LLy6kc6okh46E7YQF5fCGIaJ24_5lm5hf5chvBkfMI

I do not have any details of what precisely West Berks' intentions are beyond this. I anticipate that West Berks might be sending out communications soon.

I shall post any further news for all residents on my Facebook page.

Swan Street, Rectory Lane, and Basingstoke Road

I have been approached by a resident about what further traffic management can be installed at Swan Street. There appears little that can be done in terms of more posts. The area manager has asked the Traffic team to look at whether anything more can be done.

Also, I have had separate matters raised about traffic control issues on each of Rectory Lane and Basingstoke Road that I've asked Traffic officers to look at.