



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Ordinary Meeting OM 02/25  
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the Village Club

**OM02/25 – Present:**

Cllrs: Conquest; Gaines; Hamilton; Jonas; Mussett and Peach N.  
Clerk – Ackrill; RFO – Porton.

**Not Present:** Peach R

**OM02/25.1 – Apologies:** None

**OM02/25.2 – Declarations of Interest:** None

**OM02/25.3 – Minutes:**

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were accepted and signed.

**OM02/25.4 - Questions from the Public:** None

**OM02/25.5 – Chairman’s Remarks:**

- i) Thank you to B.Cllr Mike Bound and B.Cllr David Conquest for their grant towards the new noticeboard.
- ii) Thank you to Ray and Ed for their work in repairing the water leak at the allotments.
- iii) Chairman welcomed the new CSPO Jiya, Drew also in attendance is a colleague of Jiya and will cover in Jiya’s absence. They are keen to be involved in the community – let them know of events. Clerk has email address for CSPO’s. CSPO’s are there to help with low level anti-social behaviour, Dog Fouling; can issue fix penalty notices etc. They have noticed one of the bus shelter panels has been smashed.

**OM02/25.6 – Clerks Report:**

- i) Thanks to Ray and Ed for the Allotment leak

**OM02/25.7 – Annual Parish Meeting:** To date only 10 people have booked in. Cllr Peach is arranging the nibbles and Cllr Jonas the drinks.

**OM02/25.8 – Spring Clean:** Posters are done and are on social media. The event is booked in with BDBC, The Church has given permission to set the base up in the Churchyard. Litter is to be placed beside the Anchor Road Bin. Bags and gloves are being delivered to Cllr Gaines. We have Hand Sanitiser – First Aid cover arranged. The event is to be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

**OM02/25.9 –County Councillor:**

No Report

**OM02/25.10 – Borough Councillor:**

Apologies from Mike Bound and Kerry Morrow. The county elections in May have been cancelled due to the reorganisation. B.Cllrs are putting in a proposal to the government about how Hampshire will be carved up. The 2027 election will be for a unitary authority. Hampshire County Councils 15% council tax increase request has been refused – pressure is likely to be applied to Parish and Town councils to take on more responsibility. The B.Cllrs will be running a surgery in the Village club on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 10am til 12noon. The borough council currently still own part of the Kingsclere allotments, the triangle of land on the Holding Field and the Malthouse Open Space. If these parcels of land are to be transferred to the Parish Council this should be actioned soon before Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council ceases to exist. B.Cllr Conquest is asked to aid with this.

Gailey brook – Southern Water are proposing some improvements this summer. There is a possibility for a volunteer group to be set up to manage environmental issues. There is an international expert in Ecchinswell that could be asked to help – the PC Chairman has contact details. A Cllr has an underwater camera that can be used to measure flow and count fish etc.

**OM02/25.11 – Community Infrastructure Levy Spend Protocol Consultation:**

The estimate for Porch Farm CIL to the Parish Council could be as much as £295,000. This Protocol is being reviewed now for the Local Plan. This is the only opportunity the Parish Council will have to respond. The main concern raised is that we are not going to be consulted on the 75% ENCIL and we think we should be as a statutory consultee on planning. The Parish Council will only have 5 years to spend their portion of the CIL so we will need to be proactive with projects.

**OM02/25.12 – Grant Request CA Tadley:**

This application is for running costs but there are no capital projects associated with the organisation so an exception was agreed

**Resolved:** Grant of £250 to be awarded to Citizens Advice Tadley

**OM02/25.13 – Grant Application Request 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingsclere Brownies:**

Grant requested to part fund activities at a pack holiday

**Resolved:** £250 to the Brownies

**OM02/25.14 – Grant Award from BDBC Community Borough Councillor Grant Funding Scheme:**

£2000 granted that has to be spent within 8 weeks. £829.56 required to enable purchase of new noticeboard.

**Resolved:** £829.56 approved for new noticeboard

**OM02/25.15 – National Occasion / Village Event for Grant Approval 2025/26:**

£1000 has been budgeted for grants towards community events in 2025/26. Notable events during the year identified were VE day celebrations and Jane Austin 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday in December. It was agreed that VE Day will be the event this year for which the community can apply for funding

**Resolved:** VE day (8<sup>th</sup> May) to be the event for community funding applications

**OM02/25.16 – Community and Media:**

We are getting more followers on Social Media. Our application for a gov.uk web address has been approved, and this is now in place. Emails will be setup for the new domain name soon, Cllrs will be able to forward emails from their current addresses to the new ones.

**OM02/25.17 – Effectiveness of Internal Control:**

Document reviewed and all items confirmed

**Resolved:** Document approved

**OM02/25.18 – Service Level Agreement for BDBC and KPC Litter Grant Scheme:**

The SLA has been reviewed with tracked changes. The litter warden (LW) has been involved with checking the items such as location and frequency of bin emptying. The current LW has been working with us for a number of years and does not come into regular contact with children or vulnerable adults, so it was decided the risk was low enough to not need to be DBS checked at this time. This will need to be reviewed if the current LW leaves and a new member of staff is employed.

**OM02/25.19 – Health and Safety:**

SGN are working in the area and some of the barriers are not lit.

**OM02/25.20 – Costs for the Four Flower Beds in the Square – Preparation / Refurbishment as per spec for the 4 beds Approval of £870**

**Resolved:** £870 approved for the preparation of the Flower beds

**OM02/25.21 – To approve Planting and Associated Costs for the Flower Borders**

**Resolved:** £205.78 for planting up flower borders

**OM02/25.22 – Village Club / KPC Lease:**

Proposed lease from the Village Club reviewed and it was agreed to accept

**Resolved:** Lease to be accepted

**OM02/25.23 – Ashes and Benches:**

The council, has previously decided not to allow any further memorial benches to be installed due to the issues surrounding ownership. We will take a register of interest for memorial benches and when we have a location for a bench the council will contact those on the register – it will be a joint memorial bench.

**OM02/25.24 – Planning Matters and Neighbourhood Plan Updates:**

**24.1** T/00056/25/TPO 26 Garrett Close reduce 3 Field Maples – no objection

**24.2.** 24/00675/FUL / 24/00676/LBC Farm Cottage and Old House Rectory Lane – amended plans - refer to conservation officer

**24.3.** 25/00275/FUL Summer Trees Foxs Lane – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a part one / part two replacement dwelling matching application 24/02186/HSE – no objections

**OM02/25.25 - Approval of Bank Transfers, Income and Expenditure:**

The Income, Expenditure and Bank Transfer lists were agreed and signed off.

**OM02/25.26 – Matters for Future Consideration:**

None

**OM02/25.27 – Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 2025 7:30pm in the Village Club.

**OM02/25.28 - Exempt Business – to propose and pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies**

(admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for the discussion of the following matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

**Bowls Club Lease** – to review response from Legal advisor on Commercially viability of a 3-yr rolling lease proposed by the Bowls Club. Discuss final lease including exclusivity options. Make decision on final offer for the Lease to the Bowls Club.

We have an obligation to get Market Value or if appropriate the we can offset Market Value against community value. An exclusive lease to a relatively small organisation was not considered to be of sufficient community value to offset the Market Valuation. Two options were proposed:

