

Minutes of the Meeting held by Kingham Parish Council

– held on Wednesday 15th February 2017, 7.30pm

Present :- Cllrs K. Hartley, J.Dewar, J.Harvey, B.Hughes and R.Sale

County Cllr – Hibbert-biles Clerk :- N.Marina Two members of the public.

1. Apologies – Cllrs J.Warne and M.Dare

2. Minutes – the Minutes from the last Meeting were signed and approved.

3. Matters Arising –

3.1 Trees on The Green – Awaiting booking date from Treotech for 12 mth works.

Cllr Sale had investigated types and costs of trees to be planted within the current spaces available opposite The Allotments, on The Green. Approx costs were £150 - £200 for a mature tree. The company could supply the trees, however it would be up to the PC to plant the trees. Suggestions of Beech, Lime and Oak were put forward. Residents were asked for suggestions and/or preferences. Cllr Sale will measure the area to be covered to determine how many trees would be needed. The best time for planting would be now or in the Autumn, Autumn was agreed.

3.2 BT telephone Box – Defibrillator costs were investigated. The prices ranged from £650 - £1200, with the cheapest from the NHS being £785. The Clerk will check the model of the current one in the bike shed at The Wild Rabbit. OCC Cllr Hibbert-Biles suggested contacting South Central Ambulance Service for recommendations.

3.3 Bark chipping quote for New Road Playground – Rubber Bark chippings were suggested as it was the approx. same price as the normal Bark Chippings and may last longer- examples were shown. A quote from Churchill Surfacing had been given for £1550 + VA, this included pick up of the product and laying of the rubber chips. It was agreed to go ahead – with the brown colour favoured.

3.4 Posts on Church Street/The Green – these had now been replaced and payment was made to the contractor- £390. It was noted that quite a few posts had to be replaced in the Car Park due to wood rot.

3.5 Surfaces in the Car Park – it was noticed that some tarmac within the Car park needed redoing at some stage soon. Some curb stones were also missing from the drive-in and drive-out driveways of the Car Park. A quote would be sought.

3.6 Kingham Primary School Lighting – a response from the school about an additional light had been received. It advised that the school did not have the funds to put in an extra light and it was also not needed as students were at school during daylight hours. A suggestion of contacting OCC Highways was given, to see if they could offer assistance. The Clerk to write to OCC Highways.

3.7 No dogs allowed sign for the Playing Field – a suggestion of 300mm X 400mm sign was given, with a cost of £39.90. This was thought to be too small. A suggestion of contacting WODC with regards to a sign was given. The Clerk to contact WODC.

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4. Councillors Forum

County Cllrs Update – Cllr Hibbert-Biles - advised that the Budget went through with a 5% increase, 3% of which was to be spent on Health and Social Care. Area Stewards are also going to be brought back. It was mentioned that it was important for Cllrs and residents to attend the forthcoming consultation for the 'One Oxfordshire' draft plan. This proposal would see all six councils – one county council, four district council and one city council become one new council. Independent reports revealed that this would save money. It was thought that this would help to improve services and keep council tax down. The draft proposal can be viewed online at www.oneoxfordshire.org The decision whether to take on this new 'One Council' will be made by the Secretary of State for Local Gov't.

Another public meeting will be held to discuss the future of Chipping Norton Hospital at St Mary's Church on 9th March at 6pm.

4.1 Extra Village Maintenance – Cllr Hartley and the current person who mows the Graveyard met to see if he could do the job. The person had decided that this would require more time than he could allow and was unable to do this extra garden maintenance in the Village Car Park. However, he would still continue with the Graveyard mowing. A notice will be put in the Village shop for this job as well as length men duties around the Village, and a notice will go into the Newsletter. It was agreed to pay this position £10 per hour.

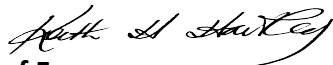
4.2 Station Road bridge – a letter had been received from Highways that the cracks were due to some slippage under the road way (owned and maintained by the Railway) however Highways would do a repair of the roadway. There had been no mention of the footpath repair which had been mentioned as well, in the original repair request. The Clerk had again asked Highways about the repair of the footpath, she had not received an answer – the Clerk to write again.

4.3 Superfast Broadband – Cllr Dewar's update - *A brief history. The Government through Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) funded the delivery of superfast broadband to those areas of the country where public subsidy was needed and did this through councils.*

Phase 1. Oxford County Council (OCC) organised this and it covered 90% of the relevant areas and was delivered through BT Openreach. The remaining 10% were the areas where provision was deemed the least cost-effective. The part of Kingham that was covered was organised through this programme, but the final part (cabinet 3 covering the part of the village nearest the Green and hence including the school) was deemed "uneconomic".

Phase 2 was to cover a further 5% and would have included the remaining part of Kingham. West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) decided (unlike the other district councils in Oxfordshire) that it would not use BT Openreach and would make its own arrangements which it did through Cotswold Broadband who contracted Gigaclear. This programme has now fallen apart and WODC are starting again with a scoping exercise to assess what needs doing and then trying to secure a contractor with the funds they have left. They have said that this means nothing can progress for at least 9 months.

Towards the end of last year the Parish Council were approached by BT Openreach to see if we would be interested in a community partnership scheme whereby a grant from BT coupled with funding from the local community would secure superfast broadband.

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The Parish Council expressed interest but wished to find out exactly what WODC were proposing. Subsequent to that the WODC programme collapsed and a local business agreed to part fund the community programme. This currently appears to be the most secure and expeditious way of securing superfast broadband for the remaining part of the village. The Parish Council is not allowed to contribute directly to the programme will be co-ordinating fund-raising. Cllr's Dewar and Warne are the Parish Councils contact for Broadband contributions.

4.4 Kingham Village Plan – The report was now available for residents to see on the website. The next step is for the Cllr's to get together to discuss the report informally, seek changes or approve it as it is. It could then proceed further with the involvement of WODC to make into the Neighbourhood Plan. Meeting dates were discussed for sooner rather than later. The Meeting would take place in the Village Hall on either Tuesday or Friday evening. Cllr's to confirm what date they can all attend.

4.5 Big Festival - had applied for a variation to their 2017 Big Festival licence, in which they applied to increase the capacity by 5000 people per day. The PC had written to the licensing board to advise that though they may not be opposed to this – it was seen as creep – as every year they apply for a change, even though, every year they say next year it will remain the same. They were, however, granted an extension to their licence and were granted the increased capacity of 24,999 people per day. The Festival team had written to the PC to reiterate their commitment to maintain the level of communication that they currently have with residents. If you have any further questions about the variation, you can continue to contact them on their local residents email address

localresidentsBF@tastefestivals.com which is monitored throughout the year. They will be holding their first of three local residents meetings on Wednesday 19th April 2017 where we will present our plans for this year's event, which we hope you will be able to attend.


4.6 Footpath – Church Street, between College Farm and Hays House was mentioned as it has a high lump causing a tripping hazard. The Clerk had sought assistance from Highways for a repair – they had come to repair a hole – not the lump. The Clerk to write again to Highways.

4.7 Pot Holes – many potholes have been reported - opposite the Village Car Park Entrance, opposite Kingham Primary school car park entrance, roadway on the corner of The Green and Church St, the full roadway outside of the Millenium Wood Gate, opposite Mount Farm gate, Cozens Lane near Half Moon Cottage and a drain needs flushing at the bus stop down from The Wild Rabbit– the Clerk will contact Highways.

4.8 Jubilee Bench, Millenium Wood – it had been reported that the chair had been broken. Cllr Sale offered to have a look to see if a repair could be made.

4.9 Green Gym – Cllr Hartley had been made aware that the Green Gym had some free trees that could be used in the Millenium Wood.

4.10 Church St, 16 dwelling, development – a Cllr had been approached as trees had been cut down. It was thought that they would have been shown on the approved plans - Cllr Hartley to review the plans.

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5. Planning –

5.1 Bricks House, Church Street (17/00046/HHD) – 2nd consultation for revised Planning Approval. Comments need to be with WODC by 8th February 2017. The PC had requested that the wall on the corner of Orchard Way and Church St be pulled back as to allow better visibility on the junction for traffic.

5.2 15a West St (17/00061/HHD) – ground Floor rear extension, first floor side extension, proposed off street parking – no objections

5.3 Slade Farm (17/00295/FUL) – erection of replacement dwelling including a detached garage, landscaping and vehicle access – no objections

5.4 Garden House (16/00647/FUL)– a resident letter had been received with regards to the external wall. It was felt it was no longer in keeping with the ‘heritage’. With further investigation of the approved plans and conditions it was seen that wall was in keeping with what had been conditioned (not taller than 650mm) and to be constructed with local stone.

5.5 15m Telephone mast at Telephone exchange Kingham – previously a notification had been received informing the PC that a 15m mast application would be put forward to WODC from the applicant. The PC, after discussion, had objected to the application directly to the applicant, however, it was seen on the WODC website that the application had been formally submitted. No formal notification of a consultation had been received from WODC. The PC submitted online, a formal objection.

5.6 New Road – it had been noted that clearing of the site had started.

6. Public Forum – a member of the public suggested a letter be sent to the local MP, Robert Courts, concerning a Gov’t white paper which is investigating whether a higher council tax should be put on empty homes to ease the housing shortage. The PC could suggest that 2nd/holiday homes be added to this legislation as more costs are incurred by PC’s due to fewer people able to do various voluntary jobs to help with the upkeep of villages and are therefore having to employ someone to do the jobs at hand. It was agreed to write the letter.

7. Health and Safety

7.1 Playground Inspections – monthly playground inspections are ongoing. Forms were given to Cllr Hughes.

8. Finance

8.2 Barclays form – Cllr Warne had signed an extra form and put in the post.

8.3 Cheques were signed (below)

15.02.17	100553	Feb	Nicole Marina	wages		466
15.02.17	100554	Feb	Nicole Marina	expenses		28.14
15.02.17	100555	Feb	A.Barnard	repair and replace posts around village		390
15.02.17	100556	Feb	James Warne	100 Club - 1st prize		50
15.02.17	100557	Feb	Jane Holt	100 Club - 2nd prize		20
15.02.17	100558	Feb	M and J Davies	100 Club - 3rd prize		10
15.02.17	100559	Feb	SSE Village Hall invoice	17th Nov2016 - 9th Feb 2017		1365.43
15.02.17	100560	Feb	Vic Wiggins	British Legion fence repair		60

PC Bank Balance as at 28th February 2017 = £25,179.82

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9. Correspondence - received from

9.1. A letter had been received from the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire – Mrs Sarah Taylor. Her theme for the year was Carers in Oxfordshire. She would like to come to one of the PC's Meeting to share her news – she will be in contact at a later date to organise this. The PC encouraged her to come to one of our Meetings.

9.2. Notice of Chargeable garden waste collections – will commence from April 2017. To opt into the scheme contact West Oxfordshire District Council 01993 861 025

9.3 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) revised Draft Charging Schedule – consultation advised, running from 27th January to 10 March 2017. www.westoxon.gov.uk/CIL

9.4 Notice of addendum of focussed Changes to the Local Plan Submission Draft for Cotswold District Council

9.5 Notice of 'One Oxfordshire' consultations in the area and general information. Emails can be received to one@oxfordshire.gov.uk

10. AOB – Kingham Events have kindly donated a new Vacuum Cleaner to the Hall – thanks were given.

Next Meeting to be held on **15th March, 6.30pm**, in the Village Hall.

Following from the normal PC Meeting will be the Annual Parish General Meeting to start at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

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