

Minutes of the Meeting held of Kingham Parish Council - held on Wednesday 18th March, 2015, 6.30pm (AGM at 7.30pm)

Present : Cllrs K. Hartley, J. Harvey, J. Dewar, B. Hughes, J. Warne, M.Dare

Clerk: N.Marina

One member of the public.

1. Apologies – received from M.Drinkwater and R.Sale

2. Minutes – The Minutes from the last meeting were signed and approved

3. Matters Arising –

3.1 Village Projects – Footpath to British Legion, Pamphlet asking for villagers to vote on preferred path had been counted. The vote for the footpath from British Telecom to the British Legion had 70 votes, against the footpath via the football field which received 35 votes. Comments were read out from the 6 pamphlets that had neither as a preference. The Parish Council agreed that the project should go ahead as this was originally the project that had the most votes. It was thought that one day, the footpath may save someone's life.

3.2 Notice Board for bus stop on football field– two more quotes were given as the last Notice Board quote was seen as not appropriate – with one side open to the weather. One quote was for a 6A4, wall mounted, oak style board with polycarbonate glazing for £723.81. The other quote was for a 2 bay 4A4, wall mounted, oak style board with polycarbonate glazing for £1130.37. The first option was agreed and the Clerk will order.

3.3 Clerk phone contact signs – had been received and put in place.


4. Councillors Forum -

4.1 OCC Highways issue's raised – Fowlers Road footpath, Fence next to the railway bridge - station road and drain near the railway bridge. All had been reported to OCC Highways and a job number given. Cllr Warne advised that some repairs had been made to the footpath in Fowlers Road, but this was not issue. The stone's on the edge of the footpath were the area of concern. Clerk to seek an update on jobs from OCC Highways.

5.Planning -

5.1 Appeal, Church Street, 16 dwellings – the Ombudsman reply had been seen as disappointing. As the Parish Council is a public body, the matter could not be looked into further. A comment was made that if perhaps an individual person were to contact the Ombudsman, there may be a different outcome. The responses from WODC, the Ombudsman and David Cameron MP are difficult to be put on display but if anyone would like to see these, please contact the Clerk.

5.2. Church Street development - what type of affordable housing? It was pointed out that at the original consultation for this development, it was advised that there would be affordable housing. There has not been clarification as to what this will mean. With the survey produced for the New Road development it was established the housing requirement was for affordable rent dwellings. This point could be raised with WODC. It was pointed out that one of the major causes the Appeal was allowed was due to there being no West Oxfordshire Housing plan, this did come out on 25th February - after this Appeal process. This surely must have been known by the Planning department.

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5.3 Big Festival – The time for the recorded music programme for the Sunday night of the Festival had been a concern. The organisers, after discussions with the local authority had agreed to compromise and run this until 11.30pm on a Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday Monday and 10.30pm for a Sunday on a non-bank holiday weekend. The organisers have arranged a meeting for local residents that will be on 21st April, at the Chequers Pub in Churchill from 6pm- 8pm. They have also let us know that during the event there will be a 24 hour hotline for local residents to call if needed – 0208 233 7938, operating from 29th Aug 2015 until 31st Aug 2015. Email address as well localresidentsBF@tastefestivals.com

5.4 Update from Ffyona MacEwan and Sarah Comer – New Road development. The Planning application was submitted in the 6th March. Sovereign Housing are working closely with the appointed contractor, EG Carter, to secure the build costs and who are looking into drainage investigations. It is hoped that it will start in Aug/Sept of this year. There will be no houses for sale as Sovereign were advised by WODC from the beginning that the need identified was for units to be provided as affordable rent. They will be made up of 2 X 1 Bedroom maisonettes (each with private garden) 4 X 2 bedroom houses (each with private garden) and 4 X 3 bedroom houses (each with private garden).

5.5 Application consultation received for The Heyes, Churchill Road, Kingham – proposed change of use of land to touring caravan park to accommodate up to 12 pitches and associated washroom and reception block. Concerns were raised – previous application in 2010 allowed for 1 caravan for 1 family home. It was said that in 2010, the applicant had very comprehensive legal representation, which relied heavily on the applicant having gypsy/traveller heritage. One of the reasons given to approve the one caravan was due to this particular point. It was further mentioned that the gypsy/traveller rulings were changed/rescinded, 6 mths after this application was approved. It was considered to be a sign of creep and the site was in a flood zone. Deadline for comments is 7th Apr 2015.


5.6 Application consultation received for The Hopper, Station Rd, Kingham. Removal of existing boundary hedge and erect 2.0m high wooden fence – no objections raised.

6. Public Forum - no issues raised

7. Health and Safety – Playground inspection sheets given to Cllr Hughes. The clerk was asked to check when our next annual inspection was due.

8. Finance -

06.03.15	100349	Mar	Southern Electric	Village Green		22.36
06.03.15	100350	Mar	Kingham Village Hall	reimburse for 2013-14 100 Club donation + 2014 Cotswold Table donation		859.05
18.03.15	100351	Mar	Cathy Stebbings	1st prize 100 club nbr 52		50
18.03.15	100352	Mar	Amanda Bisson	2nd prize 100 club nbr 94		20
18.03.15	100353	Mar	Victoria Bramwell	3rd prize 100 club nbr 75		10
18.03.15	100354	Mar	Nicole Marina	expenses		19.03
18.03.15	100355	Mar	Nicole Marina	wages		400.37
18.03.15	100356	Mar	OALC	yearly subscription		134.77
18.03.15	100357	Mar	ORCC	yearly subscription		50
24.03.15	100358	Mar	West Oxfordshire District Council	Village Hall Council tax		285.94


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9. Correspondence – Cotswold District Council – advise of Local Plan regulation consultation. Village Hall has been confirmed as a venue for Election day, 7th May 2015. Correspondence from OCC Highways regarding the car park near the Station – this is to be extended in the summer. New restrictions are being investigated due to the increase in people parking in restricted areas.

10. AOB – It was suggested that the new councillors could get a guide, ‘the good Councillor guide’. No other business.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

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