

Minutes of the Meeting held by Kingham Parish Council - held on Wednesday 16th March, 2016, 6.30pm

Present : Cllrs K. Hartley, J. Harvey, J.Dewar, R.Sale, M.Dare and J.Warne.

Clerk: N.Marina

Three members of the public present.

1. Apologies – received from M.Drinkwater and B.Hughes

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

3. Matters Arising –

3.1 Graveyard Mowing – two members of the public had now come forward. One person is not from the village but visits often and is willing to do the works. The other person does mowing and garden maintenance for a living. Both were acceptable to the £110 wage, per cut. Cllr Hartley will meet them both, at the Church, to go through the requirements.

3.2 The Green, Tree Survey – The second quote for the various works needed had been received. The first quote was marginally cheaper than the first. Cllrs to make a decision of which contractor to use, before the next Meeting in April.

4. Councillors Forum -

4.1 Footpath parallel to the football field, widening – OCC Highways had been inspected the footpath and agreed it was too narrow for the required specifications as is. A plan was submitted to Highways from the contractor and is awaiting approval.

4.2. Subsidised Buses Budget cut – with the many Oxfordshire District Council budget cuts it is likely that the X8 bus will no longer be funded. First Great Western had been contacted to advise them of this, as the X8 runs to the timetable of the Trains, to see if funding could be sought from them. A response from Great Western Railways had been received.

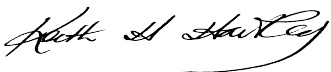
They had advised that Pulhams were pursuing Funding from Gloucestershire County Council and an extension of the 802 bus, which could see the bus run until March 2017 rather than May 2016. If this is unsuccessful there would be an opportunity for the PC to bid for funding from GWR Customer and Communities Investment fund later in the year.

4.3. Villager Bus funding – the PC had agreed at the last Meeting that, in principle, it would help support the service. The full requirement of funding, once known, would again need to be discussed and approved. The Clerk was asked to write to the organiser of the bus for further information.

4.4. High Speed broadband – a question had been asked if this was now available for the whole village. It seemed that some areas were still not covered. For people with access already, it was thought a fee was involved. It was recommended that individuals should contact their supplier for further details.

4.5 Millenium Wood – the Green Gym had planted the fruit trees. A work party had started cutting back the brambles but further work needed to be done, volunteers were needed. A date will be decided at the next PC meeting when the further cutting back will take place.

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5. Planning -

5.1 Decision and Application lists that were emailed to the Clerk from WODC Planning had been haphazard during the month of February. WODC had explained they were having technical difficulties. The lists were now back to being emailed weekly. It was advised that residents could apply online to have alerts sent to them directly if planning applications were submitted within a certain distance from their house. This can be done at <http://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications>

5.2 Garden House, West Street – another application had been received as the last application had been withdrawn. The new application was for one dwelling with the entrance point still in Cozens Lane. The PC had no objection to the one dwelling but felt that the entrance was still an issue. A suggestion of the entrance being from West Street was again mentioned. Another suggestion was having the wall rebuilt on the corner of the property to allow better visibility along Cozens Lane. All comments needed to be submitted by 30th March.

5.3 Lockwood Cottage, Church Street – no objection.

6. Public Forum – None

7. Health and Safety –

7.1 The Playground inspections are ongoing – more forms needed. Cllr Harvey to liaise with Cllr Hughes.

8. Finance –

05.02.16	100445	Feb	Greenbarnes Ltd	replacement hinges for notice board		36.98
17.02.16	100446	Feb	Martin Dare	100 Club - 1st Prize		50
17.02.16	100447	Feb	Gillian White	100 Club - 2nd prize		20
17.02.16	100448	Feb	Jill Johnson	100 Club - 3rd prize		10
17.02.16	100449	Feb	Nicole Marina	Wages		456.34
17.02.16	100450	Feb	Nicole Marina	Expenses		15.55
17.02.16	100451	Feb	David Hunt	Heydens field hedge cut		240
17.02.16	100452	Feb	Chris Harvey	Reimburse for notice board hinge replace		10

9. Correspondence –

9.1 Grass Verge, The Green – a letter had been received by a resident about people parking on the verge, particularly during school drop off and pick up times. The Clerk had written to the school to ask them to bring parents attention to this and to please consider where they parked. The Clerk had also written to OCC Highways to ask who was responsible for this area. It was considered under OCC Highways responsibility. The resident had been encouraged to write to OCC Highways to seek assistance. They had advised that the verge could have posts with the permission of the PC, however these posts would need to be funded privately and an estimated figure for approx. 8 posts was £800. Highways did not make sure that once posts were in place that cars could still park and not block the passage way. If, once installed, this did occur, it would be the police that would need to be contacted.

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9.2. Weed Control – a letter had been received giving notice of a weed control service, at cost. This will be kept on file.

9.3 Referendum Notice – was received to advise that the Referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union was to take place on Thursday 23rd June 2016. Kingham Village Hall would be the Polling Station.

9.4. Waste Collection Sacks – order form received, none needed.

9.5. Zurich Insurance – a quote had been received for the PC Insurance – to get kept on file for renewal time. PC Sub-committees were included. It was advised that individual allotment holders were not covered under the PC Insurance. Allotment holders should be made aware of this and may want to add it to their own home insurance.

9.6 Neighbourhood Watch sign received – Cllr Sale to put up

9.7 Big Festival local Meeting dates received – Tuesday 19th April, 6pm-8pm at the Royal British Legion, to discuss festival plans and concerns or ideas. Another pre-event meeting will take place on 19th July and a post-event meeting will take place on 2nd November 2016. A resident 24 hr, hotline is available from 26th August – 29th August – 0208 233 7938

9.8 Kingham Events Letter – a letter had been received from Kingham Events who would like to celebrate the Queen's 90th B'day with a street fair. A question had been asked from the PC if funds got be donated to support the fair. The PC would like to know what figure amount the Events committee had in mind and what the funds would go towards.

10. AOB

10.1 Photos of the flooded fields where the proposed caravan park were shown. It was pointed out that this happens also in the field where the Stables had been approved. The Clerk to keep these on file.

10.2 Kingham futures group asked if the Clerk could write to Churchill Parish Council to advise that they would like to include in their questionnaire Blackstone Villas, Station House and Langston House. This area falls within Churchill's jurisdiction, however The Futures group would like to include them within Kingham Neighbourhood Plan.

No other Business.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm

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