

Minutes of the Meeting held by Kingham Parish Council

- held on Wednesday 21st October, 2015, 7.30pm

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

Clerk: N.Marina

Two Members of the public

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

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

3. Matters Arising –

3.1 Neighbourhood Plan – The next meeting is scheduled for 3rd November. The Committee will continue to correspond via email, although a Facebook page – called Kingham Village, had now been set up. The Committee had also decided to call themselves ‘Kingham Future.’ The major areas of discussion were the obvious one’s – housing, traffic, parking, transport, planning issues and activities for teenagers. More members are needed. There are approx. 10 members currently, with a representative from the Daylesford Estate as well as from Kingham Hill School. It was again mentioned that the Committee is open for anyone to join, please advise the Clerk on kinghamparishcouncil@gmail.com if you would like to get involved. She can then pass on your details to the Committee for further correspondence.

3.2 Keep Clear Markings – New Road. Is still on the Highways and Transport list as they currently have a back log.

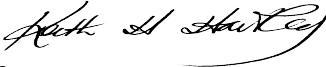
3.3 Graveyard Mowing quote – as the WODC had given a quote that was considered quite high, other options were being considered. Currently the Mowing is done by Volunteers. It was agreed that it should take one person 3-4 hours approx. 8 – 10 times a year. The amount that the Parish Council was prepared to pay was considered. It was agreed that £90-£100 would be appropriate for the time and service provided, per cut, and that the maximum of cuts per year would be 10. It was also suggested that perhaps the Church could commit to making a donation, per cut or per annum, to help with the cost of the service. The Clerk will write to the Church.

3.4 Trees on The Green – A Tree Survey had been requested. The Clerk is to meet with the Tree Surgeon on Monday 2nd November at 8.45am. Cllr Warne asked if he could replace a Cherry Tree which had been cut down at the end of Fowlers Road. This was agreed.

3.5 Kingham Village Website – is ongoing. <http://kinghamoxfordshire.com/> A planning page and an Allotment page had been added to the site. The planning page will have the WODC communications of planning applications and decision lists. A link to the Kingham Future facebook page had also been added. The site, so far, had 350 visits. The updates to the website were added to the Clerks responsibilities.

4. Councillors Forum -

4.1 Red Telephone Box, Church Street – a resident had brought to Cllr Harvey’s attention that the red telephone box was in disrepair. The Box has been out of commission since 2009 due to lack of use. It was advised that the telephone box be could be bought and adopted by the community for £1. The adopting community/PC would then be responsible for its maintenance.

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Options that could be considered for its use were a mini book exchange or defibrillator housing. A suggestion of moving the current defibrillator from the Wild Rabbit to this box and then having another defibrillator down in the New Road area, next to the playing field was mentioned. It was agreed to have this mentioned in the Newsletter - to ask the Village if they wanted to adopt the Telephone Box. Suggestions for the use of the Telephone Box were also invited. The Clerk will contact the local authority to ask what else is required and what is needed for the change of use.

4.2. Kingham Village Signs – A resident had mentioned that the Kingham Village Signs were in need of cleaning. It was mentioned that, in the past, the signs were cleaned by OCC Highways. The Clerk to write to Highways to see if this is still the case. Some members of the PC volunteered to do this if OCC Highways no longer did this service.


4.3 British Legion/Thames Water – The PC had been asked to contact Thames Water on behalf of the British Legion to follow up on the complaint of the smell of sewers, previously reported. The contact person is Julie Moulton, 0800 009 3902, reference nbr 101 33 07219. Thames Water had been to the British Legion on 19th Oct and were investigating further – raising a job card to come back with a camera. They also had someone looking into the local pumping station. Any further updates will be communicated to the Clerk.

4.4 Proposed Household Waste Recycle Centre Closures – a discussion was held about the communication received from OCC with regard to the proposed closure of recycling centres. The reduction was from seven sites to 3 or 4, with 'Dix Pit' in Stanton Harcourt being one of the centres up for closure. Consultation on these proposals is open from 10th August until 5th Oct. It was agreed that the Clerk would write on behalf of the PC to advise concern about these proposed closures.

4.5 WODC Local Plan – is currently being reviewed by a Planning Inspector. A statement from the Inspectors Issues and Pre-hearing questions was discussed with regard to Travelling Communities. The PC agreed to write to comment on, where it was seen that, an action of actively facilitating private applications could result in a potential breach of planning conditions and/or guidelines that were imposed on particular applications.

4.6 Parking at Kingham Station – Highways had been in contact with the PC previously to ask if the PC supported double yellow lines on the road near Kingham Station. The PC were in favour of the lines, but at the time, discussed them being put in place after the extension for the Station Car Park had been completed. The extension has now been completed and it was noted that people continued to park on the road, causing a hazard for cars driving along that road particularly at dusk and in the dark. Highways was contacted to ask when the lines were to go ahead. It was advised that the double lines had not been approved as yet and that Churchill and Bledington PC needed to be contacted as well as other authorities to start the process. The Clerk will write these letters.

4.7 Millenium Wood – Ash dieback. Volunteers had gathered to cut down the trees marked by Green Gym, as having been affected by the fungal disease.

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It was considered quite a large job and only a 6-8 trees had been done at this stage. Approx. 50 more, needed to be done. Cllr Hartley offered to find someone to quote to complete the job.

5. Planning -

5.1 Mount Farm, The Green – Comments needed to be in by 14th Oct – no objections

5.2 College Farmhouse, Church Street – it is a listed building however no objections.

6. Public Forum – None.

7. Health and Safety –

7.1 The Playground inspections are ongoing.

7.2 Whirygig on The Green – Cllr Sale had revisited the alternative surfacing that would cost approx £450 + concreting of approx. £150 + VAT. It was decided to go ahead with the previous quote given by PlaySmart of approx. £720. The Clerk to ask further questions as to how the works are undertaken.

7.3 The free quote given by Sovereign play equipment was discussed. This is for rubberised flooring under the climbing frame at the New Road playground. The quote was £6720.97. It was agreed to keep this quote on file for the future – these works will not go ahead at this time.

8. Finance –

8.1 Precept had been received for £9295.55

8.2 October expenses.

21.10.15	100407	Oct	West Oxfordshire District Council	Small society lottery registration	20.00
21.10.15	100408	Oct	Oxford Diocesan	half year rental for football field	84.00
21.10.15	100409	Oct	Nicole Marina	wages	581.19
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21.10.15	100411	Oct	Richard Sale	topping for Heydens field	77.26

9. Correspondence –

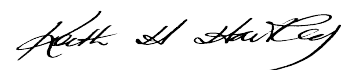
9.1. B4450 Road Closure notice – this would be from 26th October and was anticipated to take 2 weeks. This is due to road works and resurfacing.

9.2 Free Social Media workshops for Women – notice given from OCC and details can be found on www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk. This is to help give skills to women going back to work.

9.3 OCC County Council Budget review 2016/17-2019/20, an overview of the potential changes to the council’s budget. This can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/budget

9.4 Relief in Need Charity – a letter had been received from Jacki Jones with regard to this Charity and the assignment of two new trustee’s. Jacki Jones has now stepped down.

B.Woolford and N.Barnard were welcomed and accepted.

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9.5 Big Feastival Post event Meeting - a letter had been received from the organisers, of a meeting to be held on 4th November from 6-8pm at the British Legion to obtain feedback from the community – all welcome to attend.

9.6 Enrolment for Primary School children Notice – received for children born between 1st Sept 2011 and 31st August 2012, to enter into school in September 2016. A notice for this is now displayed in the notice board.

9.7 Oxfordshire Association for the blind – notice for donations received – it was agreed to donate £25.

10. AOB – No other business.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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