



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council General Purposes Meeting GP 02/24  
Held at 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the Village Club

**GP 02/23 – Present:**

Cllrs: Gaines; Jonas; Peach N; Clerk – Ackrill.

**GP02/24.1 – Election of GP Committee Chairman** – Cllr Peach nominated Cllr H Jonas and Cllr Gaines seconded. Cllr Jonas happy to stand

**Resolved** – Cllr Jonas GP Chairman

**GP02/24.2 - Apologies:** Cllr Mussett

**GP02/24.3 – Declarations of Interest:** NP has allotments.

**GP02/24.4 - Questions from the Public:** N/A

**GP02/24.5 – Health and Safety:** No matters were raised

**GP02/24.6 – Allotments:**

**6.1 Review of Rules and Regulations for January 2025.** The rules were reviewed, and various changes were suggested / highlighted.

**Action:** NP will send round amended draft for review at November GP.

**6.2 Tree at the Entrance gate** – email from allotment holder with concern the 2 trees by the entrance gate would soon shade the plots as the trees in Lines car park did. The Cllrs discussed and reviewed photos. Concern was that we would potentially be cutting down the trees at a point where they were causing no harm

**Resolved:** Monitor the 2 trees over next few years no action to be taken now.

**6.3 Update on Inspections** 2 inspections have taken place this year – April and June. A few plots remain uncultivated / untidy, reports sent to tenants again asking for improvement, these plots are at risk of non-renewal next year. One plot is to be given back at the end of July. Other concern was encroachment onto communal pathways, reminders sent that tenants must keep items within their boundary in order KPC can try and maintain the permitter path and fence line effectively. Next inspection August 24.

**GP02/24.7 – Malthouse Open Space Draft Management Plan Questions:** The amended management plan was sent to BDBC a few months ago, as result questions have been raised by the Estate Surveyor for BDBC. Regarding grass, hedges / fences, boundaries, trees and footpaths. The Management Plan will be amended to say grass will be left uncut where native bulbs appear, the grass level will be maintained as other sites. Trees should continue to be B&D responsibility. The hedge will be measured to give indication of where the ongoing maintained height should be (NP). The fences belong to the adjoining properties. The footpaths- the tarmac internal one belongs to BDBC and the ROW down the side belongs to Hampshire County Council. Members were unsure what the “Boundary Treatments” referred to. Cllr Peach will draft reply to email and alter the draft Management Plan.

**Action:** Cllr Peach plan and email response.

**GP02/24.8 – Hedge and Verge beside the Bowls Clubhouse (to the right):** An email had been received from neighbouring resident asking who is responsible for this area as they believe some cutting back is required. Following discussion Cllr Peach will go and draw up specification regarding what is required in potentially cutting back the undergrowth and trimming of the trees at the appropriate time of year. Clerk will then ask Contractors for an initial quote.

**Action:** Cllr Peach specification to be drawn up. Clerk to then obtain quote and report back.

**Resolved:** Quote / Specification to go to OM meeting for final review / approval

**GP02/24.9 – Trees and Hedges:**

**9.1 Yew Tree in Churchyard** – (opposite the parking area, next to the litter bin on Swan Street) Clerk and Cllr Gaines have meet with a Tree Surgeon it was recommended not to balance or shape the tree as the roots have grown accordingly to self-balance, but just to remove the one limb lowest to the carriageway the straw lorries brush. An initial quote was received.

**Action:** Clerk to start applying for relevant permissions (conservation area), discuss with Church and obtain further quotes. Also investigate if traffic control measures were required for short amount of time to remove one limb.

**9.2 Rowan Tree removal Square** – pervious planning consent to remove has now lapsed. Clerk and Cllr Gaines met with Tree Surgeon who was asked to provide quote to remove the tree closest to the toilet block that is causing damage to pathways and to grind out the roots. Then make the ground flat / good for a large planter. Also to trim and tidy the other Rowan. Initial quote now received. It was noted this would need to be done in conjunction with installation of new planter from health and safety concern of possibly resulting uneven ground.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain permission and further quotes – job scheduled for Autumn/ winter

**9.3 Planter (for Ground area where Rowan Tree stood)** – Clerk provided recommendations from other PCs for attractive large planters (circulated). Cllrs preference was the Amberol Planter approx. 1m sq self-watering, colour to match black and gold parish bins. It was discussed that drought tolerant evergreen

plants or hardy herbs could be planted. Agreed to coincide the planting spec and design with the specification for the large flower bed (due for refurbishment this year)

**Action:** Cllr Peach will spec a planting plan and approach BCllrs for grant help to purchase planter soil and plants.

**9.4 Basingstoke Road Hedge** – Light summer trim due 18<sup>th</sup> June, however this hedge needs to be taken back a couple of feet to regain better width on the tarmac path. Clerk and Cllr Gaines met with contractor who suggests 1.5 to 2 feet reduction in width on the path side, also a small excavator to then remove debris/silt from the pavement. This is a substantial job, would need to apply for No Parking traffic provision and Footway Closed permission as obviously need access all along the pathway and to alleviate potential damage to cars or harm to pedestrians. A price was submitted to complete this job. Autumn / winter completion.

**Action:** Clerk to investigate relevant permissions and obtain at least 2 further quotes.

**GP02/24.10 – Flower Bed in The Square** – Cllr Peach reported the soil, on first inspection looked good in the bed. Will draw up a spec with planting ideas leaving only the current roses in situ. Once a specification has been completed Clerk to obtain three quotes. This job will be completed in conjunction with and to compliment with suggested new flower planter where possible.

**Action:** Cllr Peach to draw up planting specification and Clerk to them obtain at least three quotes.

**GP02/24.11 – Lychgate - Cllr R Peach** has drawn up repair specification for **a)** both front (roadside) support posts to insert concrete pads /supports (like back support posts) **b)** replace the lower wooden cladding (roadside), apply wood worm / and treatment and **c)** then apply heavy duty wood preserver on any area of structure deemed required **d)** finally paint whole structure with clear wood protection.

**Resolved:** Committee happy with the specification

**Action:** Clerk to obtain three quotes, to be brought back to full OM for consideration of project.

**GP02/24.12 - Planning Matters:**

**12.1 T/00232/24/TPO Lakes End Foxes Lane** – Cllrs Objected to the application both trees have TPOs, no clear reason why the sycamore with a TPO had been previously reduced heavily resulting in a the poor canopy as stated for reason for removal. No photos provided; application was unclear. Decision is with the Tree Officer.

**Resolved:** Objection

**Action:** Clerk to respond

**GP02/24.13 – Matters for Future Consideration:** Nothing was raised

**GP02/24.14 – Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 7:30pm in the Village Club.

Meeting closed 20.38

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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