

KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2013 at 8.00pm In the Kingsley Centre

Present: Cllr C. Rigden – Chairman
Cllr. L. McCorkindale
Cllr. D. Comber
Cllr. B. Lazenby
Cllr. T. Scrivener
Cllr. C. Pearson
Clerk K.Nana Yonko

In attendance: 5 members of the public

14.29 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr. Rigden welcomed the members of the public and advised the position of the fire exits.

14.30 Apologies for Absence

None

14.31 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest

Cllr. D. Comber declared a personal interest in respect of item 7 – Planning Application over Groomes Farm.

14.32 Public Question

There was no public question.

Cllr Rigden confirmed that members of the public would be allowed to make statements or ask question in regards of the following items:

7 – Planning

8 – St. Nicholas Chapel & Cemetery

10 – Commons, Village Greens and Rights of Way

14.33 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th April 2013

The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 25th April were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed after Cllr McCorkindale made sure that the following amendments had been made as the updated version of the minutes had not been sent by the clerk:

Minutes 14.05 Cllr McCorkindale confirmed that she now had received the rules about commercial `advertising but needed time to read it all up.

Minutes 14.09 Cllr McCorkindale confirmed that she will contact EHDC offices to speak to one of the tree officers to obtain guidance for work required if any on the oak trees with TPOs orders on Lower Green.

Councillor McCorkindale advised that legal advice was still awaited from HCC regarding installation of barriers, but estimates received two years ago were going to be updated. Mr Carugati advised he had been in contact with HCC and apparently our legal query was second in a list of 5. He was concerned regarding the increase of lorries using footpath 6.

Proposed – Cllr. McCorkindale
Seconded – Cllr. Lazenby
All agreed unanimously.

14.34 Matters Arising

Cllr Scrivener confirmed he received the offer from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association to help with litter picks.

Cllr Rigden asked the Clerk to send a letter to the Association mentioning that the Parish understands that the District Council had said a couple of years ago that the picnic could be held as a one-off event so with this in mind, Councillors felt it was not possible for them to be involved with any future events of this nature.

The Clerk informed that the Meadow room of the Kingsley Centre was going to be inaccessible due to refurbishment in July.

The Clerk confirmed the cost to get a key safe at £20.00 + installation cost if requested.

14.35 Planning

Applications ongoing:

Appeals:

30633/021 Grooms Farm, Frith End Road, Frith End, Bordon, GU235 0QR
Change of use of building for events associated with existing hotel, agricultural uses and hot air balloon storage with associated works, parking and use of access

This appeal is on-going.

22732/015 Sandyfield Farm, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9NG

This appeal is on-going.

50311/005 Land North West of Rose Villa, Sandy Lane, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9NH
Stables and tack room following demolition of existing stables

This application has been given permission.

21066/026 Bakers Farm Nursery, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9NJ
Removal of occupancy condition imposed under S52 agreement to 21066/001

This application is on-going.

24601/040 Country Market Osborne Farms, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9LW
Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 24601/038 to allow permanent use of the barn

This application has been granted.

54448/002 Land at Dean Farm, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon
Retention of shed, open fronted field shelter, polytunnel and toilet

This application has been refused.

22903/001 Gwn Gwent, Sickles Lane, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9PD
Single storey extensions to side and rear, open fronted porch and detached garage after demolition of existing garage and extension to side.

This application is on-going.

New application:

52258/001 The Old Piggery, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon
Two detached dwellings with covered parking, new access, landscaping and associated works

Kingsley Parish Council supports this application. The site is at the centre of the village and is considered unsightly. 82% of respondents in the recent Parish Plan surveys would 'support' or

have 'no objection' to the development of existing sites, and comments returned with the surveys support the development and tidying up of this specific site.

There are four areas of concern:

1) the detail of the finish of the houses is lacking - with EHDC to approve following samples being submitted. Is it possible that the Parish Council could also be included in this process so as to protect the appearance of this significant site? We would like these two large houses to have features linking them back to their agricultural past.

2) there is an area to be retained in the ownership of the present owner and remain "agricultural". Can this be conditioned to be correctly maintained so as not to detract from its surroundings?

3) the access way is steeply banked and should be subject to HCC section 278 approval.

The Parish Council is concerned that this banking should be gradual enough to allow a push chair to pass over the new access way.

4) Concerns have been raised concerning safety relating to the new proposed access onto the very busy B3004, often with traffic greatly exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The Parish Council looks to the expertise within EHDC and HCC to fully evaluate this risk to insure the highest possible levels of safety are provided.

Proposed: Cllr McCorkindale

Seconded: Cllr Lazenby

All agreed unanimously

**53152/002 Land to the West of Dean Farm, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon
Installation of 250kw (installed capacity) photovoltaic solar energy generating facility, comprising solar arrays and ancillary equipment (including inverters, substation and mounting frames)**

Kingsley Parish Council has no objection. The recently published Parish Plan shows that nearly 50% of respondents support the encouragement of such developments in the village (about 30% oppose).

The applicant has published no accounts and is proposing using imported Chinese pv panels. The largest pv manufacturing company in the world went bankrupt in March 2013 and the down side to this application needs to be considered. In the event of the site failing somehow, is it possible the application can be conditioned so that the land owners and locals can be protected in the event of having a large amount of non-functioning hardware?

The removal of the hardware at the end of the functioning life of these panels also needs to be conditioned.

Proposed: Cllr McCorkindale

Seconded: Cllr Lazenby

All agreed unanimously

**22495/008 Burningshams, South Hay Lane, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9NW
Two storey extension to the rear**

Kingsley Parish Council has no objection. It is not visible to the road and has little impact on the locality. However the Parish Council cannot comment with regard to this extension in relation to the listed building as it has no expertise in this area.

Proposed: Cllr McCorkindale

Seconded: Cllr Lazenby

All agreed unanimously

**54616/002 Land West of, Farnham Road, Bordon
Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian (to include riding lessons, keeping and breeding of horses) retention of sand school, mess room and hay barn**

This application site is actually in Frith End and within Binsted Parish, but abuts Kingsley Parish.

Retrospective permission for sand school, mess room and hay barn:

Kingsley Parish Council has no objection to these buildings, as long as they are for private use.

It must be noted there are some mistakes on the application: 12) The site slopes down to a tributary of the River Wey.

Kingsley Parish Council objects to the site being used commercially for either riding lessons or for the breeding of horses. Drainage is stated to be by soakaway, but this is on heavy clay soil, which does not drain. The site is river meadows, not suitable for commercial development.

At 1.2 hectares the size is modest and can hardly be called a farm, hence this cannot be considered farm diversification.

A considerable proportion of the site is used with all the buildings, and long with all the parking areas, there is hardly enough grazing for two horses.

The only entrance is via the A325, which has a speed limit of 60 m.p.h, and the access lines do not conform to those required. Riding lessons would mean extra traffic and having breeding stallions would mean extra horse box traffic. It must be noted that there is no direct access to any bridleways, so any lessons would be within the confined space of the area.

Having taken expert advice, from a Health and Safety point of view, it is ill judged to have a stallion on this small site, along with novice riders.

Proposed: Cllr McCorkindale

Seconded: Cllr Scrivener

All agreed unanimously

14.36 St. Nicholas Church & Cemetery

See Annexe 1: David Croucher, Friends of St Nicholas, report

Cllr Rigden confirmed that the Jackdaws mess had been dealt with for £80.00 by Andy Cox.

Cllr Rigden also confirmed that a single cut has been done.

It was suggested that there is no charge for the ceremony at the Chapel in memory of Diana Sczumlika.

Cllr Rigden requested that St Nicholas charges and fees are being reviewed and accepted at the next parish meeting as the Church of England fees had been increased and the Parish agreed to match the COE' fees.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Sir Grant Ferguson to authorise the use of the Chapel for music recording for £102.00 if day booked prior to end of June.

14.37 Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Cllr Lazenby reported a hole on the pavement from the centre of village towards the allotments site to HCC.

Cllr Lazenby also acknowledged receipt of a reply from Headley Parish Council in regards of the Speed limit reminder sign. Details of a possible meeting date will be sent to us in due course

14.38 Commons, Village Greens and Rights of Way

Upper Green: A member of the public mentioned that the Electricity company who had some work done a couple of months ago has left wood chips all over Upper Green and that they should be asked to clear up their mess as it is a potential trip hazard as well as the ditch at the back of Upper Green.

Cllr Lazenby confirmed that the annual inspection had been done. See Annexe 2

He suggested a meeting on site to get a better knowledge of what are the issues.

The Clerk was asked to request a catalogue from Playsafe and to investigate on the warranty of the play equipment.

14.39 Community Resilience

Cllr Carole Pearson confirmed that she has documentation which is being looked at and a better suggestion will be given at the next parish meeting.

14.40 Environment and Biodiversity

Cllr Scrivener confirmed that the bags and safety tabards had been received so the next litter pick is organised for Sunday 16th June 2013.

14.41 Sports Recreation and Leisure

No report.

14.42 Kingsley Village Forum

No report.

14.43 Parish Plan

Cllr Rigden confirmed that the parish plan has been published.

14.44 Housing, Business & Commerce

No report.

14.45 Communications

The correspondence received this month was listed by the clerk and circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

Website:

Cllr Scrivener confirmed that it is on-going and hopefully in good shape for the next parish meeting.

14.46 District Councillor

No report.

14.47 Procedures, Finance and Payments

The current balance was noted as £14,441.04

Payments made in May 2013

Bank payments made on 10/05/2013:

HMRC – PAYE to 05/05/2013 £61.60

Date of Next Meeting of Kingsley Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th June 2013 at 7.30 pm at The Kingsley Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm

CHAIRMAN DATE

St Nicholas Church – May 2013 Monthly Report

1.0 Cleaning and other matters

The church was opened on the first Saturday of the month and a team of ladies gave it a thorough clean, in preparation for the funeral to be held on the following month.

Whilst cleaning the church a large amount of detritus was discovered at balcony level caused by jackdaws. It was arranged for Andy Cox to clear up and he did this in his usual cheerful manner removing three dumpy bags of rubbish and blocking the majority of the access points with chicken wire he had to hand. His invoice has been passed on and should be paid promptly.

2.0 Funeral

The Church was opened for the Funeral and all passed without a problem. The burial in the graveyard was also conducted without a hitch. A point worth noting is that the gravedigger expressed the importance of accurately recording the burial place as there have been times when the wrong burial site has been opened. The records I have, have been marked accordingly.

3.0 Grass cutting

It was noted at the funeral referred to above that the grass was now ready for cutting and that this should be done promptly. The daffodils have died back and the cow slips are now less numerous. If this could be done before the next Church opening on Sat 1st June this would be much appreciated.

4.0 Church Opening

The church will be opened on June 1st between 14.00 and 16.00 hours. There will be a recital commencing at about 3.30 and all who have attended on other occasions will know that it is a very worth-while experience. As many of you as possible are urged to attend.

5.0 Sundries

A Mr. David Munro has asked if he might hire the Church for a family occasion. His wife was a companion to Diana Sczumlika who was a great patron of St Nicholas and the Church means a great deal to their family. The FOSN would strongly recommend that his request be granted.

David Croucher
Friends of St Nicholas

ANNEXE 2

Response to Play Area Inspection. (1.5.2013)

A follow up inspection was carried out on Wednesday 22 may 2013 with John Coney of HPFA. The following comments are made subsequent to discussing the report with him.

1. Hedging.

The gaps in the hedging were referred to again. Our previous attempts to close the gap in the centre of the hedge were unsuccessful. I propose that we have briars or hawthorns planted at the bottom of the slope in some depth. A temporary length of fencing should be put up on the road side of the planting to prevent access. This would then be removed once the planting had matured.

Mature trees should be used. These could be bushes from another part of the site.

2. Dragon's Teeth.

Work previously discussed should be carried out.

3. Cableway.

The main cable does not appear to be slack. In order to bring the ground clearance of the seat at the right level two links should be taken out of the chain of the pommel. This would raise the height of the seat.

4. Multi Unit.

Replace missing bolt cup cap for safety reasons.

Replace steps as previously suggested.

5. Flexi-bridge.

One of the end cable brackets is partially out of its fixing. This should be dealt with.

The supporting logs at either end should be monitored.

6. Flat Seat Swing.

The date on this equipment is 2004. A check should be made on the warranty for this equipment. Periods of more than nine years are normal for this type of equipment.

Deterioration at ground level is encouraged by the trimming of the grass causing damage to the surface of the timber. The multiplay equipment has concrete posts in the ground with the wooden posts bolted to these above ground level. Swings constructed in the same way are available and all replacements should be of this design.

Given the cost of a replacement, if not covered by warranty should we not look at getting alternative quotes?

7. Puppy Spring See Saw.

This should be refurbished as previously proposed.