

KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th October 2013 at 7.30pm In the Kingsley Centre

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

In attendance: 6 members of the public
District Councillor David Ashcroft

15.06 Chairman's Opening Remarks

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

15.07 Apologies for Absence

None

15.08 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest

None

15.09 Public Question

Fred Bell – Fishery Manager

Steve William – Oakhanger Angling Club

Had a lease from the MOD since 1968 to fish Kingsley Pond.

Fishing Platforms (called Swims) are maintained every year by Oakhanger Fishing Club at their own cost as well as looking after trees and grass cutting.

Due to bad wet weather last year – some platforms (Swims) merged into the pond.

Oakhanger Fishing Club paid £800 for timber to replace and repair the Swims and purchased non slip mattings.

But the MOD contacted the Club asking them to stop. New MOD Estate Surveyor Roger Morris said they should apply for retrospective planning permission for the swims and to instruct a structural engineer to inspect all platforms which was considered by the Club as too costly (£500 to survey + individual charge for each swim).

The MOD asked the Club to remove all platforms by the 11th October 2013.

After a meeting between Fred Bell and Roger Morris, it was agreed to take out offending bad platforms only and MOD agreed extension to end October 2013.

But after receiving an email from MOD saying all Platforms (swims) had to go by end October. The Fishing club wants to investigate alternatives.

Cllr Rigden suggested that the Fishing Club inform the MOD that they have £10 M public liability insurance.

At the Parish Council meeting in Sep 2013 a member of the public asked if St Nicholas chapel could be used for memorial services. The response to the question is given in Annex 1

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

15.10 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2013

The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 26th September were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

Proposed – Cllr. L. McCorkindale

Seconded – Cllr. T. Scrivener

All agreed unanimously.

15.11 Matters Arising

None

15.12 Planning

Applications ongoing:

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.

22495/008 Burningshams, South Hay Lane, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9NW

Two storey extension to the rear

This application is on-going.

54941 Land South of Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon

Change of use of land for stationing of a mobile home for residential purposes for a single gypsy pitch with creation of new access off main road, track and associated hard standing, treatment plant and amenity block (FUL)

This application is on-going. A flood assessment has been produced that has resulted in the caravan being moved to the north of the site

Enforcement Appeal EC/51617/002 Land West of, Sickles Lane, Kingsley, Alton

Still on-going: Councillor Ashcroft advised that a date for the appeal had now been advised for February 24th at 10am in the Kingsley Centre.

Enforcement Appeal EC/37724/011 Land at Dean Farm, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon

Still on-going.

55095/001 4 Bakers Barn, Oakhanger Road, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9NJ

Listed building consent for external alterations to clad an outbuilding to form shed, moving of a fence and internal alterations to outbuilding to form four car ports.

This application has been approved.

37484/003 Westerkirk, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon, GU35 9ND

Resubmission of previous application, scheme to incorporate non material amendments.

First floor extension to rear, single storey extension to side, conversion of garage and workshop to living accommodation, detached garage to front.

This application has been approved.

52258/002 The Old Piggery, Main Road, Kingsley, Bordon

Two detached dwellings with covered parking, new access. landscaping and associated works

This application is on-going.

New application:

20136/045 LMC Sleaford Garage, Fanham Road, Bordon, GU35 0QP

Two storey extension to rear/side following removal of detached storage buildings and containers

Cllr McCorkindale advised that this was for a two storey extension to the showroom towards the River Slea. Photos included showed it was a bit of a mess. It was considered this would further improve the garage and the suggestion was to propose: No objection.
Cllr McCorkindale suggested an additional comment should be made as to the improvement in the visual appearance of the garage with the new Citroen signage.
Proposed: Cllr McCorkindale
Seconded: Cllr Pearson
All agreed unanimously

15.13 St. Nicholas Church & Cemetery

Cllr Pearson mentioned that she is still waiting for the Architect Richard Ashby to come back to her with a quote and the survey for the balcony.
She also confirmed that the last full cut had been done at the cemetery and was happy with it.

15.14 Transport, Highways and Road Safety

Cllr Lazenby reiterates his demand to meet up with Headley & Grayshott parish councils to discuss about the efficiency of the speed limit reminder sign.
The clerk is to chase them again.

15.16 Commons, Village Greens and Rights of Way

Upper Green:

After discussion on the quotation received from Playsafe, it was agreed to go for the following repairs:

Suspension bridge:

Replace the 2 No timbers with a laminated soft wood (better quality timber to what we have and will last longer) as standard and no cost.

Flat seat swing:

Replace the swing set with a natural hardwood robinia log swing and receive an extended 10 year warranty from date of installation for £250.00.

Replace basketball net

The Clerk was asked to send them the instruction to go ahead.

The Clerk was also asked to contact English Landscapes requesting a meeting to talk about the dragon teeth and access to Upper Green for grass cutting.

Cllr Rigden confirmed that grants have been received to fund the new picnic table.

The Clerk was asked to instruct Go Plastic to go ahead with the table order and delivery.

Lower Green:

It was agreed to accept the quotations received from Paul Grace to carry out the normal autumn cut back of the Golden Rod area and the strip of about 4 meters wide down the side of the B3004 to the path (track) across the Green from the B3004 (near the stream).

And to clear and cut back the nettles and any other untidy growth between the path (track) across the green and the stream to the western boundary of the Green.

Proposed: Cllr Comber

Seconded: Cllr Lazenby

All agreed unanimously

Cllr McCorkindale mentioned that following a complaint in July 2012 about trailer permanently parked on footpath 6 which was blocking the track, letters had been sent however another letter delivered by hand will be sent again to all residents.

15.17 Community Resilience

No report.

15.18 Environment and Biodiversity

No report.

15.19 Sports Recreation and Leisure

Allotment:

Cllr Rigden confirmed that the AGM will be on 16 Nov 2013 at 9:30 in the Kingsley Centre. He also reminded that the Parish Council is due to pay the site lease fee to Harvey Lamport (as per last year) £325.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Secretary of the Allotment Association to acknowledge receipt of the cheque of £325 towards the annual 2013 rent.

Mention that the water bill for 2013 has been received and is £192.42, that the annual rental due for 2014 is the same as for this year, namely £325 so will be grateful to receive payment. Lastly, that the Parish Council would like to propose a change to the Management Agreement between the Council and the Allotment Association.

Cllr Rigden also confirmed that the wind proof fencing had been put up, that all plots are allocated and that there is 4-5 people on the waiting list.

15.20 Kingsley Village Forum

Cllr Pearson sent her apology as she couldn't attend the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd October 2013.

15.21 Parish Plan

Cllr Rigden confirmed and invited everyone to attend the "Call for Action" meeting held on Friday 25th October at the Kingsley Centre at 7:30pm.

15.22 Housing, Business & Commerce

Cllr McCorkindale mentioned that she had been contacted again by the lady of for Affordable Housing to come and visit Kingsley.

15.23 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 he had a 2 hrs training session with the Clerk to show her how to update the website with information such as minutes, agenda.

He also confirmed that he was happy for someone else to take over the website to complete it and make it live to public as he has a very tight schedule.

15.24 District Councillor

Cllr Ashcroft confirmed that the district plan is going to be inspected at the end of the month for the deliberation early next year.

Cllr Ashcroft mentioned that he received a £3,000.00 sum to spend within his ward.

He has thought that Kingsley could benefit of a defibrillator which Selborne and Worldham parishes have already. But ask the council to suggest anything which could help Kingsley community.

Cllr Ashcroft also mentioned that he is welcoming any feedback on planning application.

15.25 Procedures, Finance and Payments

The current balance was noted as £22,803.51

Payments made in October 2013

17/10/13	DD	Southern Electric	St Nicholas Chapel Electricity 26/06 to 25/09/13	18.68
18/10/13	BACS	HMRC	PAYE Period to 05/10/2013	61.60
24/10/13	BACS	South East Water	Allotment site – water 13/03 to 11/09/13	192.42
24/10/13	BACS	Richard Thorpe	St Nicholas annual extinguishers servicing	39.00
24/10/13	BACS	Karine Nana Yonko	Clerk October 2013 salary	308.00
25/10/13	BACS	Karine Nana Yonko	Clerk October 2013 expenses	60.30

Date of Next Meeting of Kingsley Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th November 2013 at 7.30 pm at The Kingsley Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21: 30pm

CHAIRMAN DATE

Response to question raised at Parish Council meeting in Sep 2013.

At the Parish Council meeting in Sep 2013 a member of the public asked if St Nicholas chapel could be used for memorial services.

The current (recently updated) covenants placed on the use of St Nicholas are:-

1. Not to use the property for any purpose other than as a cemetery chapel and/or for community purposes and/or cultural purposes and for purposes ancillary thereto
- 2 Not to use the property for any illegal or immoral purpose or for any purpose which may be or become a nuisance annoyance or disturbance to the Transferor or which shall (in the opinion of at least two of the following: the bishop for the time being of the diocese in which the property is situated, the dean for the time being of the cathedral which is the seat of the bishop and the archdeacon for the time being of the archdeaconry in which the Property is situated) be offensive to the principles and practice of the Christian faith
3. Not to permit or allow use of the property for the solemnization of marriages or as a place at which two people may register as civil partners of each other either under section 26(1)(bb) of the Marriage Act 1949 or under section 6 of the Civil Partnerships Act 2004 or under any other legislation for the time being in force amending or replacing the said Acts;

The difference between a funeral service and a memorial service is that the latter is conducted without the body being present. A memorial service is thus a purpose ancillary to the use as a cemetery chapel.

So the answer to the specific question is St Nicholas can be used as a cemetery chapel and as such it can be used for funeral and memorial services for burials within the adjacent cemetery.

As St Nicholas is now owned by the Parish Council it can be used for such services for any faith (so long as these are not offensive to the principles and practice of the Christian faith)

It is the responsibilities of the party organizing a service to find an appropriate minister to conduct the service.

1. Hedging.

Before spring the hedging should be trimmed to a height that enables a clear view of the play area for the footway alongside the B3004.

Breach 1 (beneath the large oak tree).

Briar or a similar plant which will flourish beneath a tree should be planted to a depth of around 6 ft. for a length of 20 ft. This would create a barrier of similar dimension to the rest of the area bordering the footway. To enable this to establish itself a temporary fence needs to be constructed from the trunk of the smaller oak tree, next to the boundary for a distance of about 20ft. westward. This needs to have a smooth side giving no aid to climbing and be around 4 ft. or more high. Once the undergrowth is established this can be removed.

Breach 2 (next to the bus shelter on its western side). This is a well-used entry and is on the play area side of the shelter. It is thought that this entry should be formalised with steps made from sleepers and a hand rail.

2. Dragons Teeth.

The teeth at the western side of the play area to be resituated to meet the requirements of the rules regarding parking on a village green. The teeth to be secured in line with the quotation received. Some of the teeth are damaged and will need to be replaced. The problems associated with entry to the play area for grass cutting need to be addressed. The width required for the entry of machinery would also enable other vehicles to enter. One solution would be to have a metal post with a locking mechanism to enable entry only to authorised users. Alternatively there could be a wider gap at the eastern end of the play area. This would still present a danger of unauthorised entry though on a lower level.

3. Flat Seat Swing.

The new swings should be able to withstand the effect of trimming around the bases. The more durable type of wood may meet this requirement. A decision should be made after the report from Playsafe.

4. Cradle Seat Swings.

The hand rails on these are beginning to show advanced signs of wear. This needs to be monitored with a view to replacement at some point.

5. Multi-Unit.

The steps are beginning to show advanced signs of wear and should be replaced as soon as practicable.

6. Flexi bridge.

This should be repaired with the more durable timber.

7. Cableway.

The removal of links in the chain should meet the requirements of the inspection.

8. Basketball Net.

This is in need of replacement.

9. New Bench and Seats.

Given the way in which the old one was pulled bodily from its base we need to be sure that the new one is securely anchored.

10. Other Items.

Although other items were mentioned in the annual report there do not appear to be any other areas of concern.