

GKRA Committee meeting 03/02/20

- 1 Present John Golledge Chairman, Shirley Challis Treasurer, Stan Jones, Brian Naylor, Andrew Hodge.  
In attendance Paul Nicholls, Parish Councillor, David Davis, Village Hall.  
Apologies were received from Trevor, Barnaby, Jackie.
- 2 The minutes of the meeting of 06/01/20 were approved and signed.
- 3 Matters arising- none
- 4 Officers' reports
- Chairman's Report - nothing new to report
  - Treasurer's report. Bank balance £5737, of which £1025 is for the quiz, which potentially will return a profit of +/- £500.
  - Secretary -absent
  - Planning. The committee felt that the application to build houses in Clappings Lane, Naphill didn't affect us, so gave no cause to object.  
An application by Kingshill Farm for a certificate of lawfulness, (change of use of the farm out buildings), didn't agree with the attached plan, which showed the replacement of a commercial building by 2 houses. The committee felt that this was different to the application for a certificate of lawfulness and should be looked at further with the possibility of an objection.
- 5 Quiz night. All tickets sold with an attendance of 82. Start time 7.30, 6.30 setting up time,
- 6 May walk. Either John Golledge or Anna to lead walk. Possibility of obtaining a £150 grant from WDC, to celebrate VE day, (see under Paul Nicholls report)
- 7 Summer fete, Date fixed, Andrew and Brian to liaise with cricket club ?? Copies of the advance notice to be handed out at the quiz night. Carol and Jackie to start contacting potential stall holders etc. The next fete committee meeting is on 19/02/20.
- 8 Road safety. There are regular speed checking sessions and we have 3 speed monitoring machines in the village, everything is working well.
- 9 Village Hall update, David Davis. The kitchen refurbishment is going ahead, after the committee discussed the estimates. The fund has received a £5000 grant from the council with the option to apply for a further loan. The oven is to be upgraded and a commercial dishwasher installed at some point. It was suggested that a representative from the V H committee writes to thank the council. The New
- 10 Road parking problem, which had quietened down, has started again.
- Hughenden Parish Council, Paul Nicholls
- From 31/03/20, Wycombe District Council will no longer exist and a shadow council will be run from Aylesbury until the elections for the unitary authority take place. There is a possibility that there will be a shortage of councillors
  - The council is looking to employ a groundsperson for one half day per week, to do minor general maintenance, check the playground area etc. An ability to drive is essential.
  - a £150 grant is available from WDC, to celebrate VE day. This could be used on the day of the village walk on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, with an event in the village hall, incorporating food and a talk commemorating the events of that day. Andrew to approach Janet Idle, who has given presentations on VE day in the past, with a view to loaning some memorabilia.
  - Village maintenance and improvements. The hedge between the council car park and the Missenden road is to be trimmed, so that passing police patrol cars have a better view of the area, with a view to stamping out the drug dealing that is taking place there. A tree survey of trees on council owned land is to take place as the council is aware that there will be several suffering from Ash Die Back.
  - it was confirmed that GKRA had received a copy of the Statement that the Council had issued concerning recent councillor co-options and lack of compliance with the Local Government Act 192 section 6.11 – 6.15. As a result 7 out of 12 Councillors had not been legally co-opted in line with the Local Government Act 1972, including Carol Sammut who represented GK. Since February 2017, due to a change of Clerk who was not familiar with the procedure, the correct co-option procedure had not been followed. Once made aware of this non-compliance the council HPC immediately sought advice including legal from the council's solicitor, WDC as well as the county and national Local Government Associations. He confirmed that although the 12 councillors is down to 5, the Council is quorate and can continue to operate legally.
- 11 The meeting closed at 20.48

Signed:



Date: 2/3/2020