

GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at the Parish Council Offices, Great Kingshill

Present: Brian Naylor (Chairman); Anna Young (Treasurer), Andrew Hodge (Hon Secretary), Trevor Bateman, David Jarman, John Golledge, Simon Bradley

In attendance:

Guest presenters: Korinne Leney (Area Manager Community Engagement and Development)
Simon Kearey – (Councillor) Fish Eye film fest and films

Apologies: Muriel Smith, Lucy Partington; Paul Nicholls; David Davies

Minutes of 6th March 2017 meeting: The Minutes of the meeting were reviewed approved and signed by the chairman.

Officers' Reports

Chairman: *Brian Naylor (BN)*

All actions completed as listed in March 2017 minutes

Treasurer's report - Anna Young (AY)

Not available due to a time limit at the meeting

Balances as March

Total £8122.02

- NatWest - £8,046.14
- Barclays deposit account - £0.65
- Petty cash - £75.23

Income

- Advertising income £1,630 – winter news letter
- Outstanding invoices (being chased) £1600 – 13 accounts

Banking Signature changes –

Action – BN to present at any branch of Barclays Bank and have his documentation to authorise signature.

Secretary - *Andrew Hodge (AH)*

All actions carried out as listed in March 2017 minutes

- Great Kingshill book – sales £20 was handed to the treasurer
- The village Hall booking form for the GKRA September AGM, was handed to the Treasurer and a £20 cheque raised in payment

Planning - *John Golledge (JG)*

Having reviewed the Wycombe District and Chiltern Planning portals JG brought the committee's attention to the following applications.

- A planning application has been applied for to convert the Old Kings head pub into a Day Nursery for 30 infants. It was agreed that access and speed along the stretch of road might create a danger.

Action: *JG agreed to put forward GKRA's comments re Kings Head Nursery traffic concerns*

- Prestwood sports Centre – 'Sprinters' has applied for permission to rebuild its facilities. – No comment required

- Alpaca farm – has applied for agricultural sheds and a residence to be built.

Action: JG to put forward GKRA objection to the residence as an encroachment on AOOB and Green belt.

Village Hall –*David Jarman* – carried forward to May 2017

Hughenden Street Association - Korinne Leney (Area Manager Community Engagement and Development BCC)

Korinne Leney kindly gave a 25 minutes presentation on the Hughenden Street Association currently piloting in the parish as one of a very few in the county based on the "Strength of Community Spirit" and network in the Hughenden parish.

It was emphasised that the objectives were street by street – "helping your neighbours staying safe and well". Presentations have been carried out in the Parish with the help of Stan Jones / David Jarman and NAG

Bucks and particularly the Hughenden Parish have a high population of over 65's – 16.6% in Bucks but 21% in Hughenden. Currently there are 769 over 75 in HPC and this is forecasted to increase to 1195 by 2020.

The crime rate in Bucks suggests that 1 in 2 doorstep crimes are against the over 75's. Only 1 in 10 crimes it is estimated are reported. £5m losses have been reported across the county. The main scams are in areas outside towns where there are link roads. It is estimated that 17% of older people may not speak to anyone during a week and 26% are at risk of loneliness.

David Jarman has been involved in setting up the pilot within the Parish and has a good flow chart and some support material, which could be put into the GKRA Web site.

GKRA agreed that it would be good to keep close to the project and support where possible particularly in the communications using the web site, mailing list and the GKRA newsletter.

BCC has also a budget under LAUGH, which supports safety projects in villages – e.g. MVAS machines and School posters

Action: DJ to prepare a suitable article for the GKRA web site.

Action: AH to follow-up the access to another MVAS machine via LAUGH budget.

Action: AH to thank Korinne Leney for an excellent informative presentation.

Fish eye Film festival -Simon Kearey

Simon Kearey presented the concept of the Fish Eye Film festival and the subsequent availability of budget and film showings during the year and going forward. The parish received a £600 budget last year and there are bookings in Kingshill Village hall for the festival on Oct 14th and Sunday 15th October also Sunday 22nd October 6-9pm.

The cost of putting on the films and advertising was £83 plus VAT. The events are aimed at getting the community together based on some of Simon's experiences in an Oxfordshire village. A membership could be started to help communication and overcome some of the advertising restrictions.

GKRA stated that there had been some confusion in the past as to who was doing what. Simon offered the opportunity for GKRA or the village hall to become as involved as much as they wished but that the programme would still be available and was not aimed to compete with the village hall programme as it stands with AY and John Capell running the children's films which had been a great success to date with an attendance of 90 at the last event with another this month.

John Capell has also been involved in the Friday monthly, post coffee morning films in the village hall.

Action – Agenda item for May -GKRA to review the potential of their involvement and cooperation with Simon Kearey and also the choosing of films by the community.

Events and Activities –AY /BN

Events committee

The meeting for April was cancelled and discussion as to whether the various committees are duplicating efforts – however it was considered that each had many different issues – too many for one body to deal with. There is a shortage of helpers for events currently, which could endanger the viability of future events.

Action -Item on number of Committees at next meeting in May

Future events

- May bank holiday – Village walk
- June – Wine tasting Evening TBC
- Quiz – TBC
- Macmillan Nurse coffee morning – support only

- Nov remembrance Sunday in Village hall
 - Nov – Bonfire
 - Dec – Carols
- 2018 – in addition to the annual events above -
- Easter egg Hunt
 - Village Fete – possibility of Happy Circus on Allotment field ground of common Road depending upon access and availability – Simon to investigate with events committee.

Village Maintenance and Improvements

Outstanding action - School speed reduction poster competition –

It was agreed that AH would contact the school travel co-ordinators to discuss the competition.

Action AH to raise at next meeting

Parish Matters – Paul Nicholas – *By Email*

- **Gate on Cryers Hill** – PN checked again and the devolved services contract that HPC have with BCC clearly states that HPC are only responsible for maintenance not the replacement of village gates. HPC are in correspondence with TfB over the missing gate but there is no information on when the replacement will happen.
- **Cryers Hill Parking** - BCC have issued an invoice for the HPC contribution towards the cost of the planned work on the parking area, the Local Area Forum funds have been confirmed as still available. Therefore it is hoped that the work will start during the summer holidays on schedule.
- **Common / GK Cricket Club**, the letter from GKRA regarding access to the Common to hold a summer event was noted in Council. A Working Group that reports to the Full Council has been set to undertake the finalisation of the new lease with the Cricket Club, it is therefore I feel most important that GKRA follow up on the recent letter and keep HPC fully aware of any plans to utilise the Common for functions and also to reflect the views of local residents on the future use of the Common, pavilion etc.
- **AFLP/HSCT**: An appeal has been lodged by a Parish resident to the recent decision by the Charities Commission, it is expect that it will be June at the earliest before anything more is known. Assuming that the position stays the same regarding the Charity, then ideas will be welcomed from GKRA on how the Old Allotments site off Common Road can be utilised for the benefit of local residents – orchard, picnic area etc. Andrew Hodge attended the Trust AGM in Hughenden Village Hall on behalf of GKRA.
- **HPC Annual Parish Meeting** – Tuesday 25th April, 7.30 at North Dean Village Hall, Speen Rd, North Dean. All are welcome; in view of the centenary of the WW1 there will be an interesting talk from a volunteer from the War Memorials Trust.
- **Unitary Authority** – the decision from the Secretary of State, Savid Javid, on his preferred proposal for the future structure of Bucks (1 or 2 unitary authorities) was not announced prior to 27th March when the purdah period commences for the BCC elections in May. While it does mean that the Secretary of State is not rushing to make a decision it does not necessarily mean that the target implementation date of 2019 will be missed.
- **Devolved Services** – HPC have undertaken an extensive round of tenders to select the contractors to provide the services such as grass cutting, hedge trimming, maintenance of the Garden of Rest and Open spaces etc. Transport for Bucks have announced that this year their` grass cutting will start on 3rd April but in urban areas there will only be 4 cuts, a 7 week rotation and rural areas will likely remain at 2-3 cuts. HPC are looking to cut grass at least 6 times so hopefully residents will be able to see evidence that the Parish Council are looking to maintain service levels and also where the Precept monies are being spent

Succession planning for GKRA – as of March 2017

The positions of Chairman and Treasurer are currently in the third and final year and the secretary is in the 2nd year of service. BN offered to serve an additional year as chairman subject to a change to the constitution. AY stated that due to a multitude of commitments she was standing down in September. Successors are to be sought for the position. There are no volunteers at the moment for these roles.

It was proposed that committee members approach villagers they know who may be persuaded to take on the roles.

A week's notice must be given of any proposed changes pre AGM.

It must be presented at the AGM.

Further discussion is required at the next meeting.

Action BN to mention in his report in the newsletter and to put a request for volunteers for GKRA committee members on the website

AOB

No time

Date of Next Meeting: *Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm HPC Offices (1st May is a bank holiday)*

Signed.....Date.....

Action list

Brian N

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Andrew H

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Action: AH to thank Korrine Leney for an excellent informative presentation.

Action AH to raise school speeding posters at next meeting

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David D

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Trevor B

None

John G –

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Paul N- HPC

On going