

GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020 Online Meeting

Present: John Gollege (Chair) Andrew Hodge, Barnaby Moore, Shirley Challis (Treasurer), Stan Jones (Street Association, Neighbourhood Watch), Trevor Bateman, Jackie Goodfellow (Secretary)

In attendance: Paul Nicholls (HPC), Rose Meech (Newsletter), Carol Sammut (HPC), Peter Geiler (HPC Services Committee), Karen Pither (GMPC)

Apologies: David Davies (Village Hall), Brian Naylor

Matters arising from minutes: None noted.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

HPC Services Committee - Peter, Carol and Paul

SJ declared his interest as HSCT trustee.

- PG outlined proposals to gather feedback from GKRA:

1. Old allotment site to be one third wild flowers and 5-7 trees appropriate for the area (will be staked and netted) and a concrete picnic bench and table added. Aim is for this to be a joint venture between HSPC and Chiltern ANOB (Chalk, Cherries and Trees project). First year grass will be let to grow to see what is already there. Aim for trees to be planted by next February. Will need help of local residents to water them during the summer. Suggested a pipe directed to the roots should be added to help watering.

2. Suggested a project of bulb planting by local residents to be done at a late stage (HPC to provide bulbs). Issue with previously planted bulbs noted - contractors working in the village have parked on area and ruined the bulbs.

3. In the future establish other areas of wild flowers. Supported idea, but concern that the area can look messy when flowers are not out.

In principle GKRA supported all suggestions made above.

- New playground equipment and potentially outside exercise equipment for adults on the Common still planned. Aim for playground fence and gate to be replaced. Five trees to be planted on the Common to replace those taken down. CS suggested an improvement to the entrance to the Common from Common Road should be made as this is very muddy. KP suggested that we could apply for a grant from the Council to help with the work.

PG and CS left the meeting.

Newsletter Advertising: Rose

- Recent leaflet drop generated 2 enquiries, but no follow up. RM felt that we are charging too much in the current economic climate. Currently have 15 advertisers.
- The following suggestions were agreed:
 1. Ask the village hall for a contribution for their events page [**ACTION: JG to request donation**]
 2. Request residents make a voluntary donation to the cost of the magazine. [**ACTION: JG to draft and circulate a piece for the next newsletter to this effect**]

RM left the meeting

Officers' Reports:

Chairman:

- emails received regarding speeding - JG has made SJ aware.
- still issues with email account - JG to contact Richard regarding provider.
- Advent Windows around the village being organised by Bettina
- GK Helps is up and running again
- One GK book sold. **[ACTION: AH to follow up on footpath map].**

Treasurer:

- Money held approximately £4500.

Secretary:

- Nothing to report.

Planning

- Turkey farm behind Cherry Tree Farm - building conversions approved with additional requirements - widen drive and include additional land for site.
- Great Kingshill Farm - planning for houses - certificate of lawfulness refused. Advised to seek planning permission.
- Spurlands End Road application - amended to chalet style house - objected on height.
- GKRA will object to proposed changes at Peterley Wood Farm on grounds of additional traffic/precedent being set for changes to use of farmland
- Arthurs Cottages - application to redevelop as two cottages refused.
- It has been noted that an area of Great Kingshill Farm had been included in a list of omission sites. This means that the site had been put forward to the council for inclusion as a development site in the local plan, but the council has not taken this up for some reason.
- Applying to double the size of the lodge. There is a static mobile home currently in the grounds. **[ACTION: SJ to contact David Carrol to make BCC aware]**

HPC: Paul

- Letter received from a resident supporting the removal of the bin by the pond. However, all committee members were in agreement that it should be replaced as one is needed there.
- Resident requesting 30 MPH sign to be painted on the road in Stag Lane. SJ confirmed that this is not allowed as there is no change in speed limit at this point.

PN left the meeting.

GMPC: Karen

- No items to be discussed over and above the planning already covered.

Village Maintenance: Trevor

- Tubs have been planted.

Communications: Barnaby

- Communication received from new owner of the Red Lion - it will be called the Lounge of India Restaurant. Concerns raised over rear extension to the building. **[ACTION: JG to raise awareness with planning enforcement officer]**
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Road Safety, NAG: Stan

- 2 speed units in place on Missenden Road. 3rd is not working and may need replacing
- Community speed watch - can't be restarted as no civilians are currently allowed in police stations, which is required for this to function.

Village Hall: Update from SC:

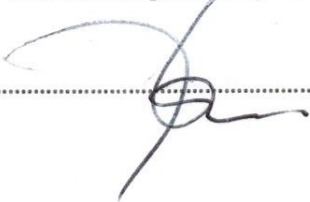
- AGM took place online. 4 new committee members, 2 retired. Booking secretary is moving out of area, but replacement has been found. £10000 grant received to cover closure over lockdown.

Events:

- Online quiz suggested for March. BM to investigate.
- **AOB:**

The meeting finished at 9:30pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th January (time and method to be agreed)

Signed..........Date.....4/1/2021.....