

## GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020  
Online Meeting

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

**In attendance:** Rose Meech (Newsletter), Paul Nicholls (HPC), Tim Stephenson (GMPC), Karen Pither (GMPC), (Lucy Partington (GreatKingshillHelps), Steve Binder

**Apologies:** David Davies (Village Hall), Brian Naylor

Tim, Karen and Steve were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Planning Application - Binders Yard:** Steve Binder addressed the meeting and the following points were noted:

- It has been established that the site is not suitable for housing development.
- In line with encouragement from the Council the plan is to tidy up and improve the site.
- SE corner currently waste transport station to offload skips and crush waste - noisy and generates around 140 lorry movements every day.
- Outline planning to replace the waste site with 4 workshops and additional parking for the site. Aim to create more jobs than could potentially be lost from Wycombe Recycling. If approval is given, the lease to Wycombe Recycling will not be renewed.
- MDM cars has relocated to a smaller unit within the yard, and the plan is to improve the unit on the main road with a retail unit.

Steve Binder left the meeting.

GKRA members then discussed the above proposal and it was agreed that we would support the application. **[ACTION: JG to add support to application on council planning website on behalf of GKRA]**

**Great Kingshill Helps:** Lucy reported the following:

- The central role for this no longer appears to be needed as local street groups are supporting individuals. Should she wind this down?
- After some discussion it was suggested that this role should be put 'on hold' so that if there is another resurgence of the virus then it could be reinstated again if needed.

**HPC Update:** Paul

- Travellers currently in Hughenden Park
- Due to the pandemic measures the HPC office will not reopen to the public for the foreseeable future, but it is manned.
- Playgrounds will remain closed as Government guidance for risk assessment, social distancing and cleaning are extremely difficult to meet. The Council have to decide what to do and in Paul's view it will be sometime before they will be opened..
- Council have agreed to replace the climbing frame as needs updating and the perimeter fence will be replaced.
- Signs will be added to the playground fence warning parents about the risk of cricket balls when games are being played on the Common.
- Paul raised his idea of providing some adult fitness equipment on the common was supported by GKRA.
- New Parish Clerk has been appointed and will be in place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

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- Comments about lack of hedge cutting have been received. Due to very wet weather causing soft verges early on meant that it was not possible to cut some of them early on. Next cut will be asap after bird nesting has finished.
- Litter on the Common - KP believes that Council can insist that bins are emptied daily. It was noted that Street Association is recruiting litter pickers in the village. PN reported that it may be possible that the HPC could support this by purchasing and providing appropriate equipment.
- The Malt Brewery had put forward a proposal for them to site a pop-up beer van by the Common while the Red Lion is shut. This was discussed, and although thought to be a good idea, the possible negative impact (litter, no toilets, noise) outweighed the positive gain.
- One person has put their name forward for co-option to the parish council for the Great Kingshill Ward which will bring it to the full complement of councillors.

**GMPC:** Tim and Karen

- At this point Tim and Karen are not representing the council in an official capacity, but the GMPC were aware and happy for them to attend this meeting.
- Not many issues tend to come from Great Kingshill, but it was agreed that it would be helpful if the GKRA could be made of any issues regarding village maintenance, planning, speeding etc by GMPC.
- Currently GMPC are concerned with issues such as car parking for HS2 and associated road layout change. Prestwood common area is being upgraded with a sensory trail.
- It was noted that GMPC website has meeting minutes and phone messages to the office are being monitored and responded to.

**Newsletter:** Rose

- Newsletter is now at the printers. A lot of articles regarding village lockdown had been received.
- Concern that only 16 paying advertisers. It was agreed that flyers would be produced and distributed to local businesses to try and find more advertisers.
- TS suggested we could apply to GMPC for a grant towards costs.  
[ACTION: Rose to send current advertiser list to SC.  
SC to put in a grant application to GMPC]

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chairman:**

- Nothing to report.

**Treasure:**

- Current bank balance £5965

**Secretary:**

- Nothing to report.


**Planning**

- High Hedges - revised application has been refused.
- Application for 2 houses in Cryers Hill Lane (Widmer End section) - agreed no action from GKRA needed.
- Binders Yard - already discussed.
- GK Farm / Alpaca Field - no updated from the council received.
- SJ noted that an 'Alcohol Supply Licence' has been applied for by 'The Ravens'

*As the meeting had already covered a number of issues discussed at length, it was agreed to close the meeting at this point and leave the remaining agenda items until the next meeting.*

The meeting finished at 10.00

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th September (time and method to be agreed)

Signed:  Date: 10/9/20