GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4th October 2021

Present: John Golledge (Chair), Andrew Hodge (Secretary), Shirley Challis (Treasurer), Trevor Bateman, Brian Naylor, Stan Jones (Street Association, Neighbourhood Watch), Robin Springall.
In attendance: Cllr. Paul Nicholls (HPC)
Apologies: Jackie Goodfellow
Matters arising from minutes: None noted

Officers' Reports:

Chairman: JG

Coronation Program –

JG has received the 1953 Coronation program for our archives. It was agreed that one side be photocopied and along with the original, be mounted in an A3 frame in the village hall.

[Action: SC to confirm with the village hall committee as to whether this could be displayed in the village hall. JG to arrange for the program to be framed]

Pipers School –

- Following the generous sponsorship of £2000 to GKRA from Pipers School, it was agreed that no invoices should be sent for the cost of planters and magazine advertising.
- The school would like to encourage pupils to help in the local community it was suggested that their gardening club might help TB plant the planters in future with an accompanied member of Staff. Litter picking in the Village was also suggested.
  [Action; JG to make the suggestions to the school]

Robin Springall

JG and the Committee welcomed Robin as a new GKRA committee member

Treasurer: SC

Bank Balance –

£6170 more likely to be - £5,800 as some costs not yet appearing on the statement

Newsletter -

Income has been affected by some non-payment of advertising. It was agreed that maybe a pro-forma invoice could be introduced to give clarity of both the cost and when the advertisement would appear to avoid confusion and tighten up income generation.

Quiz

Well supported. Raffle raised £270; a total income generated of £520.

Secretary: AH

Complaint re article in GKRA magazine

Complaints have been voiced by Mike at the Spar shop and 2 other parishioners - re the article on litter by " Victor Meldrew" where it suggests that staff at the shop sell alcohol to underage individuals. This is not the case. It also maligns youngsters unfairly.

[Action - Editorial will not accept articles from individuals with pseudonoms and will vet content to avoid such misunderstandings]

Planning - JG

Binders Yard increase in skip lorries–

The council planning committee originally deferred consideration pending further speed surveys being carried out but will now reconsider it without waiting for their results.

GKRA can take no further action but are still against it on principle. It was suggested that maybe other surveys continue to ensure the vehicle numbers do not breach the rules.

HPC: **Paul N**

Councillors

The Parish Council does not have full quota of councillors - plea for others to join.

New Bins

HPC are investigating the possibility of increasing the number of litter bins – locations - the youth area, children's playground and top end of the common – plans for first half of 2022

Cockpit Road safety measures

Cockpit road has a dangerous pinch point. The Community board has carried out 3 traffic surveys, in Cockpit Rd, Stagg Lane and Common Road. It is proposed that a bollard is inserted to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement. Funding is likely to be from the Community board with matched funding from HPC – likely completion early 2022.

Cockpit Hole – see village improvements

GMPC:

No report submitted

Village Maintenance: Trevor B

Cockpit hole

Cockpit hole is becoming overgrown. The council will undertake annual maintenance, although funding is limited. TB commented that although untidy it was probably more conservational as was.

Members of the village proposed at the AGM that a Cockpit Hole working group is set up. Matched funding could be gained via a grant from the Community board. It was proposed that if there was local interest and an approach was made to GKRA that a sub committee be set up so it would have a bank account and experts consulted.

[Action – wait and see if approached by volunteers]

Planters -

- All looking good– St Margarets grove is in a different Parish and as such the planter is not planted by GKRA
- TB to consider help from Pipers school when planting the containers. **Action TB**

Bus shelter

PN informed GKRA that the bus shelter maybe moved to the playground on the common subject to its condition – this offers shelter to parents on sunny days

Communications:

- Newsletter - JMG has met with Rose regarding taking over the newsletter. Agreed to contact printer to obtain cost of printing if we do formatting ourselves. **Action JG**
- BM is continuing to update the website and Facebook he will do so until his replacement is found.

Road Safety, NAG: Stan

3 MVAS now in operation. 152 speeders identified 5 sessions held. Need more helpers. It was reported that the NAG was not being as well supported by the police or local community as it had been when first set up.

SJ informed the committee that he intends to resign as Chairman if more support is not forthcoming

- NAG is due to end this year SJ suggested that traffic issues are devolved into the four parish wards, and all other issues taken up by the Street Association in partnership with NHW.
- Still need volunteer to change batteries fortnightly in Copes Road machine.

Village Hall: Shirley

- Finances looking very healthy as a result of "Covid" and other grants.
- Joint AGM went well – GKRA happy to repeat the event but are unable to move from September due to the complications of changing their constitution

Events:

Quiz

The quiz was very well supported 65 heads 11 tables

The shop in Homer Green supplied fish and chips with several alternatives.

Thanks go to all those who helped especially Quiz Master Barney and SC. Prizes were supplied by donations from – The Full Moon, Lounge India, Spar, Post office and Hildreths.

[ACTION: Secretary to thank all non - committee members and those who donated prizes].

Fireworks – BN

- Recruiting volunteers is in hand - BN
- PA needed - JG confirmed the PA had been booked with Colin Veysey.
- JG agreed to apply for the TEN licence - **Action JG**
- BN confirmed that he has paid £100 deposit to the display team. Agreed to limit cost of fireworks to £2200.
- TB confirmed that bonfire building was in hand.
- Hurst agreed to produce house for sale size boards to be erected on private properties and not on council land. **Action SC to negotiate with Hurst**
- It was agreed that 2 - 6ft x 2ft banners would be produced providing the cost was not extortionate. Robin agreed to design the artwork. **Action Robin**

Refreshments –

- Sausages to be supplied and pre cooked by Spar shop
- Agreed no beer
- Hot Chocolate
- Popcorn
- Mulled wine –
- Soft drinks and water
- BBQ booked by AH
- 2 Gazebos booked by AH
- 2 small generators available – a big one may need to be hired – **Action BN**
- SC to produce shopping list from previous years **Action SC**

Remembrance Sunday – 14th Nov

- Wreaths have been ordered for GKRA
- AH to supply PA

Carol Service – 12th Dec

Martin (The Minister is available for 12th but waiting his confirmation as to the availability of the musicians as they have not yet been approached.

[ACTION: JG to reconfirm the date with Martin]

AOB:

- ***Meeting Room***

After the November meeting the HPC room will not be available. JG offered to host the December meeting but stated that other venues need to be found for the future.

The meeting finished at 21:15pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1st November 2021 (to be held in the Parish Council rooms, unless otherwise informed prior to the meeting)

Signed.....**Date**.....1/11/21.....