

## GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th September 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, Brian Naylor

**In attendance:** Rose Meech (Newsletter), Paul Nicholls (HPC), Karen Pither (GMPC),

**Apologies:** David Davies (Village Hall)

Matters arising from minutes:

- JG added support to Binder's Yard application to WDC website.
- Grant for GKRA magazine was turned down by GMPC as they understood that The Source magazine covered their part of Great Kingshill. It was noted that it is only distributed to HP16 postcodes (not HP15). KP agreed to look at this again with JG.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### **Officers' Reports:**

##### **Chairman:**

- emails have been received from GK site and some relating to booking the Village Hall. **[ACTION: BM to add separate link to booking form on the website]**
- pavement to link GK and Prestwood enquiry. GKRA feel unable to help support this.
- Attended GMPC meeting where it was agreed that Karen would represent them on GKRA.

##### **Treasurer:**

- Current bank balance £5462.
- Losses on newsletter currently around £1000. 1 advertiser being contacted for payment.

##### **Secretary:**

- Nothing to report.

##### **Planning**

- High Hedges - application was turned down - appealing decision.
- Spurlands End Road application for houses has been refused
- Barn conversions behind Cherry Tree Farm. JG has objected
- Footpath between Uplands and Cryers Hill is underway. Noted that hedges have been cut back drastically to accommodate the extra width.

##### **Newsletter: Rose**

- Currently only 15 advertisers - 6 in village and 9 outside. Discussed ways to try and encourage new advertisers and costs of advertising.
- Agreed that Rose would put together a flier and ask Steve Binder to print. This would emphasise that it is for the community and read by the community. Agreed to have 4 for 3 to help local businesses kick start - 'post-COVID recovery package. **[ACTION: All - to help distribute in the area; SC to check current printing costs; KM will find current advertisement costs of The Source]**
- Rose will put together 2 letters for in/out of area with costing for each.

Rose left the meeting at 20:25.

##### **GMPC: Karen**

- Having completed risk assessments, the halls are being reopened this week. Additional cleaning will be done, but onus on hirers to sanitise and collect details for track and trace.
- Prestwood park paths almost complete.

- School coach parking still an outstanding issue. HS2 funding is available to be used for this.

**HPC Update:** Paul

- Cockpit hole will be cleared/weeded this autumn and hedge cutting will start again where the ground allows.
- Schools are back - staggered start time is helping traffic flow.
- Playgrounds have reopened - signage added to alert parents of COVID risk. Teenagers are still using play area for small children - no practical way this can be stopped.
- Idea of adult fitness equipment on the common being looked into.
- Old allotment site - hoped that work will start on this early 2021 (initially planting trees and adding seating)
- Cutting of trees/hedges at the edge of the common was discussed.
- First full council meeting after the summer break took place this week.

**Village Maintenance:** Trevor

- It was noted that the geraniums in the planters had been destroyed by the recent hail storm. Agreed to leave as they appear to be recovering. **[ACTION: TB to provide invoice to SC]**

**Communications:** Barnaby

- Licence for Zoom meetings obtained as needed for the AGM.
- AGM has been advertised on website and email with details will be sent to the distribution list. Noted that it will cost participants if they join by phone. KM had issues connecting to this meeting by phone. **[ACTION: BM to check phone access]**

**Road Safety:** Stan

- Speed signs being maintained. Aim to download some of the data for a comparison with previous records. Speed watch needs more volunteers to complete training. **[ACTION: BM to put appeal for volunteers for this on the website]**

**Village Hall:** No update available

**AGM Logistics:**

- SC has completed 3 years as Treasurer, but is willing to do an additional year if we have no other candidates. JG will stand for one more year as Chairman, and JMG will continue as Secretary, if elected.
- Agreed to do test Zoom meeting prior to AGM to test presenting. Officers' reports to be added to website and requests for comments by email prior to the meeting will be suggested.  
**[ACTION: Officers to prepare reports and send to JMG 21st September please]**

**Events:**

- Litter pick - AH to check whether he can arrange to give out bags and picking sticks. Will encourage people to do litter pick around the village themselves as well.
- Fireworks - after extensive discussions and with regret, it was agreed that under the current rules on social distancing, limited volunteers able to help and lack of ability to raise money by selling food and drink, it was not viable to run the event this year. **[ACTION: JG to inform Rose; BM to update website]**

**AOB:**

- KM raised a question about green bin collection booking, but no-one was able to answer her question as it related to GM part of the village only.

The meeting finished at 9:35pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th October (time and method to be agreed)

Signed.......... Date 5.10.2020