

GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021

Present: John Gollidge (Chair), Andrew Hodge (Secretary), Shirley Challis (Treasurer), Jackie Goodfellow, Brian Naylor, Stan Jones (Street Association, Neighbourhood Watch), John Holwill

In attendance:

Apologies: Cllr. Paul Nicholls (HPC), Trevor Bateman, Robin Springall

Matters arising from minutes:

MVAS new volunteers for changing batteries in Copes Rd will be Mark and Fiona Klims.
Any spare battery chargers to be taken to the Parish office.

Officers' Reports:

Chairman: JG

Queens Jubilee Tree planting

Tree planting was discussed and it was concluded that this would be a Parish council issue.

Action None required

E-mails to Chairman

- An e-mail re pets and Fireworks was received
- E-mail concerning whole or part funding for projects was received GKRA to consider if and when necessary.
- E-mail concerning Bucks Council "proud of Bucks award" and searching for nominees

Treasurer: SC

Bank Balance –

- £10,000 more likely to be - £11,000 when all income from fireworks is banked
- Bonfire night profit £5845.48
- A plant was bought for Dolly Patel for selling bonfire night tickets.
- It was agreed that £50 donation should be sent to Martin Hatfield at Little Kingshill Baptist church for helping with the Carol service in the Village.
- Thanks again to the Spar for supplying Mince pies.
- There is still an issue re the income from advertisements in the GKRA magazine – (discussed later during the meeting)

Action – SC to send £50 to Martin Hatfield as above

Secretary: AH

A general thanks to all those who helped make the bonfire night a success. Thanks to Mike and family from the Spar shop for the supply of sausages pre cooked at no charge.

Action – AH to thank Mike Blowing and family

Planning - JG

Binders Yard Mineral and waste site

This [planning proposal] has been approved by the council, GKRA still hold the same view as stated in the objection sent to the council. There has been a posting on the Bucks Web site but the access to it has not been possible.

Aviagen Site near Cherry Tree farm

2 applications have been submitted re this development

1. To replace the bungalow and also create a turning head for the properties right up to Cherry tree farm over the old Reed Beds. There is concern over the screening re neighbours and residents.
2. To change the Road junction. There is concern over a zig zag junction serving 9 properties and the Stag lane junction with Missenden Road. The whole lay out is potentially dangerous especially with the traffic speed in the area.

Action – No action required by GKRA at this point but an awareness of the potential danger was noted.

Great Kingshill Farm

The lawfulness of caravans on the farm site was questioned as there is thought to be a certificate for only one

Action To be discussed at a later date

GMPC:

No report submitted

HVPC:

No report submitted

Village Maintenance:

Nothing to report:

News Letter -Magazine

- It requires 15 pages of full advertising to cover the cost of publishing 5 additional pages would be required per run.
- A quote for Full colour throughout will be sought.

Action –Jackie and Robin to look at the cost of a full colour magazine

It is planned to encourage local businesses to advertise – a list of businesses was provided and volunteers chosen to approach new customers. Other businesses were proposed e.g. dog groomers and trainers. It was suggested that the Vet be contacted re articles and advertising.

The Village hall has 2 pages free at the moment and as one is an advertisement it was proposed they are charged but given a chairman's report page free.

An advertising price list was circulated and it was noted that GKRA prices were some 20% less expensive than other similar local publications.

Communications

- BM is continuing to update the website and Facebook he will do so until his replacement is found by the end of the year.
- The committee are actively looking for a young computer competent volunteer.

Action:- GKRA to actively ask for young volunteers as above.

Road Safety, NAG: Stan

Nag finishes on 9th December, Parking, Crime and litter is to move to the street association with a Road safety-working group across the Parish.

Speed Checks

- Speeds check equipment to be co-ordinated between Stan Jones and John Marchant.
- GKRA will take responsibility under John G and Stan J, for its own programme of speed watch sessions. There are 5 active groups across the Parish.
- Community watch yellow speed watch warning signs in all 4 wards in the future, which will make the mobile speed triangle redundant. 13 have been ordered approximately 3 per ward
- Suggested positions are still to be decided.

GKRA recommended 4 sites and expressed a willingness to pay £50 for any extra signs

- Spurlands end Road before the bend entering the village.
 - Heath End Rd although outside the Parish (communication with Missenden parish would be required).
 - 2 – one Either end of Missenden Rd
 - Cryers Hill Lane and Four Ashes Rd could also need signs
- There is one Sentinel to share between wards.

Village Hall: Shirley

- Charges have been increased to users without notification.

Events:

Fireworks – BN, AH

The fireworks were a great success as reported re the profits made rather than the usual losses. Attendance was high with almost 1000 attendees.

Thanks go to all those involved in building the bonfire and Trevor for his JCB driving of mikes vehicle. It wouldn't happen without Terry's field and a multitude of helpers on the night, not forgetting the clear up the following day (Martin Taylor was that you). Thanks to Peter Gray for Tractor tows as well as committee members' vehicles. Trevor B bestowed appropriate thank you rewards to the key people. Colin Veysey supplied music it was agreed that Colin should be rewarded for his excellent work

Action SC to arrange a cheque for Colin V

The main committee members involved in the organisation commented as follows.

- The event has got to a point where health and safety has become increasingly complex. All responsibility lands individually even though insurance cover is there. BN and AH with the names on the main insurance documents and John G with alcohol TENs licence.
- An events company could be employed in future to take the pressure off of individuals
- Footpath closures maybe an issue with the council in the future, with access and firework "fall out" being a possible problem.
- With such big numbers of attendees the village traffic was incredibly busy with no set aside parking. This could be another police issue for the future although this year they did not want to be involved.
- The equipment used relies on the "beg steal or borrow" principal.
 - Gazebos – from Full Moon Pub and Bucks Masonic Charity
 - BBQ from Bucks masonic Charity
 - Generators and lights from committee members
 - Vehicles and trailers from Committee (very muddy conditions and potential damage could be caused)
 - Stoves and water heaters from Committee members
 - Tables from Village Hall
 - Access to storage offered by David Davies
- The fireworks Pyro technics company does have a service

In summary the main committee organisers concluded that the event should be seriously reviewed next year as to whether this should be the last event of this kind due to the reliance on a few people and complexity of organisation and responsibilities.

Despite the complexity feed back re the event was excellent and the substantial profit considered a great help to the GKRA funds. The event served its purpose in entertaining the local population.

Action: Fireworks / bonfire to be reviewed re complexity and likelihood of running it again. Agenda item for the future

Future Events

- Summer Fete – Due to complexity of the fireworks and the work involve this will be reviewed in another meeting
- 2 Quizzes per year Spring (Feb / Mar) and Autumn (Sept / Oct)– Barney is available to prepare and present questions.
- Action Dates for Quizzes to be finalised at next GKRA meeting

Remembrance Sunday – 14th Nov

- Wreaths were laid for GKRA by John G
- AH supplied PA and music and timings
- All ran smoothly
- It is proposed that it may be held inside next year due to Road safety concerns.

Carol Service – 5th Dec

A smaller gathering than usual and thanks go to Martin Hatfield – minister at the Little Kingshill Baptist church – a donation of £50 will be forwarded for their support.

Thanks also go to the accompanying musicians.

Thanks to Mike and Staff at the Spar for their support with Mince pies.

ACTION: SC to forward donation to the church

AOB:

Finance plan and community support

Brian N raised a point that a plan for the funding should be set out, suggestions were that: -

- £6000 contingency fund was held to cover-
 - Bonfire loss
 - Newsletter /magazine
 - Local fighting fund
- Community project funds were also made available for local projects when the bank balance was healthy.

It was also recognised that a £2000 donation was given to GKRA by Pipers school and that its use should be recognised within any charity-supported project.

It was also proposed that possibly a gift of a mug or spoon was given to younger children in the village to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This idea was to be considered at another meeting.

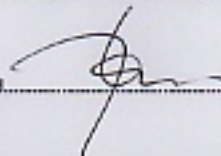
Action – Queens celebration gift to be added to the next Agenda.

Committee to consider local projects that could be supported

The meeting finished at 21:40pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10th January 2022 -to be held at John Gollidge's, Cherry tree Farm Missenden Road G K unless otherwise informed prior to the meeting – If Covid position is poor possible to revert to Zoom meetings

Signed



Date

10/1/22