

GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting

Sunday 15th September 2013 at 7:30 pm

Great Kingshill Village Hall

Present - Richard Coleman (Chairman), Jill Jackling (Secretary), together with 16 attendees.

Apologies – John Meech (Treasurer), Trevor Bateman, Roger Beavil, Wendy and Peter Charles, John Gladwin, Jenny Grover, David Jarman, Emma and Paul Marsden, Rose Meech, Jill Waller, Phil Waterton

Adoption of the draft Minutes from the 2012 Annual General Meeting

Proposed by John Grover, seconded by Martin Taylor.

The Minutes were signed after the meeting by the Chairman.

Membership of Committee and Officers

The Secretary advised that Helen Hinde and Peter Charles had resigned from Committee due to other commitments. Both were thanked for their time and contributions - Helen for her work on Road Safety issues, and Peter for over 13 years' service to the Residents' Association in various guises.

Phil Waterton had been co-opted to the Committee in January. In accordance with the Constitution, approval was required at the subsequent Annual General Meeting. Peter Jackling proposed, Stan Jones seconded, that Phil Waterton become a member of the Committee. Approved unanimously.

In line with the Constitution, the positions of Richard Coleman (Chairman), and John Meech (Treasurer), did not require election as they had been elected to those positions at the 2011 A.G.M. and Jill Jackling, Secretary, has been voted to the Secretary position at the 2012 AGM. No other nominations had been received for these roles.

Richard Coleman (Chairman), once more encouraged others to put themselves forward for membership of the Committee.

Chairman's Report for the year ended 30 June 2013

The Chairman's Report highlighted the following points:

- In the Best Kept Village competition, Great Kingshill had been awarded a Certificate of Merit.
- Events – the Easter Egg hunt had to be cancelled due to the freezing/snowy weather, and the English Food and Drink evening planned for April had been postponed, and would now be held on 28th September.
- Village Planters – Roger Brill of Peterley was thanked for his continuing supply of plants for the planters. Two volunteers have recently taken on care of two of the planters in the village; they were thanked for their help.
- The Newsletter – the Chairman expressed thanks for the excellent articles from regular contributors, but stated that new items for inclusion were greatly needed.

- Website – the old site has become difficult to maintain. With the help of Richard Peters a new website should be available towards the end of this year, enabling GKRA to include more local information, promote events, and update the website more easily.
- Vandalism – recent incidents included the theft of the Mobile Speed Indicator Device, vandalism on the all-weather cricket pitch, and ripping up the fence from the children’s play area and strewing it across the common. A local businessman has offered a £500 reward - anyone knowing anything about these events can contact anyone at GKRA, HPC, or the GK Cricket Club.
- Committee – fresh faces and new blood was needed.

There were no questions regarding this report.

Treasurer’s Report and Adoption of Accounts for the year to 30 June 2013

The audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013 were presented by the Chairman in the absence of the Treasurer. He highlighted key items during the year.

Food and Drink Evening tickets were now on sale, and the Easter Egg Hunt will be held next year in replacement for the cancellation this year. The revised book ‘Great Kingshill in Words and Pictures’ had not sold as well as anticipated, and has now been reduced to £10.

The Treasurer thanked Hughenden Parish Council for their annual grant, and also for their contribution of £500 towards the Donate a Gate scheme.

The Village Hall now has a new central heating boiler, helped by a £607 donation from GKRA.

The motion to accept the Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year ended 30 June 2012 was proposed by Stan Jones, seconded by Cathy Grainger, and was adopted unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the Auditor, John Watts, for his work; John had agreed to continue as Auditor for the current financial year.

Local Planning Issues

Field Farm

The Chairman provided the meeting with a summary of the retrospective Planning Applications - creation of new access to the site from Windmill Lane (following closure of the existing access from Spurlands End Road) which was refused by WDC, and the stationing of one additional mobile home on the site which was granted for a temporary period of 3 years with conditions. Hedgerow planting had been made with laurels which are not suitable for hedgerows. GKRA is in contact with WDC regarding compliance with the conditions, and their plans for identification of sites for travellers.

Uplands

The Chairman reported that a Planning Application has been submitted for 16 large houses at the Uplands Conference site in Four Ashes Road following demolition of the existing buildings. GKRA, along with other local organisations, had registered an objection. David Carroll advised that he had called in the Application.

Road Safety

Martin Taylor summarised the year’s achievements.

Vehicle Activated Signs near the school – this has been installed for over a year now, is now connected to mains power, and has been set to operate only on school days.

A4128 – following a public consultation, it is anticipated that a 30mph limit will apply from the junction of Pipers Lane, Cockpit Road and the Missenden Road to the village gateway entrance on Cryers Hill Road, and that this will be implemented during October.

Mobile VAS – 2 locations have been used for this device; the junction of Pipers Lane/Missenden Road, and the junction of Stag Lane/Missenden Road. Data readings in excess of 70 mph have been recorded. Unfortunately, and as the Chairman has reported, one of the devices was stolen at the end of August, and David Jarman, on behalf of NAG, has advised that this project has to be put on hold until more secure fixings can be sourced.

2008 report on safety issues around the village needs updating. Martin Taylor is preparing a revised report on current issues, and requested that people let him know of any issues at GKroadsafety@gmail.com

Dates for Diaries

The Chairman listed the various forthcoming activities that were being planned.

Any Other Business

Peter Jackling asked if there was an on-line village forum. Jill Jackling said that there wasn’t one and they often involved many man-hours in moderating. PJ offered to moderate one, but not set one up. The Chairman said it would be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 20:30

Signed:

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