

# **GREAT KINGSHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 7th September 2014 at 7:30 pm**

### **Great Kingshill Village Hall**

**Present** - Richard Coleman (Chairman), Jill Jackling (Secretary), John Meech (Treasurer), together with 38 attendees.

**Apologies** – Wendy and Peter Charles, John French, Jenny Grover, Mr. Hill, Jayne and Huw Richards, Jill Waller, Jan and Phil Waterton

#### **Adoption of the draft Minutes from the 2013 Annual General Meeting**

Proposed by John Grover, seconded by Stan Jones.

The Minutes were signed at the meeting by the Chairman.

Matters arising – Peter Jackling had asked at the 2013 AGM if there was a village on-line forum, and had offered to moderate one. The Chairman stated that this had been discussed amongst committee and it was felt that the expenditure would be best spent elsewhere as GKRA did not yet have a robust website.

#### **Chairman's Report for the year ended 30 June 2014**

The Chairman's Report highlighted the following points:

- Gratitude for the new people who had come forward to join main and sub committees
- In the Best Kept Village competition, Great Kingshill had been awarded a Certificate of Merit. The community were thanked for their efforts in picking up rubbish around the village.
- Events – there has been a mixed success. To be covered later in the Treasurer's report.
- The GKRA Newsletter is still very successful. Many thanks to Rose Meech who has been doing a sterling job on producing it. Please send in articles, they are always needed. Rose has been editing the newsletter for 10 years, and is looking for a replacement Editor. The role involves compiling the newsletter, liaising with advertisers and printers, and liaising with the newsletter distributors.
- Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) – we have continued good links with NAG, and if anyone wants to know more about their work please liaise with Stan Jones after the meeting.
- Police – continued support from the local Police. PC Lee Turnham is now Road Safety Officer and we have a new Neighbourhood Police Officer who is PC Caroline Merriman.
- Vandalism at Cockpit Hole – extensive graffiti appeared at Cockpit Hole in late June. PC Turnham attended with a pressure washer, and with Peter Jackling, John Grover, Richard Coleman and a couple of other volunteers the majority of the graffiti was removed. Thanks to everyone who helped. The suspected 'artist' has been spoken to, but it is difficult to press charges unless they were caught in the act.

Question from the audience – a query was raised about the hedge cuttings dumped at the side of the pond, and the amount of excess plants in the water. The Chairman advised that Rod D'Ayla attends every year or so to check on the water health, and is coming on 12.9.2014 at 10am – volunteers were requested to spend a couple of hours to clear the pond. The unsuitable plants were unfortunately put there by a villager.

There were no other questions from the floor.

## **Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for the year to 30 June 2013**

The Treasurers report highlighted the following \_

- A few events were held in the last year, but they had not been as well attended as previously. The Fireworks event actually lost money, and as this is the biggest expenditure event GKRA organise the Events Team did well to minimise the costs and loss. There was a lower attendance, and the cost of insurance had risen dramatically.
- The final amount of money had been donated towards the cost of the vehicle activated sign at the school (of £999).
- Newsletter costs had increased, with each edition costing £800 to produce. Hughenden Parish Council (HPC) very kindly made a grant of £520 which helps, but we unfortunately lost £526 on four issues.
- Great Kingshill in Words and Pictures book is available to purchase at £10. Some sales were made during the year.
- John Watts, the Auditor, has kindly agreed to continue as Auditor for the current financial year.

The motion to accept the Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year ended 30 June 2013 was proposed by John Grainger, seconded by Martin Taylor, and was adopted unanimously.

Question from the audience – a query was raised as to why the Newsletter had cost £1,500 more this year. John Meech, the Treasurer, advised it is because of a large hike in printing costs (and competitive quotes had been sought which were no cheaper). Rose Meech, the Editor, advised that a few advertisers had been lost, and that had also made an impact on profits.

Question from the audience – how many Newsletters do you produce? John Meech advised approximately 1,000 copies.

There were no other questions from the floor.

### **Membership of Committee and Officers**

The Chairman advised that he and John Meech, the current Treasurer, had both to stand down as they had spent the maximum 3 years in their roles, and Richard Coleman had completed 9 years as an officer, and John Meech 8 years as an officer. In addition to the constitutional need to stand down, they both felt that having new blood on the committee and as officers would be good for the Association.

Simon Bradley had recently expressed his interest in joining Committee. He was not present at the meeting, due to a prior engagement. His election to committee was proposed by Peter Ede, and seconded by Jane Westwood.

In accordance with the Constitution, co-option to committee was sought for Lucy Partington, Brian Naylor, and Peter Ede, all of whom had agreed to join the Committee during the course of the year. They were proposed by Stan Jones.

Brian Naylor had volunteered to stand as Chairman, and Brian was invited to say a few words. Brian Naylor was nominated by David Jarman, and seconded by David Davies. This was approved unanimously.

Anna Young had volunteered to stand as Treasurer, and Anna was invited to say a few words. Anna Young was nominated by John Meech, and seconded by Martin Taylor. This was approved unanimously.

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

## Local Planning Issues

### Uplands

The Chairman reported that objections to the Planning Application (which had been submitted in June 2013) for 16 large houses at the Uplands Conference site in Four Ashes Road had been raised by HPC, GKRA, other local residents associations and near neighbours. Wycombe District Council refused permission in November 2013, and the developers have subsequently submitted an appeal. We are awaiting next steps from the Planning Inspectorate; meanwhile a fresh application could be submitted.

### Road Safety

Martin Taylor stated that the update would be brief

- **Vehicle Activated Signs near the school** – having been connected to mains power, is working very well.
- **Speed limit change on A4128** – has taken place on Missenden Road between Cockpit Road and Binders Yard, and is now 30mph.
- **Mobile VAS** – Martin Taylor introduced David Jarman (of NAG) to discuss this. David outlined how the VAS is operated, the numbers of volunteers required for each session, the locations in the village where it is used, its times of operation and the follow-up action taken by Thames Valley Police in response to instances of speeding, and asked for volunteers to come forward.

Question from the audience – parking on pavements has got worse. Stan Jones advised you have to allow 1 metre of space; wide enough for a double buggy to pass. Peter Jackling seconded that.

Richard Coleman reiterated that Community Speedwatch volunteers were needed and if we don't provide enough data to the Police they cannot deploy speed traps with cameras.

Comment from the audience – Cyclists on the pavement in Heath End Road were increasing, and he was finding it difficult to get out of his drive because of children cycling on the pavement. Anna Young and Andi Taylor both commented that it was allowed for under 12s to be on the pavement. Richard Coleman asked Rose Meech to commission an article in the Newsletter about this.

Comment from the audience - Andi Taylor stated that quad bikes are being used on the roads. Richard Coleman agreed to advise PC Lee Turnham.

### Dates for Diaries

The Chairman listed the various forthcoming activities that were being planned, including Carols in the Village for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. He advised that the minister who usually ran this event (and provided musicians from Little Kingshill Baptist Church) had moved on, and he commented that maybe the event could not take place now. Liz Lewis stated there is a part-time minister and it is possible we can have some musicians.

### Any Other Business

John Grover raised a vote of thanks to Richard Coleman and John Meech for all their efforts over the years on GKRA committee. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Jane Westwood asked if Richard Coleman and John Meech would stay on Committee – and they advised they would until after Christmas. Jane also asked if they would stay on Events Committee, and Richard Coleman confirmed he would. Cath Macleod echoed the thanks and compliments for their great management of committee.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 20:35

Signed: .....

Date: .....