KING'S SOMBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
Held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Epworth Hall

These minutes are draft until resolved as accurate at, usually, the following Full Council meeting.

Present:

Cllr G Searle (Chair)
Cllr K Hughes
Cllr T Dunger
Cllr A Jaggard
Cllr M Qassim
Cllr R Webb
Cllr N Gilbert
Cllr I Younger

Absent: Cllr Beacham

In Attendance: Cllr Ian Jeffery
J Dudley Clerk to King's Somborne Parish Council

Also present: 1 Member of Public

24/001/FC	**Public Session** A member of public introduced himself as a member of the events committee at Up Somborne. He had been asked by the committee to investigate the possibility of having a defibrillator located in the middle of Up Somborne. He explained that a briefing is to be set up for everyone in the village to see if sufficient support can be provided for such a system. The reason for coming along to the meeting was to raise awareness to the PC of what they want to do and ask in principle would the PC support and assist in grants/running costs. The idea is that the defibrillator could be placed into the old telephone box. The charity community hearts work with BT who will reinstate communications in the telephone box for emergency situations. Money would have to be raised for the system and then checks would have to be reported to the charity which then goes on the national database. It was heard that a fair bit of governance needs to be done and a defibrillator committee will need to form and the public at Up Somborne will need to be aware of the commitments. Cllr Searle reported that the defibrillators in King Somborne were provided by the British Heart Foundation and that these were free to the Parish Council however there is running costs. ALL AGREED that the Parish Council will support this idea as it develops.
24/002/FC	**To receive the reports from County Councillor David Drew, Borough Councillor Ian Jeffrey & Police** Cllr Jefferies reported that he had noted the correspondence between Sarah Barter and the chair. Cllr Searle responded that his questions to Test Valley regarding the housing mix at Furzedown Road are yet to be answered and that the Neighbourhood plans are not being read. Cllr Jefferies asked to be emailed directly if any mistakes are picked up. Cllr Ian Jeffery gave his reports: • The council tax charges for 2024/2024 can be found on the GOV.UK website. • Pan- Parish Forum - Over 150 people, including local councillors, river keepers, businesses and residents attended a peaceful protest, held at the Fullerton waste

	treatment plant on Monday 18th March, to raise awareness of the on-going pollution events on the River Test. • There were two flyer tippers fined this month for the sum of £1000. • Broughton community shop – a man is in custody and being questioned for the horrific incident at the shop earlier this month. • Veterans card rolled out to streamline access to services. Thousands of Armed Forces veterans can now apply for their HM Armed Forces Veteran Card following the launch of the service. Cllr Hughes reported to Cllr Jefferys of the deterioration of the surface of the road by the recycling bins at the recreation ground. As it is used heavily by Test Valley recycling lorries, would there be any funding available to help repair the surface. Cllr Jefferys responded that he will investigate this further.
24/003/FC	**Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Beacham who was unable to attend for medical reasons.
24/004/FC	**Declarations of interests and Requests for Dispensations** None
24/005/FC	**To approve the Minutes** of the meeting held on 11th March 2024. Proposed by Cllr Searle and seconded by Cllr Hughes. RESOLVED All members present agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the above meeting.
24/006/FC	**To Review the Resolved Actions List** from the Meeting held 11th March. The Clerk read out the list. **Action: Clerk to prepare action list for this meeting**
24/007/FC	**Planning:** To receive the **Minutes of the Planning Committee** meeting held 11th March. RESOLVED. All members present agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the above meeting. . Cllr Webb reported that the planning committee had objected to both applications on the agenda and the minutes were agreed.
24/008/FC	**To receive the RFO's Financial reports**
a)	To approve the Payments/Receipts List & sign the bank reconciliation 29th February and the 31st March **Resolved** The Payment of the Accounts and bank reconciliations 1st to 29th February and the 1st to the 31st of March were approved and signed.
b)	To ratify payment to HCC for additional gateway for the sum of £2,417.05
c)	To note the year end close down with Rialtas on the 9th May and the internal audit on the 15th of May. The RFO confirmed Sara Sawyer (Locum clerk) will be in attendance.
d)	To ratify the payment to M J Hooper Ltd for £690 for creating three padlock systems for the gates on the three fields.

24/009/FC	**To receive** an update on the allotments A meeting was held with Simon Finch and Sarah Barter from Test valley, in attendance was Cllr Beacham, Dunger and Searle. After the meeting Cllr Searle wrote to them outlining the key points. Cllr Searle also wrote to the mid test councillors asking for this application to go to committee. Cllr Webb pointed out that a representative of the planning committee will need to attend. A meeting was also held with Stuart Garnett from Shorewood Homes. It was reported that the expectations of the allotment associate will not be met. However, it was a relatively positive meeting although it is unclear what budget there is for the new allotment site. The Allotment Association have expressed a desire for all weather pards between the plots especially the vehicle accessway to the central storage area. Cllr Dunger asked how many plots are at the current allotment site. Cllr Searle responded that there were 32 plots. Cllr Searle has reiterated to the allotment association that they will need to co-operate with the developers. Test Valley have employed Niab (National Institute of Agricultural Botany) but it is still not definitive and soil testing still needs to be done.
24/010/FC	**To discuss** the request for a defibrillator at Up Somborne It was agreed this was covered in the public session.
24/011/FC	**To discuss** purchasing two security cameras Cllr Younger reported that the suggestion is to look at two lots of CCTV, the first location being at Scout hut and the second location being at the Village Hall looking towards the scout hut for wider coverage. Cllr Younger explained there would be a few hurdles to overcome for example governance and data protection. Cllr Younger suggested contacting a company called Absolute Security who act as a consultant for a quote. Cllr Jaggard expressed interest in helping with the GDPR. Cllr Searle reported that Traditional Brickwork will commence work on the foundation for the container on the 15th of April and hopes the container might be in place by June. Cllr Hughes asked if the exact location the container will sit has been finalised with the scouts to which Cllr Searle replied, it had not. **Action: Cllr Hughes to set up meeting with a representative of the scouts to agreed exact location.** Cllr Hughes expressed concerns over the amount of cost involved for something that is free and whether there will be a need for these generators. Cllr Jaggard agreed that a line would have to be drawn somewhere. **Action: Cllr Dunger to follow up with Absolute Security and obtain a quote and to bring in Cllr Jaggard onboard with the project.**
24/012/FC	**To discuss** whether council are happy for the continuance of Paddy Whack dog training to use the recreation ground or if it needs formalising for insurance purposes Cllr Searle reported that a village resident is using the field for commercial services and members of the public are becoming concerned there could be potential risks due to untrained dogs and public access. Cllr Searle asked the Councillors if traning should be allowed and if so, what restrictions should be in place. It was agreed that due to the playing field being charity owned land it might be breaching the terms of the trust to allow this to continue. The PC agreed that without insurance in place they are not comfortable with dogs being trained on the playing field. PROPOSE: Cllr Jaggard SECOND: Cllr Qassim **Action: Clerk to write to Paddy Whack. Clerk also to ask Peter Storey if previous dog trainers have paid a commercial fee to rent the field.**

24/013/FC	**To approve** the quote from Earth Anchors for a new bench The clerk reported that a quote was obtained for a new bench at the cost of £400 including delivery. All agreed to go ahead and purchase. PROPOSED: Cllr Webb SECOND: Cllr Gilbert **Action: Clerk to ask the member of public who requested the bench for his suggestion on the location and placement of the bench.**
24/014/FC	**To receive** an update regarding making the website more user friendly Cllr Gilbert reported he now had access to the website and will report back at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk to add to next month's agenda.**
24/015/FC	**To discuss** alternative solution to tarmac Cllr Searle suggested asking AWG Groundworks for ideas on alternatives to tarmac for the area in front of the recycling bins and bottle bank. Cllr Searle suggested hogging (well graded gravel), however shared concerns for whether it will take enough heavy-duty weight from Recycling lorries. **Action: Cllr Searle to seek advice from AWG Groundworks.**
24/016/FC	**To discuss** the receipt of the grant for the community orchard Cllr Searle reported that the grant had been received for 7 trees. Which consists of three plums and four apples (two cooking and two eating). The trees will be planted in the middle of the field between The Gorrings and Palace Close facing south to receive the sun. Community picking will take place in the autumn when the trees are well established.
24/017/FC	**To Discuss** the two options for youth play equipment at Kings Somborne recreation ground The two options for youth play equipment that were discussed were a snake swing and a zipwire. If the equipment is to be located in the top field, permission would need to be applied for. Cllr Hughes argued that the snake swing would be better for multiple use whereas for the zipwire it can only be used by one child at a time. Cllr Hughes asked the question whether the council should ask for public involvement. It was agreed to create a survey on Facebook to give more of an insight to what the public want. Cllr Dunger asked the Councillors if it was the right thing to do to spend such a large amount of the PC's money on play equipment. Cllr Jaggard confirmed there is a separate amount in the budget for Youth Equipment. There is also section 106 money that is unspent and there are community asset grants available with 50% match funding. **Action: Cllr Jaggard to publish survey on Facebook.**
24/018/FC	**Clerk's Report:** To receive the Clerk's report (information only) **Playground Inspections** Up Somborne – All ok. Rabbit Holes present in the top field. **Action: Clerk to ask Mick Rebbick to fill in rabbit holes at Up Somborne recreation ground.** Kings Somborne Recreation Ground – All in good working order. Muss lane – All ok.

	Trim Trail – All in good order, ground maintenance required.
24/019/FC	To note items of **Correspondence Received** (information only) • Email received from a member of the village hall committee confirming the go ahead of the Bean Car Club's Daffodil Run-on Sunday 14th April. Vintage cars will be parked in the recreation ground from 2.30pm onwards. • Email received from the emergency planning team at HCC. This month, on the 24th of April (17:15-19:15), there is an online Flood Volunteer Session, which is a fantastic opportunity to learn valuable preparation strategies and actions in response to floods. **Action: Clerk to send to Cllr Jaggard to publish on the Facebook group if for public consumption.**
24/020/FC	To receive **Councillors' Reports and questions** Cllr Hughes reported that there had been reports of robberies in sheds/out houses. There had also been reports of photos being taken of young girls walking along the road by a group of boys, this has been reported to 101. Cllr Younger reported that he had attended the crime meeting and confirmed issues in rural areas seem to be break ins. The meeting was mainly about communication and reporting incidents to 101. It was apparent that the problems the village faces are fundamentally different to other areas. Cllr Searle reported the resignation of Cllr Ute Brock. Cllr Brock did a lot of work for the council including overseeing the Lengthsman's tasks. Cllr Younger volunteered to oversee the Lengthsman's job list going forward.
24/021/FC	**Date of next Full Council meeting** The next meeting of Full Council is confirmed as Monday 13th May at 7pm in the Epworth Hall.
24/022/FC	**Exempt Matters:** In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public & press to protect the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
24/023/FC	**To approve** the Lengthsman's contract for 2024/2025 PROPOSE: Cllr Searle SECOND: Cllr Webb **Action: Clerk to print and sign agreement.**

With no further business to transact the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signature (Chair): …… Date:……