

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019 held in the Main Hall, Old School, School Lane,

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr M Stoneham (Chairman), Cllr Illingworth (Vice-chairman), Cllr I Bosley, Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr G Christie, Cllr D Land, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr Mrs J Watchorn.
Cllr Brazier and 5 Members of the public

Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.**Music event**

Mr Harry Rayner spoke to the Council and alerted them to a large musical festival to be held at the top field at the Wrotham end of the village. It is a four day electronic music event with estimated numbers of 15,000 – 20,000. The event organisers have commented that visitors to the festival will be using public transport to reach it. Councillors felt that was not a practical option. The event would have a large impact to West Kingsdown. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council regarding licensing of the event and to bring back to the General Purposes Committee.

London Road:

Mr Birley commented that the van outside abandoned outside his property had finally been removed.

Brands Hatch Residents day

A total of £6,050 was raised from the visitors day the primary school PTA had received £900 and the balance would be divided equally between the Boxing Club, Kings Church and Village Hall. Thanks was expressed to the staff of Brands Hatch for their exceedingly friendly and helpful throughout the day.

Litter:

Mr Barry commented there was a lot of litter along Stansted Lane, The Clerk would ask SDC to target that area.

Planning Committee

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Yarnold, Cllr Holdstock, Cllr Codling

Declarations of Interest: Cllr I Bosley as a Member of Development Control Committee at Sevenoaks District Council.

Plans:

SE/19/00111/HOUSE:83 Hever Avenue: Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 4nr new-build residential dwellings and associated parking/landscaping. Objection and comment.

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Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda

Cllr Richards for item relating to allotments

Minutes:

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Rulings:

The Chairman ruled that any business received since the despatch of the Agenda, by reason of special circumstances, be considered, in order to avoid any undue delay and have up to date information.

Diary Item: Affordable housing – Diary for April 2019

Footpaths:

Mr Barry reported the following

BR292 Still obstructed with barbed wire. Clerk to report to London Golf Club.

SD 267 finger marker and post missing, Clerk to report to KCC.

SD265 Finger marker missing south side just before church entrance. Clerk to report to KCC.

Correspondence: No correspondence had been received

Village Hall Management Committee:

The Committee had applied and received a grant from the lottery awards which would pay for the Acoustic sound boards to be fitted to the second hall. New group for Jujitsu starting on a Friday night. An order had been placed to repair the recent damage to the fascia and gutter caused by the Blood Donor Service lorry backing into it. They had agreed to pay for the repairs. The hall continued to be very popular for various events and regular bookings.

Review of Allotment terms and conditions: The Current terms would be reviewed at the next General Purposes Committee.

Bye Laws of Gamecock Meadow:

Cllr Richards had asked for the bylaws to be looked at by Members. These would be reviewed at General Purposes Committee.

Affordable Housing scheme Maws Meadow:

It had been noted and registered with Sevenoaks District Council that one property has a for sale sign in its window. The site was an exception site and is only to be allocated to people with a strong local connection that meet the criteria. It was confirmed from Orbit the local connection had been adhered to.

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Bollards Hever road Shops:

Cllr Yarnold regarding had completed the work to the bollard and the loose step at the Hever Road shops.

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Finance

It was noted that income totalling £20,425.53 had been received and it was proposed through the Chair that cheques totalling £13,568.89 should be paid.

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Trees at Hever Road shops

It had been noted there were a lot of weeds growing at the base of each of the trees outside the shops and they are beginning to look a mess. In order to effectively resolve this the metal grids need removing and the weeds and ground cover fabric cleared out of the way. New ground cover fabric then needs to be laid and the metal grids securely replaced. The Clerk to ask Back 2 Front to quote for this work.

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Phone box refurbishment:

A quote had been received to refurbish the phone box prior to the defibrillator being installed and power re-instated.

Mr A Clark had quoted the sum of £550. That is to take out old acrylic windows, cleaning openings, fit new acrylic sheets into all openings with silicone, this quote is for 4mm assuming the old acrylic is 4mm, 6mm would be dearer per sheet. It was proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr Christie that the quote should be accepted and noted that the cost may be slightly more for 6mm sheeting.

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Parish Council bike:

The Parish Bicycle has been sat in the Pavilion for some time and not being used. The tyres are flat and it is not something that the current Community warden has used. It was proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr Illingworth that the bike should be sold and the Clerk would investigate the value before it was sold.

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The annual Parish Meeting

APM is early this year due to Elections and purdah period, the Clerk will be starting to gather all reports together ready for a village report at that meeting. Apologies from Cllr P Bosley and Cllr I Bosley.

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Newsletter items.

Youth service

Burial ground extension

Dog Fouling

Youth Group Report

The Clerk had asked for a report from the youth workers for Members. On Monday the youth worker visited to say the club was closing with immediate effect. When West Kent Extra were contacted they denied this. There has been no effective communication from West Kent Extra and the youth worker has informed the Clerk that numbers are very low, most weeks in single figures.

They have commented on the slippery steps, no external light, no outdoor signage advertising the club and cold building. West Kent have not promoted the service, their Facebook page is not updated. There are no posters and the offer of help to make sure leaflets onto school buses has not been taken up. The Clerk has requested a meeting with the Management to discuss the service contract that West Kingsdown has with West Kent extra and to question the service being delivered. The Clerk had arranged a meeting for Thursday 7th March with West Kent Extra Cllr P Bosley will attend also as the youth representative.

Burial Ground Extension:

SL Treecare have given a quote.

Cemetery extension into Church Woods Survey

Survey and plot all significant trees to assist in planning the cemetery extension approx. 50m wide by 50m into the woodland.

Survey will identify the species, trunk diameter, height and crown spread and condition to enable a planning application to Sevenoaks Council. £960.00

Further advice

Provide assistance as to design and location of the drive extension. Planning application (the woods are protected by a Woodland Order TPO). Liaise with the required people to survey, locate and relocate Dormice and take other relevant wildlife and conservation advice. Obtain Felling Licence if required. Third party fees may be chargeable and will be passed on at cost.

This and similar works to be undertaken for an hourly rate of £60 + VAT.

Subtotal £960.00

VAT £192.00

Total £1,152.00

It was proposed by Cllr Bosley and Seconded by Cllr Illingworth that we accept the quote. Cllr Watchorn commented that it would be a two year programme and would need a Licence due to the protected dormice in the wooded area. The Chairman observed that it would probably be necessary to stage the work over 3 or perhaps 4 years.

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Half term holiday activities:

The sports fun day was run during the holidays in February and only 7 children attended. This would be reviewed in September for the February 2020.

Matters arising:**Headstone:**

An application for a headstone had been received and members were asked to consider. It was agreed that the design did not constitute a plain headstone and therefore the Clerk was asked to write and refuse permission.

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Car Park Clear up:

Thanks was given to the Councillors who helped clear the rubbish from the rear of the car park.

Dates of Next meetings 2019

Monday 11th March 2019 -7.30pm at Old School Hall General Purposes Committee

Wednesday 27th March: Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.02pm