

**WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council held Wednesday 18th December 2019 at the Old School Hall. School Lane..

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr Gray, Cllr G Christie, Cllr King , Cllr D Land, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr Spiller & Cllr L Spencer .

5 Members of the public

**Planning**

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Holdstock and Cllr I Bosley, District Councillors Cllr Parkin and Cllr Fothergill

Declarations of Interest:

**Plans:**

SE/19/03269/FUL Field North Of Garden Cottage Cotmans Ash Lane: Erection of a stable block. Object and comment

**Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.****VE and VJ:**

Mr Stoneham explained that the Royal British legion would like to organise a tea Dance or similar in May 2020 to celebrate VE and VJ day and asked if the Parish council would consider paying for the cost of the hall. This was to be discussed as an agenda item at the meeting.

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**Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda:**

There were no declarations declared

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It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record.

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The MINUTES of the Planning Council meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 were submitted.

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**Any Urgent Business**

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:** There were no diary items

**Footpaths:**

Mr Barry reported that the broken handrail from the Briars in Botsom Lane previously reported as unsafe had been repaired and was now safe to use

The Parish Council wished to have recorded their Appreciation for all the works that the footpath officer Mr Barry carried out for the Parish, this was proposed by Cllr Land and Seconded by Cllr Christie. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Correspondence:**

**VE day 2020:**

At the last Branch meeting, the Royal British Legion meeting it was agreed to hold a tea dance in the Village Hall on Friday 8th May 2020 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The Parish Council had been asked if they wish to sponsor this event, Members discussed and agreed that they would be delighted to support this event and would cover the cost of the hire fee of the Village Hall estimated at £48 for the two hour event plus preparation and clearing up time.

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**Grants :**

Thank you letter have been received from Alzheimer's and Dementia services, West Kingsdown Baptist Church, Lunch at Noon club and St. Edmunds Church all thanking the Parish Council for the grants they received recently from the Council.

**Community Cupboard:**

Cllr Harrison gave an update to members on the food bank project and although they hadn't had their formal opening they were working with several families. Cllr Harrison invited any Members to drop in when it was open. Currently they are open Tuesday and Friday 10-2pm and working with several clients in need of support. Donations from West Kingsdown and surrounding areas have been regularly given.

**Village Hall Management Committee report:**

The hall was due to close at Christmas for the works to replace the damaged flooring after the severe rainfall in June, all users have found alternative accommodation until works are completed.

**Entrance to the Gamecock Pavilion**

A resident had asked the Council to consider the following points in respect of the view to the left when exiting to Gamecock meadow car park is very restricted and that this entrance is shared by vehicles and pedestrians. With the much greater use of the village hall in particular this entrance is now much busier than it used to be.

One suggestion is the hedge should be cut back very hard on the left as you exit to improve visibility for drivers and also pedestrians on the A20 footway. Recent observations [both driving and walking] have also again highlighted this hazard and suggested that the best solution is as follows:

Looking at the entrance gate from the A20.

Cut back the hedge on the right by about 1 metre and create a proper pedestrian entrance there. This will then mean that:

1. Pedestrians will have their own exclusive entrance into the area.
2. Drivers exiting the gate will have a much improved view of the footway to their left. This will, hopefully encourage them to keep closer to the left thus ensuring that the entry of vehicles off the A20 is not so restricted.

Members discussed and it was proposed through the chair that the Clerk contacts contractors to discuss re configuring the front and find out the cost. To being back for further consideration. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Skatepark:**

Following the report from the recent inspection the Clerk had contacted the contractor who carries out maintenance of the park and asked for a site meeting to discuss the report. The works highlighted in the report are not on the area where reboarding had recently taken place and were just due to the skatepark being popular and being used. **RECEIVED**

**Finance**

Members noted that cheque and debits totalling £6,635.30 be paid

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**Affordable housing:**

English Rural had given an update to inform the Parish to say that they are having a further meeting with the land owner as a possible site between the rectory and the Old School site fronting School Lane. English Rural will update the Parish in the New Year. Members voiced concerns that suitable drainage to prevent flooding that has occurred in severe rainfall. Cllr Watchorn pointed out that if the affordable housing were to go ahead in School Lane then something would need to be done about the overloading and back-flowing of the sewer junction at the bottom of Church Road as during

the last severe storm the two bungalows at the lowest point in Southfields Road were flooded not only by the water coming from the direction of the A20 but also by sewage coming up through their toilets. One elderly resident had to jump through a window and was rescued by a neighbour, otherwise she could easily have drowned. During the previous severe storm the residents of those properties could not use their toilets due to the back-flow

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**Petanque:**

The pitch at the Gamecock is in a poor condition and the Kiara group that used it has asked the Parish Council to consider refurbishing the area as it is now regularly played on by the group. The Clerk has asked the grounds contractor to quote for such a refurbishment. The Clerk was asked to contact for a quote to refurbish the pitch.

**Newsletter items.**

**Matters arising:**

**Burial Ground :**

A mattress had been dumped in the skip at the burial ground and a residents had complained. This was noted.

**Car Park rear of the Co op:**

Thanks was expressed to Councillors who joined Co Op staff to clear the rear car park, sadly only days after the clearance the area had been fly tipped in.

**16. Dates of Next meetings in January 2020**

Planning and General purpose Meeting on Monday 13th January 2020 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane  
 Planning and Parish council Meeting Wednesday 29th January 2020 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane

Meeting closed at 8.20pm