

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and full Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 22nd September 2021** at the Old School Hall School Lane, West Kingsdown.

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

Waste Bin- Botsom Lane.

It was asked when the new bin would be placed at the top of Botsom Lane. The Clerk would chase SDC as it was them who had agreed and would install the bin at their cost.

Vegetation Scratchers lane:

It was reported that the vegetation at the exit to Brands Hatch at the Paddock site was dangerous as you looked to the left with thick overgrown vegetation and causing a visual obstruction. This was KCC land and the Clerk would report to KCC through the portal system.

Dog Fouling.

In general more signage was requested in the village to educate dog owners to clear up after their dogs. The Clerk would speak to the dog warden. No specific locations were identified.

Pavilion.

Yellow paint on edge of step requested to be remarked. Corner slab missing/broken and needs replacing

Paving leading to library.

A request to relay was received the Chairman would look at site with Clerk and report back to Council.

Planning Committee

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley (Vice-chairman), Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr S Gray, Cllr G Christie, Cllr Miss J Holdstock, Cllr D King, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr R Spiller & Cllr L Spencer .

3 Members of the public and Cllr Harrison (also there in attendance as Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Land - Also Cllr Fothergill, Cllr Parking, Cllr Brazier

Declarations of Interest: There were none relating to planning declared

Plans:

SE/21/02832/FUL Syam Nevah & Lombard:

Demolish existing two bungalows and outbuilding. Erection of five dwellings with parking spaces, access road and gates. The applicant was present Objection

SE/21/02837/HOUSE:3 Poundbank Close:

Ground floor and first floor rear extension, No objection

SE/21/02826: Orchard View Fawkham Road :

Removal of the existing outbuilding and the construction of a new single storey detached ancillary summer house and home office building. No objection

SE/21/02753/HOUSE: Tyro St Clere Road

Erection of a triple garage and detached car port. Objection and comment

SE/21/02815/HOUSE 5 Hailwood Place School Lane

Erection of a replacement garage and porch. No objection

SE/21/02777/LDCPR: 45 Hever Wood Road

Conversion of garage into habitable room, No objection

SE/21/02122/FUL Units 9 To 10 West Kingsdown Industrial Estate London Road:

Placement of additional storage shipping container. Comment

TPO

Following the loss of an oak tree by 136 Hever Avenue the tree officer has visited the site and placed a TPO on the large oak tree outside 138 Hever Avenue for its future protection. Noted

Parish Council Meeting**Members of the Parish Council:**

Cllr Mrs P Bosley (Chairman), Cllr G Christie (Vice Chair) Cllr I Bosley Cllr Miss J Holdstock, Cllr S Gray, Cllr D King, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr R Spiller, Cllr Mrs J Watchorn, Cllr D Land, and Cllr Mrs L Spencer.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Land

Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda. Cllr Richards for Allotments as an allotment holder

Minutes of Previous Meetings

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The MINUTES of the General Purpose Committee held on Monday 16th August 2021 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: No diary items

Footpaths**BR292**

To confirm that following the closure this bridleway has now re opened.

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Correspondence**09/21 KCC waste consultation:**

Kent County Council has launched a consultation 'Booking to visit a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)'.

The consultation seeks views on the continuation of a booking system to visit KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres. The 6 week consultation is available until Thursday 30 September 2021 and we would like to invite you to comment.

The consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

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10/21 The Queens Green Canopy to mark her Jubilee

A note had been attached for Members to discuss how they wish to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in 2022. Members agreed that it would be nice to plant a tree at the Gamecock site in front of the library

Finance

The Finance papers were circulated to Members prior to the meeting and it was noted that an income of £3,352.08 had been received. It was proposed by Cllr Christie seconded by Cllr Gray that payments totalling £18,130.85 be paid

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Tree works

Rear of 9 Poundbank/ Thornbank

Quote received by SL Treecare as follows - this was following a residents's concerns for the trees and the Clerk and Chairman visiting the site.

Two Oak trees adjacent to the rear garden of 9 Poundbank (TPO trees): Reduce the overhang to approx the previous reduction (ie reduce by approx 2m).

Hawthorn overhanging the garage of 9 Poundbank: reduce back away to give approx 1m clearance from the boundary.£600.00

TPO / Conservation Area Permission. To carry out works that require permission please apply to the Council (for free) or SL TreeCare Ltd can apply on your behalf for a fee of £50+Vat to be payable in advance.

The sum of Total Value: £650.00 Vat(20%): £130.00 Total Inc Vat: £780.00

It was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr Holdstock to accept this quote and authorise works by SL Treecare

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58, Millfield Road, Field Maple and Ash

TPO Trees

Ash and Field Maple alongside the property:Reduce back from the building by approx 2.5m to the boundary.Strim / Brush cut the Brambles from the area
£450.00

TPO / Conservation Area Permission.

Sevenoaks TPO Mapping is ambiguous regarding the status of the Ash and Maple. It would be prudent to check with Sevenoaks Planning before assuming the trees are protected or not.

To carry out works that require permission or notify works that are exempt please apply to the Council (for free) or SL TreeCare Ltd can apply on your behalf for a fee of £50+Vat to be payable in advance.

Total Value: £500.00

Vat(20%): £100.00

Total Inc Vat: £600.00

There has been no clarification of ownership on the deeds and therefore at this stage Parish Council would write to the owner of 58 explaining this and requesting they look at their deeds, also to advise of the cost of the tree works.

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99 - 95 , Millfield Road,

A quote had been received from SL treecare
Black Poplar and Lombardy

TPO Trees

Three Black Poplar trees, Previously reduced,
Reduce to the previous reduction (ie by approx 4m), Remove epicormic (trunk) growth.
Lombardy, Reduce the height by approx 10m to bring it in line approx with the Black Poplars
£2,250.00

TPO / Conservation Area Permission. To carry out works that require permission or notify works that are exempt please apply to the Council (for free) or SL TreeCare Ltd can apply on your behalf for a fee of £50+Vat to be payable in advance.

Total Value: £2,300.00 Vat(20%): £460.00 Total Inc Vat: £2,760.00

Due to the amount for this quote a 2nd quote would need to be obtained and the Clerk would bring back to Council, **AGREED**

Side of 24 - 26 , Millfield Road,

A quote had been received from SL Treecare

TPO trees Three Ash trees .

Reduce back towards boundary by approx 2m. Remove significant deadwood and ivy to allow more light into the adjacent property £600.00

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Cllr Watchorn to look at the trees in question and bring the matter back to Council before Council considers the works quoted for.

Hever Road Shops, Hever Road, West Kingsdown

Hornbeam

Eight trees by Hever Road shops The trees are now a substantial size, growing reasonably well and up through the wires. A substantial reduction is called for: Reduce the height by approx 3m and reshape the trees to keep them in proportion and tidy

Total Value: £1,200.00

Vat(20%): £240.00

Total Inc Vat: £1,440.00

Members agreed there was a certain amount of urgency to have the trees reduced in height due to the fact they are affecting the overhead cables it was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr Holdstock to accept SL Treecare quote for the above and works to be carried out.

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Burial Ground update:

The Clerk updated Members that although land location originally being offered had been withdrawn the same landowner had offered a la adjacent piece of land. The land would need clearing of trees but this could be completed in stages as required. The District Valuation office had been contacted to offer a valuation before any further discussions could take place.

Recreation Ground update:

The Clerk had met with the contractor for Komplan and a survey for children and parents had been circulated to Pre school, Primary School and Facebook for community engagement. This

consultation runs through till 20th October. When the results would be fed back to the Parish Council for further discussion regarding the refurbishment.

Cllr Holstock commented that the current equipment had some unsavoury language written on the equipment, it was agreed to spray over the inappropriate words.

Office computer:

A full report was given to Members regarding the existing equipment and that updating had become not an option due to the equipment's age. A quote from Martin Stoneham had been received and a second quote requested - a summary would be bought to General Purpose Committee for consideration.

Local Needs survey

All 31 parishes in the District were due to be surveyed under SDC's 5 year programme of local needs surveys. West Kingsdown Parish is due to be surveyed September 2022.

It will ask those in housing need to respond, but is fully robust to be used as evidence under local plan policy (SP4). SDC have already carried out a comprehensive local call for sites/sites search and have identified preferred sites for rural exceptions housing, this mitigates the need to ask local residents these questions again (which is the main purpose of Section 1 of a full 1st stage survey).

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Allotments – Vernon Close

Members will recall that the allotment holder for plot one had asked if the waste land behind their plot and adjacent to their property could be used for a poly tunnel. Access had been asked through the resident's fence direct to the polytunnel. Members would need to have a legal agreement to prevent no rights to land should the property be sold the estimated cost for this agreement was expected at £850 + VAT. The allotment holder has since looked at his allotment plot and agreed that no access would be required through the fence as entrance would be gained from the side shed to the rear of the allotment plot he rents. .

Members had a further discussion and some Members expressed concern for about polytunnel and would prefer to see a greenhouse, it was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr J Holdstock that a greenhouse or cold frame could be sited on the waste land subject to details being provided of the structure to be put on the land and a fee charged.

**9 IN FAVOUR
Cllr Richards abstained**

Remembrance parade:

A.Parade

The Royal British Legion would like to, with the Parish Council approval start to plan for a Remembrance parade in its usual format on Sunday 14th November. The Clerk had made an application due to time scale restriction to the District Council to hold the parade on public roads. A response is awaited but not anticipated to be a concern. Members agreed to support this event in conjunction with the Royal British legion

B.Wreath

Members also considered a contribution for a wreath to lay on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Parish Council - last year Parish Had a type 'B' wreath and made a donation of £75 This was proposed by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr King to make a £75 donation again this year.

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C. Marshall

The parade will require a replacement marshal as David Diboll used to assist, Members were asked to consider volunteering to stand at one of the road closures as direct by the Royal British Legion. This item would be carried over to the General purpose meeting.

Old school update:

Following the vandalism to the old School windows the insurance claim has been paid. New windows should be installed shortly but there has been a delay in obtaining glass. Pest control had been called out to deal with a persistent wasps nest. Bookings for the hall are steady.

Matters Arising

Grass verge cutting London Road:

The shrubbery outside of Forge House, Limes Trees House and The Farriers, is obscuring the public footpath when exiting off London Road onto the drive over for these properties. It is reported that you can't see whether there are any pedestrians walking past until it's too late. It's really dangerous for pedestrians in this particular area. Reported to KCC and the Clerk will follow this up

Litter Pickers:

The new employees were doing a good job and were making sure the village remained tidy, several positive comments have been received.

Internal audit

Internal audit to take place on Tuesday 19th October at 10am by Cllr Gray and Cllr I Bosley.

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The gate and drain was still an issue the Clerk would chase KCC footpaths officer

Newsletter Items

Recreation ground
Burial ground

October Meetings

Planning and General purpose Committee Meeting: Monday 11th October 2021 Main Hall, Old School, School Lane 7.30pm

Planning and Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 27th October 2021 : Main Hall, Old School, School Lane 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.