

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Planning and General Purpose Committee to be held Monday 14th September 2020
Conducted via Zoom due to Covid 19 starting at 7.30pm.**

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

Apologies for Absence: KCC Cllr Brazier and SDC Cllr Parkin

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations declared.

Plans:

SE/20/01947/HOUSE: The Old Vicarage. Knatts Valley Road :

Replace the existing entrance gate and rise piers/wall either side of the gate. No Objection

20/02501/FUL: Land East of 134 Hever Avenue .

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 new dwelling houses. To be moved on September PC meeting

SE/20/02432/FUL: Bramfield Kingsingfield Road:

Demolition of an existing dwelling and erection of 8 new dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and amenity. Objection and comment

SE/20/02479/HOUSE: Medina bankside, Kingsingfield Road:

Hip to gable roof alterations to incorporate rear and front dormer loft conversion and ground floor rear extension
Objection and comment

SE/20/02396/FUL: Foxlands London Road :

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 detached houses with two detached garages and two linked garages and formation of internal access drive/ To be moved to September PC meeting

SE/20/01650/HOUSE: 61 Hever Road :

Single storey rear extension with new porch and internal alterations. Enlargement of dormers to front and rear (amended plan) comment

SE/20/02391/PAC: Land Adjacent to Richardson's farm Crowhurst Lane 02025/FUL:

(Actual location Meadow farm)

Prior notification for a change of use from agriculture use to dwelling house and associated operational development.

This application is made under Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General permitted development) Comment

Trees:

20/02435/WTPO: Elm Tinkerpot Lane: Works to various trees. Noted

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General Purpose Committee Minutes

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3. Footpaths:

BR292:

Mr Barry questioned the route of the path through a field Road. PROW officer has looked and carried out a full site visit. She was happy to report the path did not require moving and therefore KCC would take no further action. **NOTED**

4. Correspondence:

A. Recreation ground Hever Avenue

Members considered the opening of the recreation Ground in Hever Avenue it was agreed the wording of a notice and to close at 5pm each day. This was proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr Watchorn. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

B. Tennis Courts:

Awaiting price to remark the lines as agreed at August GP meeting. Members discussed it may be beneficial to wait until **spring of next year but agreed to get the quote and then discuss further** **ALL IN FAVOUR**

C. Christmas lights:

Following discussion last month regarding lights the Clerk has made contact with a lighting company based in Farningham who are going to quote for a string of lights, controlled by a timer along the lamppost outside the shops. This would be deferred to September PC meeting on 23rd

D. Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust AGM

An invitation had been received to attend the Dart and Gravesham AGM to be held on 24th September at 1pm this will be an online AGM due to Covid restrictions. **RECEIVED**

Bench:

The bench is ready with wheels on it to make it easier for the Co op staff to move it in to the store at night. The bench was purchased following a donation from the solicitors of a deceased resident and a plaque will be attached to the bench in memory. Cllr P Bosley has been liaising with the Co op Manager. It was hoped to have a small presentation when the bench is installed **AGREED**

Skate park:

The skate park resurfacing has been completed. The boards on the top had rotted and were not able to be used as a liner under the top sheets. The Clerk will ask David Diboll to treat the wood before winter weather arrives. **RECEIVED**

Affordable Housing

As there has been a lot of movement during lockdown this is the summary this is a summary of Maws Meadow with personal names taken out for GDPR compliance

No. 5 offered accepted part rent part buy

No.8 moved to larger home - lived at no 11

No. 9 Empty following a swop internally on Maws Meadow should have been a swop with no.12

No.10 awaiting final checks to part rent part buy

No. 11.??

No.12, Moved in was at no.9

No 15. Exchanged from out of Village, His sister lived at the address prior to current occupant

No. 18 I have been approached by no.18 desperate for a 3 bed she has three children and needs a larger place her children are all daughter 9 (10 in December) then two boys one 4 and a 2 year old (3 in November)

The Clerk has asked Orbit and SDC housing officer for a full list. It was also suggested that no 18 may have the opportunity to relocate to no. 9 Orbit would manage the affordability assessment **NOTED**

Clerk

The pension scheme has been confirmed by KCC to freeze the employers and employees rates therefore they will receive the same. NALC (National Association of Local Councils have made a small increase to the Scales, which Parish Implemented but to be back paid to April 2020 this will be reflected in September payroll. Members **NOTED.**

Office opening.

Since lockdown the Clerk has been working from home, visiting the office for papers and essential documents not accessed online. This has worked well and refuse bags have been available to residents throughout the closure. The Clerk has emailed all local Parish Offices to ask their village arrangements and taking those replies into consideration. Many of the replies are that they remain closed and no date to be opening soon. There are a couple that have reduced their hours

1. In the office and
2. When public can attend, generally public limited to half window or only on an appointment basis.

Changes to the lockdown and potential more changes could affect the decision to open the office. After discussion regarding various options it was agreed that the system was currently working and that it should remain as such particularly in light of recent covid restrictions and review at September PC. **AGREED**

Annual Leave

The Clerk carried over 5 days and was going to be used first week of new year allowance in April 2020 however this trip was cancelled at beginning of lockdown

2020/21 leave is 22 days + 2 stat days and 3 days after 5 years' service = total 27 days plus the 5 years carried over from 2019/20 TOTAL 32 days NO leave taken to date as life this year with Covid has been rather different. **NOTED**

Burial Ground:

A pre planning meeting took place on 24th August with the planner and tree officer from SDC and Cllr I Bosley Cllr P Bosley and the clerk attended a zoom meeting. We are now waiting for SDC to confirm if they can meet on site for face to face discussions. No date has been set. **RECEIVED**

Library changes to entrance and creation of new path.

AUGUST GP

The council agreed before lockdown to change the lay out of the entrance for pedestrians coming into the car park at the Gamecock a quote has been received for this work/alterations and also for the filling of a large pot hole near the entrance. Quote for new path from C Luke

Excavate all soil and small part of hedge row and take away.

Supply and lay edging curbs to each side , +2 wooden post where the Hedge row is to stop vehicles driving through.

Supply and lay Hardcore and compact with a heavy vibrating roller.

supply and lay a type one stone and compact with a heavy vibrating roller.

supply and lay a wearing course tarmac and compact with a heavy vibrating roller.

leave site clean and tidy.

For the sum of £1,850+vat.

Following discussions that took place at the august GP and agreed that a site meeting would be best. Cllr I Bosley , the clerk met with the Contractor Mr Luke to discuss alternatives to the original pedestrian path, we are awaiting a quote to widen the entrance to the Gamecock Car park.

No quote has been received to date for alternative layout this would be deferred to September Full Council on 23rd

NOTED

44 Millfield Road:

Following a residents concerns regarding the large trees near to her property a quote has been obtained for Members consideration.

Three trees against the rear fence of 44 Millfield. Reduce height to vicinity of previous reduction.

Remove overhang to the garden adjacent. Trees are subject to TPO 4/1980 £850.00 TPO Tree Preservation Order 4/1980 Permission must be gained.

Client can do the TPO application for free or SL TreeCare Ltd can apply for a fee of £45+vat. . £45.00 Total Value: £895.00 Vat(20%): £179.00 Total Inc Vat: £1,074.00

Following the above item at August GP Cllr Watchorn and David Diboll have visited the site and report

The trees are not against the fence.

The ones nearest to the fence are in good health. There is no need for any work on them at the moment. To thin them

now would be a misuse of public funds. The crowns on the trees in the middle of the site are thinning at the tops. This could be due to ash dieback but they are too far away to see.

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The resident concern was that they were very tall now and blocking light. It was noted out that the trees were to the East of the property so any possible light loss would be in the morning only. Cllr Watchorn proposed following her visits felt there was no need to trim those trees and that it should be diaried for Spring next year (2021) and monitored for Ash die Back. Seconded by Cllr P Bosley **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Grants

Parish Council annually award grants to local groups to assist them in running Members are asked to consider if they wish to hold this scheme or defer until groups are meeting again, it was proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr Christie that Grants for should go out but with additional question to find out if the group was still meeting and if not **when they expected to return with the easing of Covid restrictions.** **ALL IN FAVOUR**

School Lane Garden:

There are a lot of over grown and low branches at the rear of School Lane Garden the quote has been received from the contractor for the site to the sum of £250 + VAT Cllr I Bolsey reminded Council that some of that land had been flagged up as KCC and that Council should find out ownership before carrying out any works. **AGREED**

Dates of Next meetings in September 2020

Planning and Parish council Meeting Wednesday 23rd September 7.30pm via Zoom

Meetings closed at 8.50pm