

## WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at 7.30pm at the Old School Hall School Lane , West Kingsdown.

### Planning Minutes

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr I Bosley (Chairman ) Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr Gray, Cllr G Christie, Cllr King , Cllr D Land, Cllr Mrs M Richards, and Cllr Spiller.

Cllr Fothergil Cllr Harrison (also Parish Clerk ) and KCC Cllr Brazier and 2 members of the public

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Spencer, Cllr Holdstock and Cllr Watchorn

Declarations of Interest: No declarations declared

#### Plans:

**SE/19/02895/FUL: Stanwell House, Botsom Lane:** Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 5 detached chalet style dwellings, estate road and parking space. Object and Comment

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

#### A20 junction:

It was reported that two accidents had happened in short space of time , Cllr Brazier commented he would raise this with KCC officers, This is believed to be as a result of the confusion over markings and the speed of cars travelling along the A20

#### Planters:

It was reported these had been removed from either end of the Village and was just awaiting the contractor to place them in front of the library, where they could be managed better.

#### Hever Road:

Cllr Richards reported the poor marking on the crossovers that make it difficult for pedestrians when cars are parked in those markings: it was agreed to have a site meeting.

#### Dog Fouling Gamecock:

A letter was read from a user's of the field asking that dogs perhaps should be kept on a lead where owners may see their dogs fouling and pick up after them. The Field was getting to be a toilet for dogs, although with discussion it was also noted that this was hard to police and challenge dog owners. Clerk to regularly put an item up on the Facebook page and SEKAM. The Clerk would also look at the wording of the by-laws for the Gamecock meadow.

### Minutes of the West Kingsdown Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr P Bosley (Chairman), Cllr Christie Cllr Mr I Bosley, Cllr D King, Cllr Gray, Cllr D Land, Cllr Mrs M Richards, and Cllr R Spiller

**1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr Spencer Cllr Holdstock and Cllr Watchorn.

#### 2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda

There were no declarations.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The MINUTES of the Planning meeting held on Monday 25th September 2019 were submitted.

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

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th September 2019 were submitted.

It was moved from the chair that with one amendment to Church Woods report they be signed as a true record.

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The MINUTES of the Planning Council meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 were submitted. It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record.

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The MINUTES of the General Purpose Committee held on Monday 14th October 2019 were submitted. It was moved from the Chair that with the correction of the typo to the Affordable Housing item, they be signed as a true record.

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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:** There were no footpath matters

**7. Correspondence:**

**A . St Edmunds day**

Parish Council had received an invitation to attend the St Edmunds Day Service at the Parish Church in West Kingsdown (the church in the woods) on Sunday 17th November at 10.30am followed by tea/coffee in the Millennium Room. As in the past all village organisations are invited to join the service commemorating the saint where the church gets its name - St Edmund King & Martyr. Cllr King, Cllr Christie, Cllr Gray, Cllr I Bosley and Cllr P Bosley and Cllr Richards all to attend .

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**B. Kent Association of local Councils**

Invitation and papers to attend the 72nd AGM to be held on Saturday 30th November at Ditton community hall at 9.30am were received.

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**Community Cupboard:**

Work has commenced to refurbish the youth hut to be able to be a Community hub,/foodbank. A new Kitchen and appliances had been donated, new toilet and basin and the hut is due to be painted. The Trustees had asked for members to consider allowing the accessibility to be improved. There is a company that would like to help the community and it may be a possibility to have the slope from the car park at the Village hall car park made more users friendly and more assessable. The path could then run from the top of the slopes to the hut and tennis courts. It would also stop people having to walk along the Gamecock when the pitches are wet and muddy. Members discussed the request and agreed a site meeting would be best with Community cupboard trustees. Clerk to arrange a suitable date, for the Cllr I Bosley, Cllr Gray, Cllr Richards and Cllr King to attend .

**Village Hall Management Committee report:**

The hall continues to be well used and during the next two months very busy with parties and Christmas events. As Members will know the hall suffered from the heavy rain in June and was flooded. Investigations have found that the underfloor of the two halls is very wet and under the carpet in the committee room also. It is now expected that the floors will have to come up to allow drying out before new floors are laid. A planned closure of the hall will take place from Christmas to end of March to allow the work to be carried out. Thanks is expressed to other facilities in the village who have helped with accommodating the Village Hall users during this time.

Pat Bosley, Secretary, Village Hall Management Committee

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**Youth Provider:**

**The following has been sent to Cllr D Brazier from Ash Parish Council.**

The Parish Council commissioned West Kent Communities to run a weekly, centre based youth club in the village which would be in addition to any provision under the KCC commissioned work. Unfortunately, due to staffing issues, West Kent Communities advised Parish Council on 23 August 2019 that they would be unable to fulfil their contract with us and that they would be withdrawing their services, the last session being 25 September 2019.

Ash Parish Council has contacted eight other providers from the KCC Commission Services list to see if they would be able to provide our Youth Club. Unfortunately, none of them are in a position to assist - mainly due to staffing limitations.

At a recent District Clerks meeting Heather Brightwell (WKC) attended and gave clerks an update on the **service** for the District. Clerks had the opportunity to ask if WKC would, in the future, be in a position to offer additional commissioned services to Parish Councils and were advised that they would not offer contracted youth clubs, but would be able to support groups with short 4-6 week programmes. Unfortunately, the Parish Council would prefer to have a structured, consistent weekly provision, so this is not a solution.

Ash Parish Council Clerk has asked the council in regards to having a weekly youth club and they would be willing to explore working together with ACR and Hartley Parish Councils to employ part-time youth workers similar to the HAWK model.

Two of the youth workers who were working with WKC have indicated that they would be interested in additional hours to cover the sessions at WKC and NAG. One option would be, using the staff at the Swanley Hub would be able to provide line management? If this is something that could be possible, we would like to arrange a meeting with the parish councils and KCC to explore this further.

Cllr Brazier advised that he would be speaking to KCC about the level of service being provided. Members agreed to explore the possibility of joining with Ash and Hartley Parish Council to provide youth facilities.

### **Benches**

Members were asked to look at a possible site for a bench to be sited in Hever Road outside and near to the Co Op. The Clerk provided details of a recycled plastic bench at a cost of £235.99 plus VAT. It was agreed that this was an appropriate type of bench.

Cllr Richards commented that it would need to be locked down, Cllr King had noted two ring bolts that may be able to be used to chain the bench down during the day, The Co Op had agreed to take the bench in at night.

It was proposed by Cllr Spiller and seconded by Cllr I Bosley that part of the legacy left to the parish by the late Robin Oakley-Hill be used to purchase this bench in his memory and explore the possibility of branding to help prevent it being lost.

A site meeting to take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to discuss siting and at the same time Members would look at the lines/cross hatching in the parking area in front of the shops.

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### **Finance**

Members noted that £55,484.24 had been received and it was proposed by Cllr Christie and seconded by Cllr Land that Cheques and direct debits totalling £12,168.90 be paid

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### **Affordable Housing - Maws Meadow**

A meeting took place on Tuesday 15th October with SDC and Orbit to look at Maws Meadow, there are several action points being looked into and an update for members would be circulated when received with outcomes.

### **Newsletter items.**

Motorbikes

Dog fouling

Community cupboard

### **Bench Burial Ground :**

The Bench next to the War memorial is a very poor and dangerous state. Cllr Watchorn had spoken to the family and it was agreed to remove the bench. The Clerk would ask David Diboll to remove it .

**AGREED**

### **Burnt car in Church car park:**

There was a burnt out car in the church woods car park. Since the publication of the agenda this had now been removed with no cost to Parish, Church Woods or St Edmunds Church.

### **Matters arising:**

#### **Flooding:**

Cllr Brazier was working with resident's particularly ones that live in Ash Tree Close and it had been agreed to clean out the soakaways and also to reinstate the pond that was in the corner of the farmer's field with the landowners permission , adjacent to West Kingsdown Industrial Estate, to try and prevent Ash Tree Close suffering so badly from flooding. He was also looking at a possible soakaway at the bottom of Neal Road and speaking to KCC drainage to make sure at ALL drains were cleaned out as soon as possible. Members thanked Cllr Brazier for his time and help with the flooding victims and looking to improvements to help the problem in the future.

**Local Plan:**

The Inspector for the public examination of the SDC local plan had cancelled the second part of the hearings. The Clerk would update Members when there was any further information.

**Affordable housing**

Cllr Watchorn had asked that the site numbers were clarified, it was agreed that there was a typo and the two preferred sites should read 6A and 6 B and not 6C as recorded. Cllr Watchorn had asked that members were given the opportunity to have sites meetings on all sites, Members felt they knew the locations of the proposed possible sites and the Chairman suggested that should Members wished they could use their maps given to them at the last meeting and visit the sites themselves.

**Rats:**

Rats had been reported in Hever Avenue and the Clerk and Cllr Gray had worked with the resident who was suffering with the rats in her home despite having pest control visit on more than one occasion. Environmental health and pest control at SDC had been contacted and were due to visit this resident.

**Dates of Next meetings in November**

**Planning and General purpose meeting Monday 11th November 2019 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane**  
**Finance- grants Committee meeting Monday 11th November 2019 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane**  
**Planning and Parish council Meeting Wednesday 27th November 2019 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane**  
**Site meeting for Bench and road markings at Hever Road Monday 28th October 2019 7.30pm**

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**