

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th January 2020

Members Present :

Cllr J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley (Vice-chairman), Cllr Mrs P, Bosley, Cllr King, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr Spiller & Cllr L Spencer .

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

Declarations of Interest: There were no items declared

Scratchers Lane:

The junction is being relayed in a different layout expected to be completed at the beginning of February weather permitting

Gullies :

School Lane, A20 outside Texaco garage. Both will be reported and request be sent asking for these to be cleaned. Church Road/Southfields Road sewage coming up when flooded. The KCC highways are dealing with this problem.

Signs:

The rusty pole base at the footpath in School Lane as been removed also the post at low level by Warlands Close/Southfields Road has been banged into the ground making

Footpath

A20 Meadowbank: Cllr Richards reported the mud on the path as soon as there is any rain the run from the water causes the mud to run onto the footpath. Cllr Brazier explained lots of f works in this area to help prevent flooding of Ash Tree Close. Cllr Brazier explained about the current works taking place at this location and that when works were complete the path would be cleared of mud.

Kaysland

Laurel Hedge requiring trimming back belonging to resident of Kayslands / side hilly wood. Clerk to contact Public rights of way Footpath Officer London Road:

Grass Verge

Hole in the grass verge at junction of Hever road, Required filling in. Clerk to report to KCC

Hever Road :

Parking outside the café (Oasis) and opposite that has churned up the grass and also is causing a visual problem for drivers pulling out onto the main A20 from Hever road. Cllr Brazier to visit and speak to County Officer. Clerk to ask Parking enforcement to visit.

Orchard View Fawkham Road: New brick wall encroaching on Grass verge. Cllr Brazier to visit the site.

Plans:

SE/20/00061/OUT: 36 Southfields Road: Outline Application for the erection of 2 x 4 bed bungalows with all matters.

SE/20/00012/ HOUSE: White Lodge London Road :New detached garage associated hard standing area, removal of rear access point, new gates recessed at front, new fence and gate and crossover widened Comment

SE/19/03339/FUL: Tyro, St Clere Hill Road: Replacement dwelling including the retention of a children's play frame, dog kennel and external lighting to drive. Objection

SE/20/00034/FUL: Land North Of 24 Ashen Grove Road Knatts Valley: Demolition of barn and erection a dwelling. Objection

SE/00120/CAN: Telephone Call Box Outside East Hill Farm Park East Hill Road : Removal of public payphone to defer to GP meeting

SE/20/00061/OUT: 36 Southfields Road: Outline Application for the erection of 2 x 4 bed bungalows with all matters.

31 Hever Road: this matter had been referred to SDC enforcement as it appeared the development was not in accordance with the submitted plans.

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3 Members of the public and Cllr Brazier and Cllr Fothergill. Cllr Harrison as District Councillor and Clerk
Parish Council Meeting

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr P Bosley (Chairman), Cllr Mr I Bosley, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr King ,Cllr Spiller Cllr L Spencer and Cllr Watchorn.

Apologies for absence. Cllr Gray, Cllr Miss J Holdstock, Cllr D Land, Cllr Christie

Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The MINUTES of the Planning meeting held on on Wednesday 18th December 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 finance 1 Purpose Committee held on Monday 13th January 2020 were submitted.

It was moved from the Chair that with one amendment as Cllr Richards declared interest for allotments 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:

Maplebank Poultry Farm. Update requested from Planning at SDC

The land to one side of the site was dug out by the owner last April following a break-in. SDC have taken advice from Historic England on these works because that side of the site is adjacent to an ancient monument, however they said that there was no issue although whoever did the works came very close to nearly causing an issue!

From a planning of view these works are an engineering operation which were done without planning permission and therefore a breach which is open to action. SDC will be taking advice from Legal on how to move forward if they take any action because SDC would normally ask for the bank to be re-formed, but this is a little difficult considering the size of it and the fact that the removed material has left the site. SDC first aim is to get to the bottom of the use of the site and then they will look at this engineering operation.

Enforcement team didn't see the material that left the site, but from what remains it does seem that previously someone had formed the bank with what can only be described as a lot of waste, so bricks, piping and glass have all been found whilst looking at the remaining earth on that side. Unfortunately it's a little too late for KCC or the EA to investigate this as it would have happened historically.

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London Road outside St.Lawrence -

The grass verge has been churned up from recent tradesman vans and lorries parking there during recent works t the property and also vans and lorries continue to park on the verge and leave their vehicle whilst visiting the Oasis Café. Cllr Brazier agreed to look at the site and report back to Parish Council. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Brazier for his continued help.

Footpaths:

Kingsingfield Road encroachment of the grass verge Mr Barry has updated to inform the council that Mr D Munn, Rights of Way Manager, has commented that the landowners did not respond to the invitation to discuss the matter voluntarily, so we are going down the formal enforcement route.

Correspondence:**Urgent care :WoCCG decides the location of future urgent care services**

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) Governing Body has given the go ahead to create two linked Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs), one at Gravesham Community Hospital and one co-located with A&E at Darent Valley Hospital, as part of a networked urgent care services model.

The CCG received over 16,500 responses to its public consultation carried out between August and November 2019. Key concerns raised by local people, regardless of the site option they preferred, were traffic and congestion to Darent Valley Hospital, public transport, parking and how far they might have to travel to get the urgent care they need.

Both UTCs will treat minor illnesses and minor injuries with the Urgent Treatment Centre at Darent Valley Hospital providing additional critical care by virtue of its co-location with the A&E department.

The walk-in services at the Whitehorse surgery will be relocated to Gravesham Community Hospital but the GP and other current services at Northfleet will remain on site and unchanged.

It is expected that the two linked Urgent Treatment Centres will be in place by summer 2020 as part of the first phase towards fully networked sites providing "joined up", urgent care services for the people of Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley.

Dr Nigel Sewell, local GP and the CCG's Clinical Lead for Urgent Care said: "The Governing Body's decision is good news for local people and it is our ambition to implement the new Urgent Treatment Centres as quickly as possible. The public consultation process gave us greater understanding of the key issues affecting local people and we have adjusted our arrangements for the new Urgent Treatment Centre to address the well placed concerns that people raised.

We look forward to working closely with our partners over the coming weeks to make sure there is a smooth transition of services from the Walk-in Centre and Minor Injuries Unit to the new Urgent Treatment Centres".

The decision making business case which sets out the case for the networked urgent care services model and the analysis of the feedback received from the public consultation are available on the CCG's website at <https://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/urgent-care-post-consultation/>

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Church woods Management Committee report: Annual management plan been completed and submitted, safety contractor had been appointed.

Entrance to the Gamecock Pavilion

The Clerk had asked Charlie Luke to meet with her and to discuss the requirements for a pedestrian entrance separate to the vehicle gate.

RECEIVED**Skatepark:**

A meeting has been requested to meet with the contractor, the quote had been received to replace the surface as below

Essentially, the entire top surface needs replacing, as well as some of the under surface. The best and most financially solution is to remove the top surface, keeping aside the sheets in the best condition. These sheets will then be used to replace the sheets on the under surface that require changing. A brand new top surface is then laid on top.

Remove existing birch – ply sheets and dispose at an authorised centre, supply and install replacement 9mm birch ply sheet (42 Sheets) on all riding surface at a cost of £6,300.00net

In terms of longevity and minimalizing maintenance going forward, Fearless ramps will treat all of the new surfacing as well as the old surfacing with wood preservative. If this is then done yearly, you can expect the new surface to last in excess of 5-10 years. The Clerk would report back to Council members

RECEIVED**Four Acre wood:**

Clerk and Chairman and Cllr I Bosley has met with SDC officer and they were going to confirm if a tree survey had been carried out. The state of the fly tipping the rear of a property's in Hever Avenue. SDC are still keen to pass the land to the Parish council but when the answers to the questions have been answered. Members would then have the opportunity to discuss taking on the land. Members were encourages to take a look around the woods that can be found near the bottom of Hever Avenue on the right

Youth update :

The quote for KCC to provide though the youth hub has been received and the Clerk has attended a meeting of all three Parishes that were considering a youth facility similar to the Hawk delivery . The staff would all be employed on Kent Scheme terms and conditions. An Early Help Worker is employed at KR7 and Early Help Support Workers are employed at KR4. The full cost of an employee at the bottom of KR4 costs £14.86 per hour (this includes pension, NI and tax). The full cost of an employee at the bottom of KR7 is £19.26 per hour (this includes pension, NI and tax).

1 x 0.5 Early Help Worker = £356.31 per week, £18,528.12 per year.
 3 x 6 hrs Early Help Worker = £267.48 per week, 13,908.96 per year.

Total staffing costs for one year = £32,436.04
 Other costs for one year £ 2,563.96

Total Cost = £35,000 this is for three parishes to be divided between them.

The other costs include the costs of food, art and craft supplies, potential summer holiday provision and anything else that it costs to run a youth provision. This does not include any costs for covering any potential expenses such as rent, vehicle charges, etc.

The Clerk and Councillors that attended expressed concern at the cost of delivering a service and the Hub manager was to look at external funding and grants and re meet. The Clerk to attend a further meeting and it is hoped the hub manager may have found other sources of money.

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Footpaths

Kingsingfield Road

Encroachment of the grass verge Mr Barry has updated to inform the council that Mr D Munn, Rights of Way Manager, has commented that the landowners did not respond to the invitation to discuss the matter voluntarily, so we are going down the formal enforcement route. Mr Barry to update members at the next General purpose

Astor road:

Lorry parked on grass verge at junction of Hever Avenue and Astor Road causing a visual impairment to the cars pulling out of Aster road. Clerk to advise SDC and KCC as landowners.

Finance :

Members noted that £9,775.15 had been received and it was proposed by Cllr King and seconded Cllr I Bosley that Cheques and direct debits totalling £8,767.40 be paid **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Affordable housing:

There is no further update from English Rural they continue to discuss landowners releasing land for an affordable housing scheme. **NOTED**

Burial Ground:

Members were asked at the General purpose meeting on Monday 13th January to consider a bench at the end of the path next to the grave of the Late Arthur Chamberlin. It was greed that Members would look at the site and discuss at this meeting. It was proposed by King and seconded by Cllr Richards that a small bench no wider than the path and fixed securely could be install next to the grave of the late Arthur Chamberlain. **5 IN FAVOUR**

CLLR SPENCER AND CLLR WATHCORN ABSTAINED

Paving slabs outside library

The slab in one section of the path by the library are all broken the following quote has been received from Mr Yarnold
 1. To lift and replace with the same slabs £520.00 inc Vat
 2. To lift and excavate site to a depth of 750 mm , remove low wall from old garden, supply and lay c 20 concrete and cut slab lines. £1,450.00 inc Vat

It was proposed by Through the Chair to accept the quote and the Clerk to inform the contractor **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Village Hall update :

Still closed as it was taking longer to dry the hall out, but it was hoped to be open again by the end of March
 The Village hall closed at Christmas for the damaged floors from the June flooding to be replaced, a brief update will be given to members. Members discussed why it became flooded and how to prevent anything similar happening again.

Website:

Currently the Parish Council website is provided by KCC free of charge, this service is being stopped and Councils need to find a provider to transfer and set up a new website. There are various providers that have been contacting another provider, there is a cost implication to setting up a new webpage. This is part of the Accessible websites for Parish Councils in Kent and meeting legislative changes by September 2020. Parish Councils as public bodies need to be in compliance with accessibility regulations 2018 Act. At the recent Clerk's forum there were several companies mentioned, the Clerk will explore the company provider and the cost of the services they offer and bring the information back to Members. **AGREED.**

Newsletter items.

Village Hall
Four acre wood

Matters arising:

Entrance to the Gamecock the Clerk to meet with contractor to plan a pedestrian road to use rather than the vehicle driveway

Dates of Next meetings in February 2020

Planning and Parish council Wednesday 26th February 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane

Meeting closed at 9pm