

**WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of West Kingsdown Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th November 2019.

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

4 Members of the public

**Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.****SD271**

Cllr Richards reported that the footpath sign had been moved between Creek Lodge and Woodside. and not reinstated, the path had also been altered at the Kingsingfield Road end. Behind 18 Kaysland the laurel hedge had not been trimmed back and partially blocks footpath .

**Footpath**

The footpath leading through to Ash Tree Close from the A20 was flooded again in recent rain. The path needs inspecting by KCC.

**Accident at Junction:**

It was reported that another accident had occurred at the junction of A20/Fawkham Road and School Lane. The Clerk was asked to pass this information onto Cllr Brazier.

**Brands Hatch:**

There had been recent traffic congestion on 23rd November. This was due to an event taking place at short notice as the organisers had had to switch venues and they hadn't managed the traffic as Brands Hatch staff would under their traffic management plan

**Vegetation A20:**

It was reported outside the Farriers, London Road the shrubs were overgrown and this affected the site lines for cars pulling onto the A20. Clerk to report to KCC

**Burial Ground:**

Dumping of trees had taken place in Church woods near the extension plot of land. This was noted.

**Flytipping:**

Reported fly tipping on Knatts Valley Road. Clerk confirmed this had been reported

**Flooding:**

Stanstead Lane just in dip passed the London Golf course was flooded in recent rains. This would be reported to KCC  
And also gullies still need to be cleared in Southfields Road

**Planning Committee**

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

**Apologies:** for Absence: Cllr Holdstock.

**Declarations of Interest:** None were declared

**Plans:**

**SE/19/03071/FUL: The Old Equestrian stables, Knatts Valley:** Conversion and change of use of the existing stable building and surrounding land to provide a light industrial centre, associated parking and landscaping and single storey extension.

**Comment and objection**

**SE/19/03052/House: Lorna Done, Hollywood Lane:** Erection of single storey side extension: **Comment**

### Minutes of the West Kingsdown Parish Council Meeting

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**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Holdstock

**Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda** Cllr P Bosley for a finance matter

The MINUTES of the planning committee meeting held on Wednesday 23rd October 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 Wednesday 23rd October 2019 were submitted.

**AGREED**

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

**Cllr Watchorn Abstained**

The MINUTES of the planning committee meeting held on Monday 11th November 2019 were submitted.

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

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

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

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

The MINUTES of the Finance ( Grants ) meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were submitted.

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

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

#### **Rulings:**

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:**

##### **RB271B:**

Mr Barry reported he had spoken to Mr Munn the KCC footpath officer regarding encroachment. A letter has been sent to the landowner to arrange a meeting to discuss the issue further.

**DIARY DECEMBER**

#### **Correspondence:**

##### **A .Poppy Appeal:**

The collection from the pop in/ Office collection box raised £25.06 this year

**RECEIVED**

##### **B. Kent Association of local Councils**

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

**RECEIVED**

#### **8. Trees in the Village Competition 2019**

Sadly West Kingsdown had not been selected as winners this year, the village winning the award was West Fairleigh but the judge did write a report for the Parish Council. A copy had been given to Cllr Watchorn.

**RECEIVED**

#### **Cupboard:**

The Clerk and Chairman visited the youth hut to see the refurbishment that has taken place. It is a transformed building and a lot of the work has been donated to the charity, as well as food that has started to be collected. The New Kitchen and appliances will be installed at the weekend of 23/24th November. It was reported that the Parish Office had a donation box for residents to donate to.

The next project being looked at is a path from the village hall car park, walking up the steps and across the field to get to the building. This is extremely muddy and slippery Clancy Docra have met with the trustees and have suggested the following

The South East Manager from Clancy Docwra is keen to be involved in the project and has suggested they may be able to 'donate' a pathway, free of charge, to ensure safety if anyone visiting or volunteering at the hub. Members are being asked to consider a path from the top of the steps to the hub, Appx 1.2 wide (standard walkway) and 27 meters long.

Steve, a fully qualified engineer, has advised that as it's only 4 inches deep it would not affect any drainage or cause any water build up at all. It can be done by placing wooden supports into the ground and be filled with cement or tarmac. It would take about 2 days.

Members discussed this donation of a path and agreed in principle, The Chairman and Clerk would meet on site with Docwra Clancy.

**Old School Management Committee Report:**

The Hall continues to be well used, recent vandalism has resulted in two windows being broken windows that have been shot at. Quotes were being obtained. A second section of the car park had been resurfaced. Cllr Richards asked about the car park being marked with parking spaces. Cllr P Bosley replied that that could go onto the next agenda of the Old School, Management Committee.

**Youth Provider:**

A meeting had taken place and Cllr P Bosley had attended. . Parishes are working jointly with Swanley Youth provider and exploring the possibility of a joint service between Hartley, New Ash Green and West Kingsdown. The Costings were being calculated and feedback would be circulated to all Parish Councils.

**Co – Op**

There is a new Manager at the Co op and the Co op Community Pioneer will speak to him to ensure that the same agreement is made regarding a bench, in that Co op staff would wheel in each night for security,

The Clerk had met with SDC street cleaning team regarding the litter in the rear car park in Hever Road. The cleaning team have suggested a one off clean up with a machine, also weed clearing and generally getting the site completely cleared for £200 + VAT, this could then be followed in his opinion with a monthly litter pick at a cost of £25 + Vat. Both costs the Co-op pioneer is going to speak to Co op HQ to see if this is a cost that can take up. It would also benefit users of the shops who would feel better parking in a clean and tidy, litter free area. Staff were also going to have a working party to clear the back car park and several Members agreed to help if the date be circulated.

**Finance**

It was noted that income totalling £6,525.47 had been received and It was proposed by Cllr Land and seconded by Cllr I Bosley that cheques totalling ££8,556.64 should be paid.

**9 In Favour - Cllr P Bosley abstained**

**PACT meeting:**

The Bus service was discussed at the recent PACT meeting and it was agreed that with Police support they would start the evening service and come into the village instead of terminating at Brands Hatch which they were doing due to recent vandalism resulting in broken windows. It appeared that this week has been successful and the service will continue and to be monitored.

**Millfield Trees SL Treecare has visited the sites and reports the following:****A. 70. Millfield Road :**

Reduce crown all over by 2.5m to give clearance to the house of 2m. remove significant dead wood and remove at risings for the sum of £633.60 inc VAT

**B. Ash Tree behind 64 Millfield Road:**

Multi stem ash tree with basal bark damage, showing honey fungus and poor fork formation adjacent to bark damage. The tree has little safe useful life and the presence of the defects is indicating a potential to cause failure. Dismantle and remove by SL Treecrae and remove all risings, subject to TPO permission at a cost of £792.00 Inc Vat

**C. Side of 58 Millfield Road:**

Group of mainly Ash trees, reduce to the vicinity of the previous reduction remove dead wood clear away from house and garage of 58 and remove risings £792.00 inc Vat

It was proposed by Cllr Land and seconded by Cllr Christie that all three tree works should be approved.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Library Lease:**

The renewal of the Library Lease had been drawn up and agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr Spencer that the lease be signed. It was duly signed by the Chairman, and witnessed by the Clerk. This will now run until 24th March 2024. It was noted that an EPC was a requirement of the new lease, and this have been arranged. .

**Brands Hatch Villagers day**

This will take place on Sunday 9th February 2020 and this year's beneficiaries will be St Edmunds Church, Pre School, Community Cupboard and Ellenor Hospice

**Newsletter items.**

Bench in Hever Road

**Matters Arising:**

**Affordable Housing. – No Update had been received from English Rural**

**Rats** - The Clerk gave an update on the rat problem in Hever Avenue. Sevenoaks District Council pest control were due to visit this week.

**Shop access road Repainting of Lines:** This job was booked in for the beginning of December weather permitting

**Recreation Ground Play Equipment:** Sovereign Play Company : They were booked for Monday 2nd December to carry out repairs to the trim trail. S Prentice to open gates and Cllr Land to agree works required.

**Dates of Next meetings in December**

**Finance- Precept Committee meeting Monday 9th December 2019 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane**

**Planning and Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18th December 2019 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm