

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.30pm at the Old School, Hall School Lane West Kingsdown.

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr M Stoneham (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley, Cllr V Codling, Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr G Christie, Cllr D Land, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr Mrs J Watchorn and Cllr Yarnold .

2 members of the public

Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.**Dormouse enquiry:**

Cllr Watchorn reported that a person who claimed to be part of the Parish Council had contacted Kemsing regarding carrying out a dormouse survey. The Council had no knowledge of anyone on the Council auctioning this. **COMMENT NOTED**

Pot hole:

Pot hole reported at Old School Car park and Gamecock Car park: Clerk to Chase the contractor for the quotes.

London Road Hever Road Junction: traffic island knocked over. Clerk to report.

Buses:

Cllr Richards explained the new service that would run 5 days a week from Fairseat to Sevenoaks three times a day Monday to Friday the service is due to start in June.

Brands Hatch – Litter

Mr Birley had spoken to Brands Hatch and they are prepared to help staff the new litter volunteer group and to provide traffic management if required along Scratchers lane and the areas of the village and will provide a skip for the rubbish. Clerk to liaise with them. Mr Birley was thanked for his help in arranging this for the Village.

KCC waste centres:

The Council and public noted the disappointment that KCC were charging for soil and rubble to be deposited at waste sites and noted the concern that this would increase flytipping

Planning Minutes

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Illingworth, Cllr Holdstock and KCC Cllr Brazier

Declarations of Interest: Cllr I Bosley as Member of the development Committee At SDC

Plans:

SE/19//00928/HOUSE : High Leighs, Crowhurst Lane: Demolition of existing outbuilding and gazebo and erection of a two storey extension to the rear , single storey side extension and brick facing to existing side extension. No objection

Cllr I Bosley Abstained

SE/19/00859/FUL: Land adjoining Berrington Place Manor Road: New Gates Comment and No Objection

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Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda: There were no declarations

Minutes:

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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: There were no diary items

Footpaths:

BR314 The path has no disappeared under grass cuttings as there is a finger post on opposite side of road Mr Barry requested the clerk request an additional marker on that side too. **AGREED**

SD271: Sign stone marker missing located at west end of Russetts Road

Correspondence: No correspondence had been received

Village Hall Management Committee:

The gutter repair was still to be completed as it has been difficult to obtain the correct matching gutter but Birkby the original contractors were helping with this. The hall was busy and popular with both regular and casual lets. AGM 2nd July at 7.30pm

Southbeats Music festival:

An application has been received at Tonbridge Council, this had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, and the license application is from the Friday to Monday 11am through to 3am. Over the weekend of 19th September 2019. Members asked the Clerk to contact the Tonbridge and Malling licensing and ask for the management plan and noise plans if these had been submitted. Members wanted to understand what measures would be in place to measure noise and the action that would take place should this be breached, traffic was another issue that members were concerned about as it was mentioned the expected numbers attending could be up to 15,000. (Similar to a large Brands Hatch meeting) The information would be circulated to members when received

Finance

It was noted that there had been no income received and it was proposed through the Chair that expenditure totalling £12,792.74. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

End of year accounts:

These were circulated to Members Prior to the meeting and it was proposed through the Chair that they were formally adopt for year 2018/19 **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Recreation ground inspection notes:

- a. The gate is swinging and hitting the post which has movement, a catch or sliding bolt is required.
- roundabout : two of the yellow boards have bounce in them and require monitoring
- c. The seesaw requires greasing
- d. The hedge from Mitcham close is growing through as is the ivy further round and both need cutting back.

The clerk was asked to contact Danny Chamberlin and ask him to look at the gates and fence. Cllr Land said he would look at the seesaw and the Clerk was to obtain quotes for the hedge to be trimmed back. This was agreed by members.

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Hever Road:

There were a lot of weeds growing at the base of each of the trees outside the shops and they are beginning to look a mess. In order to effectively resolve this the metal grids need removing and the weeds and ground cover fabric cleared out of the way. New ground cover fabric then needs to be laid and the metal grids securely replaced. Back to front had previously quoted for the job at a cost of £800 which worked out £100 per tree. There was further information discussed with Back to front who said it may cost £50 extra per tree due to the work involved. The Clerk was asked to obtain a second quote and Grasslands who was awarded the open space grounds contract for the area the Parish Own has come back with a quote of £380 + VAT. Members are asked to consider. The clerk was authorised to discuss with contractors and proceed with the best option when both prices had been confirmed. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Library lease:

The library lease was due to be renewed and the KCC are preparing a lease for the Parish council to review and approve this would also include review of the rent paid as the price had been fixed for some years at £2,142.00 per annum **RECEIVED**

Library repairs:

The replacement lead flashing outside along the front of the building and around the windows is in need of replacing as it is causing water to come through the windows into the library. KCC have arranged for repairs that will begin on Monday 14th May and is due to last for 10 days, During that time scaffolding will be in situ. **RECEIVED**

Litter volunteer groups:

The Clerk had four names of people willing to meet regularly and tackle some of the litter issues that are about in the village. Members are asked to identify areas that may be considered by the group when they first meet together in early May.

RECEIVED**Bollards London A20 opposite the Oasis Café :**

The Clerk had received a complaints from Millfield Road residents and one resident had recently spoken to KCC regarding bollards and the parking on the verge of cars and vans visiting the Oasis Café.

The Clerk met with Cllr Brazier and a KCC highways Officer and it was discussed that the grass verge was churned up and that the site line pulling out of Millfield Road was reduced. The KCC officer said that putting bollards was an option from the crossway near Haver Road along to the bus shelter near Millfield Road a total of 26 bollards. He was not convinced this will improve the visibility as the vehicles are just likely to park on the cycle lane on the road and therefore reduce the visibility further, so you would need to request more visits from Sevenoaks District Council parking enforcement officers to remove any illegally parked vehicles.

This is then likely to cause more vehicles to park in Millfield Lane and possibly move some further down the road on to the other verges.

KCC will not be in the position to replace any of the bollard should they require maintenance or be knocked over by vehicles. The estimated costs are £6036.43. But this may increase slightly as our contract has an increased uplift each April.

Cllr Brazier may be able to find some money towards them should that Parish Council decides this is an option. KCC won't contribute to the cost of bollards for matters relating to parking, however they will as a gesture will reinstate the grass verges.

Members are asked to consider the action required and if placing bollards, at the Parishes expense, will solve the problem.

Members were not sure that this would solve the problem and would ask that traffic enforcement visit the area now that the cycle lanes are enforceable whilst it considers whether to put bollards along that stretch of the London Road. Members are asked to look at the area so that the matter can be discussed further.

RECEIVED**The Arrangements for the May meeting after elections:**

The meeting will open with the retiring Chairman, he will formally step down and then after a new Chairman is selected the Parish Council meeting will continue. All reselected Councillors and new Councillors will be required to complete various pieces of paperwork that will be circulated prior to the meeting. You will not be able to participate at the meeting in May if they have not been completed and returned back to the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked all members for their commitment and work with the Parish Council over this 4 year term and wished those retiring his best wishes and those standing again for election success. Thanks was expressed to Cllr Yarnold for his support as Vice Chair and Chair of the Sub Committee and a vote of thanks was recorded for the Chairman Cllr M Stoneham for all his dedication to the Parish Council for over 20 years.

Newsletter items:

Bollards
Litter group
New bus service

Matters arising:**Housing: Diary May****Defibrillator:**

Just awaiting confirmation that the box has power and it was also recommend that the metal be sprayed with WD40 to prevent posters being stuck on the phone box.

New Burial Ground extension:

Awaiting a tree survey to be carried out and this was expected to be circulated to the council in June.

Dates of Next meeting

Meeting of the new Full Parish Council meeting after 2nd May Elections will be Wednesday 15th May 2019 7.30pm.Old School.

Meeting closed 8.13pm