

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Planning and General Purpose Committee held on Monday 14th October 2019
at the Old School Hall, School Lane**

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 D Land, Cllr Mrs M Richards,

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

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations declared.

Plans:

SE/19/027404/MMA: 2 Knockmill Cottages, Tinkerport Lane: Amendment to SE/16/01198/ HOUSE. Comment

SE/19/02476/HOUSE: Homestead 38 Ashen Grove Road, Knatts Valley:

Demolition of garage, enlargement of loft, side extension with infill at the front with a new porch to existing, bungalow, replacement of roof, enlargement of loft and removal of chimney and flu. Comment

West Kingsdown Parish Council Monday 10th October 2019
General purpose Committee

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Footpaths:

SD271: Cllr Richards reported that the footpath would not be able to be walked and voiced concerns regarding the dwellings that were being built on site and the route walkers would have to take to get through the development. The Clerk would contact KCC PROW (public rights of way Officer) and ask them to carry out a site visit.

Correspondence:**A. Remembrance day: Poppy Appeal**

A letter had been received from the Royal British :

They write "We hope that you will continue your support for the Poppy Appeal and the Remembrance Sunday Parade. The Parade will take place on Sunday 10 November. It will form up at the Portobello Inn at 1030 hrs and proceed to the War Memorial by St Edmund's Church. Alternatively you may go directly to the War Memorial.

It was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr Watchorn that the Parish Should make a contribution of £75 to the Royal British Legion and that the Chairman Cllr P Bosley would lay the wreath on the Parish Councils behalf.

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B. Donation:

A letter had been received from Martin Tolhurst Solicitors acting on behalf of the late Robin Dayrell Oakley Hill. From his estate the Parish Council has been left £1,000. A cheque had been received. Members agreed that the clerk should write to the solicitors and ask the letter to be passed to Mr Oakley Hill family, it was agreed that the money should be used to benefit the community, Cllr Spiller suggested the bench by the shops, Members were asked to think about how to spend the money and come back to general Purposes committee with suggestions. **AGREED**

Benches:

Cllr Richards had asked for Members at the Parish Council meeting to consider a bench outside the shops in Hever Road, This was said to be something that the Co Op could support as it is thought a fixed bench may not be suitable and if a moveable bench was sited outside the Co Op the staff there may bring the bench in each night when the store closes. Bringing it out again in the Morning when the store opens.: Cllr P Bosley commented that she had spoken to the manager at the Co Op and he would be happy to take the bench in and out daily and the Clerk was asked to research a suitable bench and members were asked to look at the location and suggest where they thought the best place near to the co op would be. This would come back to the General purpose meeting in November **AGREED**

Skate park:

The previous works to the skate park had been completed and payment made. The Clerk was contacted by a user and raised a couple of other areas that may need repair. Fearless ramps have quotes £680 to carry out a replacement to the riding surface with 9mm birch-ply sheet (10ftx5ft) This is due to the usage and the skatepark popularity. It was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr Land to accept this quote and ask for works to be started.

ALL IN FAVOUR**Affordable Housing**

The following has been received by all Members the following email has been circulated by Cllr Watchorn It is with more than a little concern for the future of the Parish Council that I write this Email.

We appear to have two Parish Councils. At the meeting on Monday, 14th October 2019, Alison Thompson referred to a meeting "a couple of months ago" when she met a number of Councillors. From her reaction to certain comments and suggestions it would appear that detailed discussions had taken place at that time. Cllr Watchorn asked for confirmation of this and why the whole council had not been involved. She also commented that the document was only handed out a couple of minutes prior to the meeting. Finally in view of the fact that no proposal was actually put or vote taken, (everyone was talking at the same time.

The Clerk commented that she and the Chair had only met with Alison when Hastoe withdrew their support for an affordable housing project in this area and members agreed we would contact English Rural, the meeting they had took Alison in a car to the 9 plots identified as possible site for a scheme and she had not attended any further meeting with English rural away for the Council. Cllr P Bosley commented that English Rural comment about familiar faces was a reference to when she attended an interview when members decided which provider to go with. Cllr I Bosley commented that would have been some on the council and new faces as there was an election in May. They both confirmed there had been no further meetings and no hidden decisions as all papers would be brought to a committee meeting. There had been no vote s members were there to find out which sites had been visited and found to be suitable and consideration about the comments SDC planners had made in their report.

The order at which the Members on Monday 14th October agreed was confirmed by the Chair and also English Rural.

The next stage was to go back to planners at SDC and question the sites they were no keen on and ask for consideration on the sites at 6A and 6C

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Cllr Land had visited the site and taken a look at the report that had been provided. He voiced concerns about the treated wood and whether all had been treated. It was agreed that the Council would accept the quote but that Cllr Land would be on site on the day the Sovereign came to repair to discuss if all were required, committee voiced concerns that the two higher parts that had been quoted in the repair could not have been damaged by Strimmer and therefore should be covered under warranty. It was proposed the discounted quotation of **£1,735.08 +Vat** had been confirmed. And its was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and Cllr Christie. That up to the cost of £1,735.08 could be authorised by Cllr Land on the day of repair.

ALL IN FAVOUR**Community Cupboard:**

The community cupboard had taken receipt of the keys and are preparing the room ready in the hope to open at the end of October, a new Kitchen and toilet are planned as they have received offers of help and support by professional tradesman's. a drop of point for food has been offered by the co Op in West Kingsdown also the Parish Office will be a drop off point for donations. It is envisaged that the hub will open Tuesday and Fridays to begin with. **RECEIVED**

Millfield Trees :

Quote are still awaited from SL Treecare. Clerk to Chase,

Half term Holiday club:

Last year this was poorly attended and the Council agreed to review this year. Expenditure was £149 the income was £48 (@£6 per child we catered for 8 children) members are asked to decide to run the same event or to not. It was proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr Watchorn to not run the scheme in February 2020 and maybe introduce back if felt the need in the future.

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Dates of Next meetings in October 2019

Planning and Parish council Meeting Wednesday 23rd October 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane

November

Planning and General purpose: Monday 11th November 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane

Planning and Parish council Wednesday 27th November 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane

Grants - Finance Committee Monday 11th November prior to Planning at 7.30pm start

Meeting closed at 8.22pm