

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Planning and General Purpose Committee to be held Monday 13th January 2020
at Old School Hall, School Lane at 7.30pm**

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr Gray, Cllr D King, Cllr R Spiller, Cllr G Christie, Cllr Miss J Holdstock, Cllr Mrs M Richards, and Cllr L Spencer .

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Land, Cllr P Bosley and Cllr I Bosley

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations declared. Cllr Richards for item relating to the allotments

Plans:

SE/19/03559/HOUSE:61 Hever Road :

Single storey rear extension with new porch and internal alterations. Enlargement of dormers to front and rear, No Objection

SE/19/3463/HOUSE: Homestead 38 Ashen Grove Road. Knatts Valley:

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

SE/19/03475/HOUSE: Foxelle London Road :

Proposed garage conversion into habitable. No Objection

Appeals

APP/G2245/W/19/3241452 SE/19/02155/FUL: 83 Hever Avenue:

Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 4no. new-build residential dwellings and associated parking/landscaping NOTED

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Footpaths:

Correspondence:

A. St Edmunds Flower Festival

Over the May Bank Holiday 23rd – 25th May . Local organisations are being asked to join the festival. In previous years the Parish Council has arranged a flower display, Agreed last time was an arrangement for approx. the cost of £25. It was proposed by the Chair to participate in the festival and spend up to £25

B. Green Belt manifesto:

A letter has been received Parish Councillors are invited to attend the Green Belt Manifesto meeting hosted by Halstead Green Belt Future Group on 28 January 2020 at 7:30pm at Halstead Village Hall, Knockholt Road, Halstead, Kent TN14 7EX.

Also attached are an Introduction to the Manifesto, the draft Manifesto and a Questionnaire.

Initially it is the intention that all Sevenoaks District's Parish Councils will support, agree and adopt a common Manifesto to protect the countryside from over-development. This Manifesto could then expand from our local District to the rest of Kent and beyond. As more Parish Councils and other bodies adopt the Manifesto, more visibility ,credibility, higher profile and influence it will gain.

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Review of Allotment Charge for 2020:

Members Reviewed the cost of the plots and it was proposed by Cllr Christie and seconded by Cllr Spencer to leave the fee at the current rate of £15 per plot and £10 per plot towards the water bill. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Finance:

Members are asked to consider payment of two cheques as these are required to be settled before the PC meeting on 29th January

Old School Window repair: Tim Collins: £372.00

Village Hall window repairs Tim Collins £648.00

And a re issue of one cheque made payable to the wrong firm name.

It was proposed through Cllr Watchorn and seconded by Cllr King that these three payment be made and were duly signed. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Skate Park:

Following the recent inspection of the park, several area were identified as requiring attention and were recorded as high importance. The Skatepark contractor has visited the site and recommended the following to satisfy and reflect the inspectors report.

Fearless Ramps have visited to try and get the best solution for the skatepark.

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, we 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.

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a meeting with Fearless ramps before the next PC meeting and discuss alternatives to the wood currently used. It was acknowledged that the skatepark is used a lot and is popular not only to our residents but from a wider area and this was why there was wear and tear was accruing

Burial Ground:

A request has been received for a bench alongside the grave of A Chamberlain The position is on the path in the new area adjacent to that grave. Members are asked to visit the Burial Ground and view the proposed position. The new area for burials is along from the composting area. The Clerk would ask the family for an example of the bench and this would be bought back to PC meeting **AGREED**

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., £1450.00 inc Vat

The Clerk was asked to clarify the depth of the concrete as it was thought that was quote deep explaining the cost quoted. This would be bought back to Parish Council meeting **AGREED**

Tree Burial ground:

Cllr Watchorn explained that she had been approached regarding the planting of a tree in Memory of long standing residents on the Village who was terminally ill. Cllr Watchorn commented that a tree could not be planted in the burial Ground or Church yard as there wasn't the space to a tree to grow and this would limit the burial specie. This was agreed by all . Cllr Watchorn wold bring the matter back when the family are ready to plant and it was thought the Church Woods would be s suitable place. **AGREED**

Meeting closed at 8.02pm