

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes Meeting of the Planning and General Purpose Committee to be held Monday 9th March 2020
at Old School Hall, School Lane at 7.30pm**

Affordable Housing: First part of meeting was an update from English Rural regarding the Councils consideration for a new affordable Housing scheme. Alison Thompson from English Rural attended and advised that she had been in discussion with a landowner willing to sell part of their land to allow for an affordable housing scheme of 10 units of various sizes taken from the housing needs survey and what residents were asking for. It gave Members the opportunity to see how the scheme may look. Members commented and were concerned about having a large 4 bed, and Alison explained that that could be reduced to a 3 bed when the scheme was advanced further, nothing was set in stone. Members were asked to allow Alison to speak further to the land owner and to look further into searches to progress the project. This will be an exception site and for the local people. It was agreed that English Rural progress the project to the next stage.

9 IN FAVOUR
1 ABSTENTION

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 G Christie, Cllr Miss J Holdstock, Cllr D Land, and Cllr Mrs M Richards.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Spencer

Declarations of Interest: Cllr King for Planning items relating to Phelps Close.

Plans:

SE/20/00327/HOUSE: 151 Hever Avenue : Loft conversion to create additional floor with Velux windows and balcony and alterations to fenestration. Object

SE/20/00487/CONVAR: Kaufmans Botsom Lane: Variation of condition 4 of 17/01929/FUL to erect a replacement dwelling with amendment to the obscure glazed and not openable windows. Comment

SE/20/00487/CONVAR: Kaufmans Botsom Lane: Variation of condition 4 and 7 of 17/01929/FUL to erect a replacement dwelling with changes to fenestration on the right flank and drawing 3288/07. Comment

SE/20/00489/HOUSE:25 Church Road: Formation of vehicle access and hardstanding to create driveway to front of property. Raising the front retaining wall, No objection

SE/20/60169/. HOUSE:13 Phelps Close: Part demolition of existing rear extension with erection of replacement single storey extension with roof lantern. No objection

SE/20/00496/HOUSE : 17 Ashen grove Road: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement with associated works including basement. Comment

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Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations declared.

Footpaths: Mr Barry to discuss encroachment with members

Correspondence:

Millfield Road:

An email has been received from a resident at Millfield Road asking members to consider the removal of the large fir tree on the large green. Recently with strong winds a branch was broken off. The Clerk was asked to arrange for SL Treecare to take a look at the tree and advise.

AGREED.

Shops:

Members were asked to consider what type of shop is should a new shop be created in the village to consider what type of shop is needed for residents. **AGREED**

Car Park rear of Co op:

The Clerk had liaised with Community payback team and will update members on engaging them to help clear the removal of the rubbish that is being dumped in the private car park behind the Shops in Hever Road. **RECEIVED**

Burial Ground:

A thank you is expressed to members who braved the rain on Monday 2nd March to remove Christmas wreaths ahead of Mother's day and Easter. **RECEIVED**

Change of use planning permission, Burial Ground :

The application has been withdrawn as officers at Sevenoaks District Council were concerned about the detriment of removing trees to ancient woodland. The advice before resubmission of the application was to hold a pre application meeting with Planners. A pre application date will be arranged. **AGREED**

Gamecock Pavilion:

The Kingsdown Racers are organising a fun day on Saturday 18th July as a farewell to Val who is retiring as the Manager of Kingsdown Racers , he has been Chairmen for many years and his successor is going to be Don Corry.The Pavilion is currently used by Pop in and they also have booked an afternoon tea, Members are asked what charge is made to the Club. Previously when they played on the Gamecock they were allowed a fun day as part of the fee, but the club no longer play on the site. It was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr Christie that the nominal fee of £25 should apply

Minimum Wage:

On 1st April 2020 the minimum wage increases from £8.21 to £8.72 both the Litter picker and Caretaker are currently on an hourly rate of £8.30 It was proposed Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr King that the increase in hourly rate should increase to £8.80 from the 1st April 2020 **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Dates of Next meetings in March 2020

Planning and Parish council Meeting Wednesday 25th March 2020 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane

No General Purpose meeting will take place in April as the date falls on Easter Monday.

Planning and Annual General Meeting Wednesday 22nd April 2020 followed by Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Old School Hall, School Lane

With no General purpose in April there may be a need to call a planning meeting, Councillors will be contacted if required.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm