

## WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Parish Council Meeting held on 25th February 2020 at the Old School Hall, School Lane.

5 Members of the public, Cllr Brazier and Cllr Fothergill, Cllr Harrison also present as Parish Clerk

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

### **Brands Hatch Residents day:**

Despite awful wet and windy weather conditions the day had taken place and had raised over £5,000 to be shared between Pre School, St Edmunds Church. Community cupboard and Ellenor Hospice. Thanks was expressed to Brands Hatch for arranging this annual event and for their support towards local charities, groups and events.

### **VE/VJ day:**

Members were reminded there would be acts of Remembrance for these occasions. On Friday 8th May at 11am there would be a short service at the war memorial. Mr Birley was asked to ask Brands Hatch if the racing would avoid this time for 2 minutes silence.

### **Village Hall, sports:**

The Council were asked if the hall could be hired for netball the Secretary of the Village Hall Mrs Bosley replied that there were originally markings for netball courts and goal nets too. The same sports markings would be marked out after the new flooring had been laid down. It is hoped that all works to dry the building out following the flooding in June would be completed soon and the new flooring should be down so that the hall can re-open by Easter.

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Gray would be late due to a meeting prior to Full Council

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations

### **Plans:**

**SE/20/00380/LDCEX: Maplebank Poultry farm:** Use of building use of building for class B8 storage is lawful.  
Objection

### **Tree preservation Tree works**

**70 Millfield Road** – Oak Reduce the crown all over by approx. 2.5m and ensure to give clearance to the house of 2m.  
Noted

**64 Millfield Road:** Fell Ash tree. Noted

## West Kingsdown Parish Council Wednesday 26th February 2020

### Parish Council Meeting minutes

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

**Apologies for absence. Cllr Gray would be late arriving**

**Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda:**

### **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The MINUTES of the Planning meeting held on Wednesday 29th January 2020 were submitted.  
It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record.

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The MINUTES of the Planning Council meeting held on Monday 10th February 2020 were submitted.  
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### **Any Urgent Business**

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:**

#### **Orchard View Fawkham Road :**

Pictures taken by Mr Barry were sent to KCC and the response is that the County Council will not be taking any further action. Cllr Brazier to speak to KCC officers, it is believed that services run under the grass verge. **DIARY APRIL**

#### **The Drey Church Road:**

Cllr Brazier has been speaking to KCC officers as the resident should not have taken all the grass verge and laid slate down. The verge belongs to KCC and no permissions were given. Cllr Brazier to report back to members .

#### **Hever Avenue / Astor Road junction:**

The pickup truck and additional car that have driven onto the grass verge and parked, not only have churned up the grass verge but more importantly have caused a visual obstruction when trying to pull out of Astor Road onto Hever Avenue, Cllr Brazier is asking KCC to take urgent action on this matter before a serious accident occurs. **RECEIVED**

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Brands Hatch Residents day:**

Despite a very cold and windy day the day raised £5,350, about £700 down from last year but considering the very poor weather conditions this would be divided up between the Community Cupboard, Pre School, St Edmunds and Eleanor. Thanks has been expressed to Jonathon Palmer and his staff for the day ( Brands take no money from the sale of rides and experiences, all money raised always goes to the groups selected.

#### **The Lord – Lieutenant of Kent’s Civic Service:**

An invitation to attend this event at Canterbury cathedral on Tuesday 17th March, tickets are available online

#### **Parking by Oasis Cafe**

The following email has been received

I've read recently the reports of a traffic warden around the shops, which is progress. However, there really must be action regarding the Oasis. Since the houses were built on the corner the parking at the cafe has been getting worse and worse. I have complained about the Kent Highways large lorries parking on and churning up the verges here. That vehicle has just left following breakfast break. The parking has now progressed to white van man leaving his vehicle parked ON the central reservation.

A gentleman called at our house in excess of a year ago enquiring as to our view on having the posts put in along the verges. We were in favour of this happening. The only observation being that the posts should be closer together than those further along the main road so that cars are not parked between them as people do now. Members agreed to monitor the situation as the previous quote for £4,500 had been received but members were concerned this would just push the parking further down the road. **DIARY APRIL**

#### **Old School Management Committee report:**

There had been some vandalism to a window this had now been replaced through an insurance claim. The hall has accommodated users from the Village Hall whilst that hall was shut for flood repairs. Dance studio will be bringing a planning proposal to the next Old School Management Committee. Part of the car park had been repaired as part of a phased repair and re tarmacking of the car park.

#### **Entrance to the Gamecock Pavilion**

Awaiting a quote. The Clerk would chase the contractor for a quote and bring to PC at the end of March

**Skatepark:**

Quotes have now been received to replace worn boards on the skatepark following the safety inspection. They are from Fearless Ramps and are as follows.

OPTION 1: Replacing the top surface sheets only £6,300

OPTION 2: Replacing the top surface sheets, as well as doing what we can with the good remaining bottom sheets to keep cost down. Adding framework to support the remaining sheets. £9,850

OPTION 3: Worst case scenario, replacing all top surface and bottom surface sheets (further discount added per sheet for this option) £10,920.00

It was proposed by Cllr Christie and seconded by Cllr Richards to accept option 3 and hope that some boards could be reused underneath and therefore costing less than the maximum. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Finance**

Members noted that £789.41 had been received and it was proposed by Cllr King and seconded Cllr I Bosley that Cheques and direct debits totalling £4,773.36 be paid **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Affordable housing: Maws Meadow**

The Clerk in her role as District Councillor called for a meeting at SDC with housing officers, Police and Orbit. Cllr J Holdstock also attended. This was to discuss the anti-social behaviour that has been occurring in Maws Meadow. Orbit would carry out a tenancy audit as there were reports of sub-letting. A letter would also be sent to residents on site to advise them how to report any concerns that they have. The Police were also going to carry out some checks.

**Maws Meadow mutual exchange:** It has come to the attention of the Parish that there was an exchange about to take place between residents. Maws Meadow is an exception site and was built for local need, there has to be a strong local connection. As soon as the exchange was discovered SDC and Orbit have been in dialogue, the exchange family moving into the village did not have enough supporting evidence of a connection and therefore as timescales were tight ( SDC had a conference call that day with Orbit ) the Clerk and Chairman looked at the evidence provided and agreed that this proposed exchange should not take place. There is a need to make sure that the site remains for local people and that they are vetted to make sure they pass this criteria set up in conjunction with Orbit at SDC is adhered to.

The anti-social behaviour is an own going investigation from police and Orbit and the Clerk would update Councillors when more information had been received **AGREED**

**Cllr Gray Arrived****Affordable Housing with English Rural:**

There had been no further updates as English Rural are still in discussions with a landowner. **NOTED**

**Burial Ground:**

Members are asked to arrange a working party day at this time of year the Christmas wreaths are collected up before Nothing Sunday . A date would be arranged at the end of the Council meeting. **AGREED**

**Village Hall update :**

The Village hall closed at Christmas for the damaged floors from the June flooding to be replaced, a brief update will be given to members. The work involved had been bigger than first thought and the hall was being closed until after Easter when it was hoped all works would be completed. Drying out process was nearing the end and the next stage would be to lay the flooring and have the lines marked on the floor for the sports laid at the hall. **RECEIVED**

**Website:**

Currently the Parish Council website is provided by KCC free of charge, this service is being stopped and Councils need to find a provider to transfer and set up a new website. There are various providers that have been contacting another provider; there is a cost implication to setting up a new webpage. This is part of the Accessible websites for Parish Councils in Kent and meeting legislative changes by September 2020. Parish Councils as public bodies need to be in compliance with accessibility regulations 2018 Act. At the recent Clerk's forum there were several companies mentioned, the Clerk will explore the company provider and the cost of the services they offer. The Clerk would update members when further information had been received

**Newsletter items.**

Affordable housing,  
skatepark,  
Burial ground  
Bench

**Matters arising:**

**Four acre wood.**

The Clerk Chairman Cllr P Bosley and Cllr I Bosley had met with SDC to discuss the woods in Hever Avenue, They questioned the officer regarding having a tree survey to ensure that the Parish Council would not be taking on woodland that required a lot of money spent on it. The officer replied he would look to see when the last tree survey was and what action was recommended, also discussed was the fly tipping behind one of the properties in Hever Avenue. The Parish would ask SDC that the rubbish is removed and left in a safe manner, not in its current state.

**Dates of Next meetings in March 2020**

**Burial Ground work party Monday 2nd March 9.30am**

Planning and General purpose Committee meeting: Monday 9th March 7.30pm Old School hall School Lane

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

**Meeting closed at 8.25pm**