

**WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Planning Committee held on**  
**Monday 12th November 2018 at the Old School Hall at 7.30pm**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Members: Cllr Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley, Cllr Mrs Bosley,  
 Cllr Christie, Cllr Land, Cllr Mrs Richards, Cllr Yarnold & Cllr Stoneham.

**Apologies:** Cllr Holdstock Cllr Codling, Cllr Illingworth.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr I Bosley declared an interest as a Member of the District Development Control Committee.

**Planning:**

**SE/18/02967/FUL: Land To The North West of Magrose Kingsingfield Road:** Demolition of railings, shed, retention walls and Magrose side extension. Erection of a new dwelling and dropped kerb to create new access. Objection and comment

***Cllr Yarnold arrived***

**SE/18/03385/HOUSE: 31 Southfields Road:** Part single/two storey rear and single storey front extensions and additional fenestration to existing dwelling. Objection

**Minutes of the General Purpose Committee to be held on**  
**Monday 12th November 2018 at the Old School Hall at 7.30pm**

Members: Cllr C Yarnold, (Chairman), Cllr Illingworth (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Bosley, Cllr Mrs Bosley,  
 Cllr Christie, Cllr Codling, Cllr Miss Holdstock, Cllr Land, Cllr Mrs Richards, Cllr Stoneham & Cllr Mrs Watchorn.

**Apologies:** Cllr Holdstock Cllr Codling, Cllr Illingworth.

**Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations declared

**Correspondence:**

**18/11 Christmas tree Festival:**

St Edmunds King & Martyr are holding their Christmas tree festival to be held on 8/9th December and Parish Council had been invited to display a tree as they did last year. Parish Council purchased a tree last year which is stored in the Pavilion Loft. Cllr P Bosley and The Clerk to organise on behalf of the Parish Council

**Treeworks**

**70 Millfield Road Site:**

The Parish council discussed the oak near to the property and received quotes from SL Treecare as below. SL treecare submitted an application to Sevenoaks District Council to fell the tree this had been refused by the District council.

Quotes from SL Tree care following concerns raised by the resident of 70 Millfield Road

Oak:

Reduce back from building.

Chip and stack on site.

£165.00

**Or**

Reduce crown by approx. 30%.

Chip and stack on site.

£396.00

**Or**

Dismantle/fell to near ground level.

Chip and stack on site.

Grind out the stump by approx. 250mm below ground level.

Leave grindings tidy.

£528.00

A 30% reduction was discussed but Cllr Watchorn commented that reducing the crown result in greater growth and suggested that the better option would be to accept the trimming quote of £165 and then in 5 years time have the tree trimmed again. Cllr Stoneham commented that the tree would always grow lopsided toward the houses as this was due to more light that side.

It was proposed through the Chair and agreed by all that since SDC had refused to give permission for the tree to be felled due to being prominent tree with no decay, the Council should take the option to trim back the tree at a cost of £165 from SL Treecare.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

#### **Burial Ground:**

A date of Wednesday 21st November at 9.30am was set as the burial ground working party weather dependant. **AGREED**

#### **Burial Ground**

To Note:

On Wednesday 7th November the Clerk was alerted to the fact that the memorial of a person that died in 2002 had been vandalised. The graffiti on it being very explicit and of a very sensitive nature. The following steps have been taken today - Photos taken and reported to 101, a crime reference number has been given. The Clerk alerted the PCSOs. The Memorial has been covered. The Clerk has contacted the insurance company, they have confirmed that Parish is not covered under our insurance. As members will be aware families buy the plot and then the headstone becomes the responsibility of the family. Records have been looked through to see who the purchaser of the grave was at the time. The Clerk has contacted the memorial company to see if they had any telephone number so that she could speak to the family. This has drawn a blank so a letter has been posted to the last known address of the family and asked them to call the office - being 2002 they may not now be at that address.

**RECEIVED**

#### **Recreation Ground**

The annual report had been made on the Recreation Ground in Hever Avenue by Wicksteeds.

Cllr Yarnold and Cllr Land were to carry out an inspection and give a report back to Council on the Wicksteed report.

Horse spring was identified and parts required. It was proposed by Cllr Land and seconded by Cllr Stoneham that the Clerk was asked to order the parts and fitting by Wicksteed.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

#### **Meetings**

Parish Council Wednesday 28th November at 7.30pm at Old School Hall School Lane

Planning and full Parish Council: Monday 10th December at 7.30pm at Old School Hall School Lane. **Please note date**

**Meeting closed at 8pm**