

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Planning Committee held on
Monday 10th September 2018 at the Old School Hall at 7.30pm

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Apologies: No apologies

Declarations of Interest: Cllr I Bosley as a member of Development control at Sevenoaks District Council

Planning:

SE/18/02483/LDCEX Land North Of 24 Ashen Grove Road Knatts Valley: Change of use of land to equestrian. Equestrian stables and sand school - Objection (one abstention)

SE/18/02468/LDCEX Age Concern Cottage Day Centre At Hawkhurst 100 Brands Hatch Park Scratchers Lane:

Confirmation that sufficient building works have been carried out to active the planning consent, ref SE/98/0171. No comment

SE/18/02716/HOUSE 17 Sherbourne Close: Single storey side extension to replace existing side door lobby. No objection

Minutes of the General Purpose Committee to be held on
Monday 20th September 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.

Declarations of interest: No declarations declared

Correspondence:

18/14 Gamecock Pavilion:

Members to consider the use of the room following a request received from a family to use the room for 6-8 weeks at no charge to them. Members agreed that the room could not be used for free when there were other users that were paying. The Clerk would let the family know. **AGREED**

18/15 Textile bank

Rag Solutions Int. Ltd, we are a textile recycling company based in Kent. I am writing to ask if your council would be so kind and give us permission to place a clothes banks in your recycling points or council grounds.

If the firm were allowed to place clothes banks in your recycling points, not only would we empty them weekly and clean the area but they could offer a monetary amount per month - meaning if they were to place banks in your grounds they would give Parish Council **£400 per tonne clothes collected** or standard rental of **£70 p/m** for each bank. They were happy to share the recycling points with other charities or commercial collectors.

Members agreed that there wasn't the room to fit another recycling bin in the area that already had two charities collecting clothes. We would keep their details on file in case the situation changed. **AGREED**

Footpaths:

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It was reported that Laurel had been planted at 18 Kaysland and it was overhanging the footpath. The Clerk to contact KCC footpaths officer and request it is cut back away from the footpath.

Footpath from Howells Close to London Road,

It was reported the bin had not been emptied recently. The Clerk to report to SDC.

Burial ground seats:

Amended version for Members to consider and to be added to the burial ground rules and regulations. Further amendments were agreed that Cllr Stoneham make and it would be an agenda item at Parish Council for formal adoption. **AGREED**

Oak Tree, Millfield Road

An email had been received from a resident who lives in 70 Millfield Road as follows:

The oak tree outside our houses is causing concern. The branches have now reached the roof of the houses and will start to damage roof tiles possibly over the winter. There is also the issue of the damage being caused to the pavement and as the tree is only 12 foot approximately away from the house foundations I am concerned as to any damage that may be happening due to the changing weather pattern.

Can you arrange for the branches to be cut back or to remove the oak tree to stop any damage to the house foundations and roof that will occur over the year.

It was proposed by the Chair that the Clerk was asked to contact SL Treecare and ask him to look and give advice and a quote for the appropriate works required.

ALL IN FAVOUR

Affordable Housing update:

As you know, I wrote to the owners of the sites we identified and asked for a response by 21st August. The sites and findings of the rural housing advisor Tessa O Sullivan would be placed on the GP meeting for October where it was hoped more information would have been received

AGREED

Burial ground Oak Tree:

In the Burial Ground it had been noted the new road has taken up quite a lot of room and that the new area is now quite small and would fill up quite quickly.

Members were asked to consider the need to remove one of the trees in order to allow more room for graves. The existing quote already approved to trim back both trees was on hold. It was felt that the tree nearest the waste area should be removed. Contact had also been made to the professional body for Burial grounds asking for their advice of the space required or that should be allowed between graves.

AGREED

Burial extension

Members were asked to consider the need to start work in the next area to clear and begin the preparation for its use in 8 to 10 years time as it is going to take some time to get the area to a presentable condition. The dormice would be a two year programme to move them and Church Woods would be leading this move for them. Agreed to diary for November GP meeting.

DIARY NOVEMBER

Repairs

A: Bus shelter by Portobello requires attention to Perspex sheets Cllr Christie had asked someone to look and quote for this work. The quotation would be passed to the Clerk.

B: Roof of wooden play tower in Recreation ground needs wooden roof slats replacing following damage caused by youths during the summer holidays. Reported to the police.

West Kent extra youth provision

The total cost for the continued delivery would be £3910.93 for another 12 months. This would cover;

- * Two youth workers (one leader) to deliver weekly sessions in West Kingsdown and continue the development of the youth forum to try to set up new projects to address identified unmet needs.
- * Weekly activities and interventions will be designed to;
 - * increase confidence and agency
 - * improve emotional health and wellbeing
 - * educate about healthy lifestyles
 - * improve relationships and leadership
 - * increase resilience and determination
 - * support communities
 - * improve lifelong learning and employment
 - * improve safeguarding
- * We will also aim to secure further funding for additional trips and activities as and when required or where possible

£245.32 increase from last year. It was proposed by Cllr P bosley and seconded by Cllr Stoneham that Pc should accept the increase and continue a contract with West Kent Extra. It was suggested that Parish council should Diary for May 2019.

Members were asked to visit one evening to find out what is being provided for the young people.

The Clerk would liaise with West Kent Extra.

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DIARY MAY 2019**

Mental health day update from Cllr P Bosley - Celebrating Mental Health Day in October

As Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council the focus for the year is Community Wellbeing and I am promoting several events, one of which I hope will take place on Mental Health Day on 10th October. The Parish Council has previously agreed to support this event with a donation of £75. Preparations were underway and anyone would know someone that would like to come along was advised to let Cllr P Bosley know for catering purposes. **RECEIVED**

Recreation Ground

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

Cllr Yarnold and Cllr Land would look at the Recreation Ground and identify any repairs that were considered to be needed. A copy of the Wicksteeds report was given to members. **AGREED**

St Clere Hill Estate – Wildfire Festival: Following this and other events at the same venue Cllr Yarnold had had several problems due to a misleading post code. He had met with Mrs Eliza Ecclestone and St. Clere were going to get the postcode changed and at future events there would be signage advising large lorries not to travel up School Lane and Pells Lane and to enter the site following the route along Terrys Lodge Road, a larger road to cater for the size of lorries delivering **RECEIVED**

Parish Council Meeting Agenda Items

To consider matters Councillors wished to place on the Agenda of the next Parish Council meeting. No matters were identified.

Office will be closed from Monday 1st October and reopen on Tuesday 16th October. In the absence of the Clerk matters should be referred to the Chairman in the first instance. **NOTED**

Meetings

September meetings Parish Council Wednesday 26th September at 7.30 at Old School Hall School Lane

Monday 8th October: General Purpose committee meeting at 7.30 at Old School Hall School Lane. (Clerk to send the agenda before the start of her leave)

Wednesday 24th October: Planning meeting and Full Parish Council meeting at 7.30 at Old School Hall School Lane.