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WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**

The Pavilion  
London Road  
West Kingsdown  
TN15 6BZ  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

I hereby summon you to attend the Parish Council Meeting of West Kingsdown Parish Council to be held via Zoom due to Covid restrictions commencing at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to transact the following business.

Clerk to the Council.

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

**Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.**

**Planning Agenda**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

**3. Plans:**

**SE/20/03409/LDCEX; 3 Abbotswood Bungalows London Road;**

Confirmation that the existing outbuilding garden/ store is lawful for use ancillary to the main house.

**SE/20/03386/HOUSE: Medina Bankside Kingsingfield Road ;**

Hip to gable roof alterations to incorporate rear and front dormer loft conversion and ground floor rear extension

**SE/20/03242/HOUSE: 80 Ash Tree Avenue:**

Revised plan without Juliet Balcony

**To be ratified**

**SE/20/03375/HOUSE : 4 Hailwood pace School Lane: Erection of a wooden summerhouse. Objection**

**SE/20/03371/HOUSE: Ashenden. 20 Ashen grove Road: First floor dormer extension. Objection**

**SE/2003078/HOUSE: Site: Langmede Knatts Valley Road:** Replacement of a rear conservatory with the same footprint and headroom.

**Appeals:**

**APP/G2245/D/20/3261588 - SE/20/02094/HOUSE: 37 Oaklands Close:**

Part demolition of existing garage, erection of detached double garage and landscaping

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**Members of the public:**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020, as attached.

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**4. Any Urgent Business**

The Chairman to rule 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.

**5. Diary Item:**

**6. Footpaths:**

**7. Correspondence:**

**Hever Road Shops:**

Works will take place to remove the grid and tree protectors and to relay some of the paving slabs surrounding the trees outside the shops that are uneven. Wood chip bark would be placed around the trees

**Grants**

Letters have been received from Boxing Club, Racers and the school thanking the Parish Council for the grant they had received

**8. Finance**

Income and expenditure lists for December to be circulated to Members prior to PC meeting

**9. English Rural Affordable housing**

Update English Rural Members are asked to discuss the proposed development, an email has been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

**10. Knatts Valley Traffic survey:**

**A traffic survey was carried out in Knatts Valley an Members has been circulated the full report. below is the summary**

At sites 2 and 3, average vehicle speeds indicate that drivers are travelling significantly below the national speed limit and indeed below 30mph. At site 1, average vehicle speeds are again well below the national speed limit and indeed also significantly below 30mph.

When setting new speeds limits we work to guidance set out in the Department for Transport circular 01/2013 'Setting Local Speed Limits' to help ensure that any speed limits are evidence-led and self-explaining, with the aim to encourage self-compliance. The key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are:

- history of collisions;
- road geometry, environment and engineering;
- road function;
- composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users);
- existing traffic speeds;

The recent safety record along this stretch of the road is excellent with only one recorded injury collision within the last three years (up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020).

The road is rural in nature and property density is very sparse, with those present being set back from the road. The low vehicle numbers suggest that the road isn't used as a through road and is probably predominately used for access. The road is very narrow with a number of accesses along it but few bends or junctions. There are no footways or street lighting present. There is some evidence of cyclists using this road.

We must also bear in mind that the vast majority of the rural road network is subject to the national speed limit of 60mph on single carriageway roads. On many of these roads, the majority of drivers are travelling below, sometimes significantly below the speed limit, as they are at this location, because of the geometric characteristics of the road, which includes narrow carriageway widths, bends, junctions and accesses. Drivers will often drive to what they can see on the road ahead rather than up to the national speed limit and there are only terminal signs at each end of the speed limit, with no repeater signage throughout. This would change with a reduction in the speed limit and there is a risk that drivers may believe that it is safe to travel at higher and therefore more inappropriate speeds. In the past we have seen instances where a reduction in the speed limit has led to an increase in vehicle speeds as drivers choose to drive to the new speed limit rather than the actual road conditions.

Taking all these factors into consideration, I would suggest that at the current time a reduction to a 30mph speed limit is not necessary as the traffic data has ultimately evidenced that the average speeds are already below this.

**10. Village Hall update:**

**11. Church Woods Update**

**12. Old school update**

**13. Newsletter items.**

**14. Matters arising:**

**15. Dates of Next meetings in to held virtually**

**Planning and General purpose committee Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Precept - Finance Committee Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Planning and Parish Council meeting Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**