

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,
on Wednesday, 18th March 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)
Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Buttifant, Mrs. S. Dickinson, Mr. P. Eaton,
Mr. R. Lang, Mrs. M. Robarts, Dr. P. Walker,

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr. G. Croughton, Mr. R. Dawes & Mrs. R. Wedderburn

1. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

There were no Members from the Public or Press present.

2. MINUTES

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Parish Council approves the minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2015,
Ref KPC/02/2015."*

CARRIED 8 in favour, 1 abstention {Mr. Bennett}

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Saturday bus service for Kemsing (Minute 3(a) KPC/02/2015)

There was no further information available at the present time.

(b) Village Gateway – Childsbridge Lane (Minute 3(b) KPC/02/2015)

Mr. Chard had contacted the Clerk and had apologised for the delay in replying and explained that he had not received the Parish Council's letters in the post. Mr. Chard said that, in principle, he supported the Parish Council's request and further offered to pledge funds from his Members' Fund towards any costs required for the project.

(c) Village notice boards (Minute 4 (c) (iii) KPC/02/2015)

Councillors considered the draft village notice board policy prepared by the Clerk.

- *RESOLVED: That the Parish Council adopts the draft notice board policy as circulated.*

(d) Closure of Post-Offices (Minute 4 (iv) KPC/02/2015)

Councillors noted further guidance received from Action with Communities in Rural Kent dated 20th February, which stated that Dynes Road Post Office had been going through the network transformation leaver's process. Members also noted a letter dated 11th March 2015 received from Post Office Limited, advising of a proposal to relocate the Dynes Road Post Office's services to Kemsing News, 1 The Parade, Dynes Road. The relocation was subject to a public consultation, due to close on 27th April 2015. In general, Councillors had no objection to the relocations as proposed and were pleased that a Post Office service would be retained in Kemsing. Meanwhile, no information regarding the Kemsing Post Office branch had been confirmed.

A resident had asked the Clerk to convey to the Parish Council his disappointment with, in his opinion, the Parish Council's lack of interest in taking up the matter with Post Office Limited, in particular the manner in which it had conducted the branch modernisation process.

The Parish Councillors reiterated that these were private contracts in which the Parish Council could not interfere.

7.42 p.m. *Under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

- (e) Village car park (Minute 3(c) KPC/02/2015)
The details of the discussion are contained in a separate confidential document.

7.53 p.m. *The meeting was reconvened and opened to the Public and Press.*

- (f) Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group (Minute 5(a) KPC/02/2015)
The information regarding the number of Kemsing residents using the service was received and noted. The report indicated that Kemsing residents had benefited from this service and had been taken to and from medical appointments at local Doctors' Surgeries as well as other journeys for medical appointments further away.

Mr. Eaton proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:

"That the Parish Council makes a financial contribution of £100 to the Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group."

CARRIED unanimously

4. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

- (a) Planning Committee

Mrs. Cole proposed:

"That the Parish Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2015, Ref No P/04/2015."

CARRIED unanimously

- (b) Downland Management Committee

Mr. Bennett proposed and Mr. Buttifant seconded:

"That the Parish Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2015, Reference DM/01/2015."

CARRIED unanimously

Mr. Bennett reported that the water trough on Green Hill had been deliberately damaged.

- (c) Report from Chairman

- (i) *Kent Police* - Mrs. Cole read a letter of introduction from the new Sevenoaks District Commander who had written to all Parish and Town Councils.

- (d) Reports from Councillors

- (i) *Kemsing Scouts* – Mr. Andrews referred to a Kemsing Scouts' article in the Local Advertiser indicating that building work for the new scout hut on the Common Field Recreation Ground was being progressed. Members were surprised that the Scouts had not conveyed this information to the Parish Council and the Clerk confirmed that no arrangements had been made for the preparation of a lease for the new building.

- (e) Report from District Councillors

There were no reports received.

5. **DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

(a) Action with Communities in Rural Kent

The Parish Council was asked to consider renewing annual subscription of £35.

Mr. Eaton proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:

“That the Parish Council renews the annual subscription of £35.”

CARRIED unanimously

6. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Eaton proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:

“That the Parish Council approves the list of payments (Vouchers 266 to 288), including three inter account bank transfers from Bank 1 to Bank 2 in respect of grants received for the management of the Kemsing Downs Nature Reserve, and to note the list of receipts (Vouchers 26 to 32).”

CARRIED unanimously

7. **CONSULTATIONS**

There were no consultations received.

8. **INFORMATION REPORT** – *The following information was noted:*

- (a) Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2015 edition
- (b) Correspondence to Council Tax
- (c) Correspondence regarding dog waste bins
- (d) Correspondence regarding footpaths and highway issues
- (e) Society of Local Council Clerks – The Clerk magazine
- (f) Action with Communities in Rural Kent – Oast to Oast magazine

9. **MATTERS TO BE RAISED AT THE NEXT MEETING & GOOD NEWS**

There were no matters to be raised at the next meeting.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 15th April 2015

The meeting was closed at 8.08 p.m.

Signed : Chairman

Date :