

**KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a Meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,  
on Wednesday, 14 April 2010 at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)  
Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. G. Croughton,  
Mr. R. Dawes, Mr. P. Eaton, Mrs. W. Ross, Mr. A. Waters

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 Member of the Public  
Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mrs. R. Wedderburn

*Councillors were reminded to disclose personal and prejudicial interests on matters considered at this Meeting.*

1. **MINUTES**

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2010, Reference KPC/03/10, previously circulated."*

*CARRIED unanimously*

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Archive Store KHC (Minute 2(a) KPC/03/10)

Building work was nearing completion. Mr. Burfield would attend a site Meeting with the builders and representatives from the Kemsing Heritage Centre Association on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

(b) Request from PACT meeting to install speed indicator devices - safer roads (Minute 2(c) KPC/03/10)

KHS advised that Kemsing had been preliminarily assessed and following that assessment it was one of 12 sites to be put forward for consideration for funding and implementation in 2010/11, however further consultations with stakeholders were necessary before a final decision could be made.

(c) Parish Council land to the rear of 33,35,37,39 Park Lane (Minute 2(d) KPC/03/10)

Members noted a report dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010 prepared by the Clerk. A representative from Kent Wildlife Trust visited the site on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April and undertook a survey to identify what action, if any, was required to improve the habitat for wildlife. The written report had not yet been received.

A substantial amount of fly-tipping had taken place in this area. Garden refuse, bags of leaves and old flowers and pots had been thrown over the fence adjacent to the car park in Fairfield Close. Mr. Willmore had kindly cleared a large amount of this waste already.

*RESOLVED: That the Parish Council asks Moat Housing to inform their tenants not to dispose of items over the fence.*

Members considered the previous suggestion to erect a fence in order to clearly mark the boundary of the Parish Council's land.

*RESOLVED: That the fence would not be erected until proposed building work had commenced as it was noted from the plans submitted with the planning application that a fence would be erected by the developer.*

- (d) BT's proposal for the Council's adoption of red telephone kiosk (Minute 2(e) KPC/03/10)  
BT responded that their contracts were drawn up by their Solicitors and that the amendments suggested by the Parish Council could not be incorporated. Although BT did not clarify the position, they did not indicate that the Parish Council would be responsible for disconnecting the electricity supply either. The Parish Council accepted the small risk that it might be responsible for disconnecting the electricity supply sometime in the future.

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Parish Council proceeds with signing the contract to 'adopt' the red telephone kiosk in Noah's Ark."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

- (e) Gritting of roads (Minute 2(f) KPC/03/10)  
The final list containing the advisory suggestions would be forwarded to Kent Highway Services for consideration.
- (f) Application for a premises licence - Kemsing Newsagents (Minute 6 KPC/03/10)  
The Licensing Committee would determine the application to allow sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises every day from 09.00 a.m. until 9.30 p.m. and to extend opening hours to the public every day from 06.00 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 11.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks.

### 3. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

*"That the Parish Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 March 2010, Reference P/04/2010, previously circulated."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

(b) Report from Chairman

No reports received from the Chairman.

(c) Reports from Councillors

Mr. Bennett reported that the review process of the Management Plan for the Kemsing Downs would be completed soon and proposed (seconded by Mr. Buttifant):

*"That the Management Plan be made available to the public in paper form, at a cost of £2 per document."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

Mr. Croughton had attended the Kent Rail Summit on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Maidstone. The Summit was arranged as part of the future transport strategy and the transport needs of the County. This was a very useful Meeting which was attended by representatives from Parish Councils, Network Rail, South-Eastern Trains, Passenger Focus and some local MPs. There were no attendees from the Department of Transport. Long-term issues such as the high-speed service to Manston Airport received considerable support. The Thameslink 2000 project, which only started recently, was expected to be completed by 2015. This would improve links from Kemsing and Otford to London stations.

### 4. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

There were no questions from the Public.

### 5. **DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

(a) In the Zone Family Fun Days - Summer programme

Members considered a letter dated 5 March 2010 from Sevenoaks District Council, requesting the Parish Council to provide financial support for a Family Fun Day in Kemsing during the summer holiday.

Mr. Waters proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

*"That the Parish Council would consider providing financial support (up to £350) for one 'In the Zone Family Fun Day' if there was sufficient interest from other Parishes."*

*CARRIED 7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention*

(b) Kent Association of Local Councils

*It was agreed to renew the annual subscription of £1020.*

(c) National Association of Local Councils

*It was agreed to renew the annual subscription of £105 for the Direct Service Information Newsletters.*

(d) The London Green Belt Council

*It was agreed to renew the annual subscription of £10.*

(e) Rural Services Partnership

*It was agreed not to renew the annual subscription of £60.*

(f) Kent Men of the Trees

*It was agreed not to renew the annual subscription of £25 for Membership.*

6. **OVERFLOWING SEWER ON FOOTPATH SR35**

Members noted the Clerk's written report of a site meeting held with representatives from Thames Water on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Mrs. Cole and the Clerk attended the Meeting, arranged by Mr. B. Banister (Governor for Kemsing Primary School), with a view to meet with senior officers from Thames Water to find a permanent solution to the problems with the sewer on footpath SR35 (locally known as 'School Alley'), where sewage had discharged through the drain cover on several occasions during the past few months.

Thames Water would write to all the households connected to this sewer in the area to inform residents of the problems caused when unsuitable products enter the drain system and the brickwork surrounding the drain gully would be built up to protect it from penetration by tree roots.

7. **TRAFFIC ALONG WEST END**

Correspondence dated 15 March from a resident, asking the Parish Council if anything could be done to alleviate the traffic problems in West End near the current building site, was noted.

Although very sympathetic to the problem, Members agreed that nothing more could be done by the Parish Council. It was hoped that the traffic situation would improve once the building work was completed. The situation would be monitored and any problems would be reported to the Police Community Support Officer.

8. **RURAL COMMUNITY RETAILER 2010 COMPETITION**

Action with Communities in Rural Kent was organising the above competition and had invited the Parish Council to choose a local retailer who would be asked to complete the application form to enter the competition in order to raise the profile of the 'village shop', post office or farm shop, not only to the local community that they serve, but also at a county and regional level.

*RESOLVED: No further action would be taken.*

9. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

Correspondence dated 12 March from the Local Works asking the Parish Council to urge House of Commons to ensure that the Sustainable Communities Act Amended Bill becomes law before the General Election was noted.

*RESOLVED: No further action would be taken.*

10. **STANDARD LIFE BANK plc**

Members noted that Standard Life Bank's business would be transferred to Barclays Bank later this year. No concerns were raised at this stage.

11. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

(a) The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 March 2010, previously circulated, were noted.

(b) Members considered the request from Noah's Ark Residents' Association (NARA) to re-introduce the Saturday morning freighter collections at Noah's Ark and Childsbridge Lane. Nara had noticed an increase in fly-tipping around the site where the previous collection had taken place, and it was their Members' view that by re-introducing this service, fly-tipping could be reduced. This service had been withdrawn by Sevenoaks District Council last year, due to budgetary constraints. The Clerk's written report dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010 was noted.

Some Parish Councils in the District had entered into an agreement with Sevenoaks District Council to re-introduce the service by paying around £185 per visit. Members thought that Sevenoaks District Council provided sufficient means to residents for the disposal of unwanted household items and that fly-tipping would not necessarily be reduced by re-introducing this service.

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Parish Council does not take any further action."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

Mr. Buttifant had observed new notices near St. Clere Estate warning potential fly-tippers about the penalties for fly-tipping.

12. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

*"That the Parish Council approves payments (vouchers 307 – 326) and payments (cheque numbers 203984 to 203991), as well as payment of £694-50 for fencing work at St. Mary's Churchyard."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

13. **INFORMATION REPORT**

The Information Report was noted.

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

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19 May 2010 (Annual General Meeting)

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.