

**KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,  
on Wednesday, 17 April 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)  
Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. G. Croughton, Mrs. S. Dickinson,  
Mr. P. Eaton, Mr. R. Lang, Mrs. M. Robarts, Mrs. R. Wedderburn

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Dawes & Dr. P. Walker

1. **MINUTES**

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Parish Council approves the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2013, Ref KPC/03/2013 subject to the following amendment:-*

*Page 2, Item 3, last sentence should read 7.55 p.m....."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Speeding along Childsbridge Lane (Minute 2(a) KPC/03/2013)

A report of a meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 with the Highway Engineer (Mr. S. Noad) to discuss possible improvements to the village gateway was noted. Subsequent to this meeting the following proposals would be investigated:-

(i) *Re-locating the village 'welcome' sign and existing 30 mph speed limit indicator sign some 125 yards further South.*

(ii) *Install picket style fencing on both sides of the road to clearly mark the 'village gateway'.*

(iii) *Provide an area to allow for a mobile speed camera to be located on the West side of the motorway bridge with the installation of a mobile speed camera sign at this location.*

*Re-locating the existing speed flashing sign is a separate issue and cannot form part of the 'village gateway', but could possibly be sited slightly further South to its current position to have an improved effect. Mr. Noad would discuss the proposals with Kent Police and Kent and Medway Camera Partnership, calculate possible costs involved and to report back to the Parish Council.*

(b) Village car park – Community Right to Bid (Minute 2(b) KPC/03/2013)

The application form was submitted to Sevenoaks District Council on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

*RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Sevenoaks District Council to confirm acceptance of the application form.*

*RESOLVED: Clerk to forward relevant paperwork to District Councillor Miss L. Stack.*

(c) Library Services (Minute 2(c) KPC/03/2013)

No further information reported.

(d) Bus shelter at Greenlands Road (Minute 2(d) KPC/03/2013)

The work should be carried out week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.

(e) Councillor Casual Vacancy (Minute 2(e) KPC/03/2013)

To date one application to fill the vacancy had been received.

(f) Speeding in Noah's Ark (Minute 6 KPC/03/2013)

The Noah's Ark Residents' Association advised the specific location, which was the section of road between Greenlands Road and the railway bridge. This information would be passed to Kent County Council Highways & Transportation for consideration.

- (g) Grass verge damage (Minute 7 KPC/03/2013)  
Kent County Council Highways & Transportation Department advised that it would be challenging to stop vehicles from parking on the verge and therefore it would seem a fruitless task to repair the verges, only to have the same damage again, however, the matter would be considered with the Sevenoaks District Manager *and a site visit with the Parish Council would be arranged to discuss the matter further. At this meeting, Kent County Council would be asked to consider writing to the householders, asking them to not to park on the verges and for damage caused due to building works on their premises to be repaired.*
- (h) Trees – Fairfield Close (Minute 9 KPC/03/2013)  
The Contractor was asked to clear the site and remove the tree. The work would be carried out soon.
- (i) Annual Parish Meeting (Minute 2(g) KPC/02/2013)  
The meeting took place on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013 with some 60 residents attending the meeting and Councillors commented on the draft minutes and one amendment was suggested.
- (j) Play Place Innov-8 (Minute 12(a) KPC/03/2013)  
Councillors noted the financial report for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 28 February 2013. The report, which was a very brief overview of the past 11 month's accounts, was deemed by the Councillors to be lacking detailed information.  
*RESOLVED: That Mr. Hennis be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to respond to questions raised by Parish Councillors regarding the accounts.*
- (k) St. Edith Hall – Provision of toilet for the disabled and alterations for the ladies toilet - (Minute 4 KPC/02/2013)  
Councillors noted a quotation dated 8 April 2013 from Woodward Ambrose Architects Ltd, who would be providing the services of preparing the detailed plans, sections, elevations, etc. for the application to obtain Building Regulations approval.

3. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

There were no questions from the public of press.

4. **JUNCTION WITH DYNES ROAD AND KNAVE WOOD ROAD**

Members were asked to consider comments from a concerned resident regarding the increase of 'near misses' at this junction. The original request referred to Castle Drive, however, there is no junction with Dynes Road/Castle Drive and it was assumed that it should refer to Dynes Road/Knavewood Road. It is suggested to prohibit parking on the road on the section between Knavewood Road and the Dynes Parade shop frontages. It was noted that the resident had also sent the comments to the District Councillors and County Councillor.

*RESOLVED: To reply to the resident stating that this request is not in the remit of the Parish Council and that the Parish Council awaits with interest the action from Kent County Council*

5. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

*"That the Parish Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013, Ref No P/04/2013."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mrs. Robarts seconded:

*"That the Parish Council accepts the report of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013, Ref No P/05/2013."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

(b) Recreation Grounds Committee

Mrs. Cole proposed and Mrs. Dickinson seconded:

*"That the Parish Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012, Ref No RG/02/2013."*

CARRIED unanimously

(c) Report from Chairman

*Unauthorised Encampment* : The District Council advised that there is an illegal encampment on the Sevenoaks Town Council land.

(d) Reports from Parish Councillors

There were no reports received.

(e) Reports from District Councillors

There were no reports received.

6. **DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

(a) Action with Communities In Rural Kent

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Parish Council renews the annual subscription of £35."*

CARRIED unanimously

(b) National Association of Local Councils – Direct Information Service

Mr. Eaton proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

*"That the Parish Council renews the annual subscription of £115."*

CARRIED unanimously

(c) Kent Association of Local Councils

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mr. Eaton seconded:

*"That the Parish Council renews the annual subscription of £1,140 (Excluding VAT)."*

CARRIED unanimously

7. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Eaton proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

*"That the Parish Council approves the list of payments (Vouchers 253 to 275) and cheque numbers 204684 to 204697 and to note the receipt (Voucher 35)."*

CARRIED unanimously

8. **INFORMATION REPORT**

The following information was noted:-

(a) Action with Communities in Rural Kent – Rural Newsletter (Issue 126)

(b) Kent Wildlife Trust – Magazine Spring 2013

(c) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice – Spring 2013

(d) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Field work Magazine – Spring 2013

(e) National Association of Local Councils – Direct Information Service – Issue 805

(f) Action with Communities in Rural Kent – Oast to Oast Magazine – Spring 2013

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

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Council will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed by Chairman : ..... Date: .....