

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,
on Wednesday, 15th April 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)
Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. R. Dawes,
Mrs. S. Dickinson, Mr. R. Lang, Mrs. M. Robarts, Dr. P. Walker,
Mrs. R. Wedderburn-Day

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr. G. Croughton & Mr. P. Eaton

1. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

There were no questions from the public or press.

2. MINUTES

Mrs. Cole proposed:

"That the Parish Council approves the minutes of the meetings held on 18th March 2015, Ref KPC/03/2015."

CARRIED unanimously

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Saturday bus service for Kemsing (Minute 3(a) KPC/03/2015)

There was no further information available.

(b) Village Gateway – Childsbridge Lane (Minute 3(b) KPC/03/2015)

A reply was awaited from Mr. Chard.

7.34 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.*

(c) Village car park (Minute 3(e) KPC/03/2015)

The details of the discussion are contained in a separate confidential document.

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

4. COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mr. Andrews seconded:

"That the Parish Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2015, Ref No P/05/2015."

CARRIED unanimously

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mr. Andrews seconded:

"That the Parish Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2015, Ref No P/06/2015."

CARRIED unanimously

- (b) Report from Chairman
There was no report from the Chairman.

(c) Reports from Councillors

- (i) *Grass verges along Childsbridge Lane* – Mrs. Wedderburn asked if the Parish Council would consider requesting Kent County Council (KCC) Highways and Transportation to improve the poor condition of the grass verges, particularly the stretch of road from the cross roads to Pilgrims Way junction, on both the West and East sides of Childsbridge Lane. The grass verges were severely damaged and in some cases, destroyed, as a result of vehicles being parked on them, in particular vehicles relating to building work in the area, and KCC owned vehicles during the footpath restoration work recently carried out.

➤ *RESOLVED: The Clerk to report the problem to KCC. In the event that KCC would not be prepared to carry out necessary remedial work, the matter would be referred to County Councillor Mr. Nick Chard.*

- (d) Report from District Councillors
There was no report from the District Councillors.

5. **SEVENOAKS DISTRICT PARISH CHARTER**

Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) asked Sevenoaks District Council to sign a Parish Charter. The document (which is a statement of intent and not legally binding), described the relationship between two parties to encourage good working practices and had been introduced to ensure that all parties continue to work as efficiently together as possible.

The document was noted.

6. **TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS' DATA ON THE NEW "VISIT SEVENOAKS DISTRICT TOURISM" WEBSITE**

Town and Parish Councils were invited to consider supplying their contact details to be included on the new tourism website. Mrs. Dickinson felt that it might be interesting to visitors to know about the local walks which Kemsing offers and on a wider scale, access through the North Downs Way.

➤ *RESOLVED: The Clerk to prepare a suitable paragraph to be included on the Sevenoaks tourism website.*

7. **DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- (a) Kent Association of Local Councils

Mrs. Cole proposed:

"That the Parish Council renews the annual subscription of £1,140 (Vat not included)."

CARRIED unanimously

8. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Dr. Walker proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cole:

"That the Parish Council approves the payment list (Vouchers 289 to 301) and payments (cheque numbers 205170 to 205179) and to note the list of receipts (Vouchers 33 to 36).

CARRIED unanimously

9. **CONSULTATIONS**

There were no consultations.

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

- (a) Sevenoaks District Council – Inshape magazine
(b) Society of Local Council Clerks – The Clerk magazine
(c) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Field Work magazine
(d) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice magazine
(e) Kemsing Primary School Swimming Pool refurbishment project – invitation to the open day to be held on Friday, 24th April 2015 at 2.30 p.m.

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

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

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 20th May 2015 (Annual General Meeting).

The meeting was closed at 8.05 p.m.

Signed : Chairman

Date :