

**KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary meeting held in the Green Room,  
St. Edith Hall, Kemsing, on Monday, 29 April 2013 at 7.00 p.m.**

- PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)  
Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. G. Croughton, Mrs. S. Dickinson, Mr. P. Eaton,  
Mrs. M. Roberts [arrived at 7.42 p.m.] Dr. P. Walker, Mrs. R. Wedderburn
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)
- APOLOGIES: Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. R. Dawes, Mr. R. Lang, Mrs. W. Ross

**1. PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN FOOTWAY OVER THE RAILWAY BRIDGE, SEAL**

The Parish Council was asked to re-consider its previous decision following the meeting with Seal Parish Council which was represented by Mr. Buttifant and Mrs. Wedderburn, in light of new information received.

Councillors noted the written report produced by the Clerk and discussed the proposed pedestrian footway. Photographs of a similar project were also circulated at the meeting and a comprehensive discussion followed.

Some members were of the opinion that not many Kemsing residents walk their children to school using the bridge, however, it was recognised that this number might increase if there was a safer way to do so.

Currently, there does not seem to be a problem and Councillors found it bizarre that Kent County Council was trying to find a solution to a problem which has not yet been identified by means of a suitable traffic survey in order to produce the relevant statistics to support the claim. Kemsing Parish Council would have preferred to analyse the statistics first before costs for a scheme such as this one was approved.

Nevertheless, it was recognised that the current position has the potential to be unsafe for pedestrians.

7.25 p.m. Dr. Walker apologised having another appointment to attend to and left the meeting.

7.40 p.m. Mr. Eaton asked it be minuted that he is AGAINST any form of alterations at the bridge and left the meeting having another appointment to attend to.

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mrs. Wedderburn seconded:-

*"Kemsing Parish Council does not support a priority system. Not only would this cause major traffic congestion, but it would not improve road safety.*

*However, Kemsing Parish Council is concerned about the pedestrian safety, especially with the proposed two new schools at the former Wilderness site.*

*A possible solution would be the installation of a traffic light on the North side of the bridge, which could be activated by pedestrians approaching the bridge from either Seal or Kemsing.*

*Pedestrians could then walk unimpeded on the East side of the bridge whilst the Northbound traffic flow could continue unimpeded on the West side of the road."*

*CARRIED unanimously*

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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