

**KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a Meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,  
on Wednesday, 17 August 2011 at 8.00 p.m.**

- PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)  
Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. G. Croughton, Mrs. S. Dickinson, Mr. P. Eaton, Mr. J. Jermain,  
Mrs. M. Robarts, Mrs. W. Ross, Dr. P. Walker, Mrs. R. Wedderburn
- IN ATTENDANCE: 5 Members of the Public  
Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)
- APOLOGIES: Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. R. Dawes

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

1. **MINUTES**

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 July 2011, Ref KPC/07/11, be approved, subject to the following minor amendments*

*Page 1 : Minute 2 (b), 3<sup>rd</sup> line : Remove 'of'*

*Page 2 : Minute 3 (b), paragraph 2, 5<sup>th</sup> line : 'the pitch' should read 'a pitch'*

*Page 3 : Minute 4 (c), paragraph 2, 6<sup>th</sup> line : replace 'three' with 'tree'."*

*CARRIED unanimously*

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Capital projects (Minute 2(a) KPC/07/11)

*St. Edith Hall* – In view of the Parish Council's agreement to proceed with the play area project, the Management Committee had decided to withdraw its proposal to update the hall kitchen, until future funding was available.

*Play Areas* – The quotation had been accepted and it was hoped that work would commence in mid September 2011.

*Public car park* – There was no progress reported.

(b) West End – safety issues on footpath (Minute 2(b) KPC/07/11)

The Council noted with disappointment that the submission of the report had been delayed due to the staff restructuring at Kent Highway Services in July. The new team, situated in Ashford, is looking into allocating the relevant paperwork for this proposal and would report any progress to the Parish Council in due course.

(c) Parish Councillor vacancy (Minute 2(c) KPC/07/11)

Two residents had expressed their interest in becoming Parish Councillors and were present at the Meeting.

*8.05 p.m. The Meeting was adjourned due to the confidential nature of the business and the Public were excluded.*

*A secret ballot was held.*

*8.16 p.m. The Meeting was reconvened.*

*RESOLVED: That Mr. Richard Lang be co-opted.*

The candidate who had been unsuccessful on this occasion, Mr. Douglas Wade, was thanked for his interest. The Council hoped that he would continue his interest, and it was suggested that he should stand for election in 2014.

- (d) Clarification of Common Field Recreation Ground Trust (Minute 10 KPC/07/11)  
A reply from the Charity Commission is awaited.

3. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

*"That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 August 2011, Ref No P/13/2011, be adopted."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

(b) Report from Chairman

Mrs. Cole was saddened to report the passing of ex-Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Doug Kitchener, who had been Chairman of the Parish Council from 1977 to 1987. It was under Mr. Kitchener's leadership that the Sir Mark Collett Pavilion was built. During this time the Council had purchased Green Hill and Haffenden Field and the extension to the St. Edith Hall was built. Mr. Kitchener will be remembered for his contribution towards sports and the young people in the village.

Ex-Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Don Eley, is very poorly and had been admitted to hospital. Mr. Eley had been Chairman between 1972 and 1977. Mrs. Cole, on behalf of the Council, extended best wishes to Mr. Eley.

On behalf of the village, Mrs. Cole recorded the Parish Council's sincere appreciation to the Kemsing Festival Committee Members for their hard work in organising the events for the forthcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Kemsing Festival and preparing the Festival Programme. The Council noted a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Banister, recording their appreciation to the Festival Committee.

Kent Highway Services advised that a road closure order had been made for 1 day on 25 October 2011 to replace overhead power lines in Pilgrims Way, between the junction with The Landway and Cotmans Ash Lane.

(c) Reports from Councillors

There were no reports received.

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

Questions from the Public were taken elsewhere during the Meeting.

5. **DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

There were no requests for donations or subscriptions.

6. **THREAT TO TRAIN SERVICES VIA BAT & BALL**

The Sevenoaks Rail Travellers' Association asked the Parish Council to write to Mr. Michael Fallon MP and Kent County Council to object to the proposal for the current service between the Darenth Valley and Sevenoaks to be halved in frequency to once an hour. Mr. Croughton thought that it was unlikely that the service would be reduced, following assurance from the Director of Network Rail which had been given at a meeting when the Rail Action Plan for Kent had been discussed.

Nevertheless, Mr. Croughton proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

*"That the Parish Council supports the Sevenoaks Rail Travellers' Association's objection as stated above."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

*RESOLVED: That the Council writes to Mr. Fallon MP and Kent County Council in support of the Sevenoaks Rail Traveller's Association's objection.*

**7. VEHICLE SPEEDING IN KEMSING**

The Council noted comments dated 29 July 2011 from a Kemsing resident asking the Parish Council to take action to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the village.

Mrs. Ross explained that the Parish Council had always had great difficulty in addressing speeding in the village. Through the PACT (Partners and Communities Together), the Parish Council had been successful in obtaining the interactive speed sign in Childsbridge Lane. Our local Police Community Support Officer is very helpful in arranging regular speed checks in the village to help monitor and reduce speeding.

Mr. Bennett felt that it would be pointless to introduce a 20mph speed limit if the existing 30mph could not be enforced.

Mr. Croughton said that the Council had, in previous years, requested Kent Highway Services to reduce the 30mph speed limit to 20mph in 3 roads in the centre of the village. Unfortunately Kemsing did not meet Kent County Council's criteria for a 20mph speed limit, one of which was the requirement for street lighting in order to include traffic calming measures, which often form part of 20mph speed limit schemes.

**8. PLAY PLACE - FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS TO USE CHURCH HALL**

A copy of a letter dated 18 July from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) addressed to Play Place was noted. The PCC confirmed that the Church Hall would be made available to the Club for the autumn term. It was noted that some damage had occurred during the last term, which Play Place had agreed to put right.

**9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Eaton proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:

*"That the Council approve the payment list (Vouchers 80 to 99) and note the receipt list (Vouchers 9 to 12)."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

**10. INFORMATION REPORT**

The information report was noted.

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

Mrs. Dickinson was congratulated on her appointment as a member of the Sevenoaks District Council's Standards Board Committee.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

21 September 2011

The Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.