

## KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing, on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr. P. Eaton

Mrs. Cole welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

There were no persons from the public or press present at the meeting.

#### 2. **MINUTES**

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Parish Council approves the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Ref KPC/07/2014"; and*

*"That the Parish Council approves the Minutes of the meeting held on and 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014, subject to the following amendment:-*

*Page 2, Paragraph 10 - Replace 'Mr. Croughton proposed'... with 'Mr. Bennett proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded' and;*

*Replace 'The amended proposal was ruled out of order not supported by the majority and FELL' with 'the amended proposal was not carried.'*

*CARRIED* unanimously

#### 3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### (a) Saturday bus service for Kemsing (Minute 3(a) KPC/08/2014)

The report of the Bus Working Group meeting held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 was noted.

Members of the Bus Working Group had agreed to record the number of passengers during each of their own journeys to and from Sevenoaks on the Saturday afternoon services. Mr. Croughton gave a brief summary of these results which varied from maximum 13 to a minimum of 1. A statistics report to be used as evidence of usage would be prepared by the Clerk and these numbers would be compared with the operator's own records in order to establish the exact number of passengers since the launch on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The Working Group would assess the information at the next meeting on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October (to which Mr. Croughton had invited all Councillors), with a view to put together a recommendation for the continuation of the service beyond December 2014 for the Parish Council's consideration. Arrangements for a local press release had been made.

Seal Parish Council had confirmed a financial contribution of £350 towards the trial period, but had state clearly that this did not commit Seal Parish Council to provide any further support beyond the trial period. Sevenoaks Town Council would be asked for a contribution as this service also feeds into the Greatness Estate area. Mr. Croughton suggested the Parish Council sought additional funding from Kent County Council for the extra journeys, if it were to be continued in the long term.

*7.44 p.m. It was resolved to exclude the Press and Public for the duration of the next two items, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

- (b) Village car park (Minute 1 KPC/09/2014)  
Details of the discussion are contained in a separate document.

4. **PROPOSED SOLAR FARM ON LAND EAST OF KEMSING STATION**  
Details of the discussion are contained in a separate document.

*8.10 p.m. It was RESOLVED to re-open the meeting to the Public and Press.*

5. **VILLAGE GATEWAY – CHILDSBRIDGE LANE**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 a site meeting took place with a representative from Kent County Council Highways & Transportation to discuss potential improvements to the “village gateway”. This would involve re-locating the village ‘welcome’ sign and sighting the existing 30mph speed limit indicator some 125 yards further South, as well as the installation of picket style fencing on both sides of the road to clearly mark the “village gateway”. Kent Highways & Transportation were to obtain the relevant approvals required for the work to be carried out. Following months of trying to obtain a decision from Kent County Council Highways & Transportation the Clerk had finally managed to do so.

Mr. Buttifant reported County Council Highways & Transportation had indicated that the scheme was not supported by the Police, in particular the re-location of the speed limit terminal sign. One of the reasons for the lack of support was the continual problems with obstruction by surrounding vegetation which Mr. Buttifant found illogical.

Mr. Buttifant proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

*“That the Parish Council asks support from County Councillor Mr. Nick Chard to assist the Parish Council with moving this forward and asking Kent County Council Highways and Transportation to re-consider the matter.”*

*CARRIED* unanimously

Mrs. Cole asked if the 30 mph speed limit sign near the junction with Heaverham Road/Church Lane, could be moved further East in order to give motorists sufficient warning of the reduction in the speed limit. This sign is regularly being concealed by tree saplings which are not cut back by Kent County Council.

*RESOLVED: To ask Kent County Council Highways & Transportation to re-locate the 30 mph speed limit sign East of the property ‘Wybournes’, Heaverham Road, Kemsing.*

Members expressed concern regarding this junction and how unsafe it was.

*Mrs. Wedderburn suggested the Parish Council contacted ROSPA to enquire about the legal requirements pertaining to this junction.*

6. **PLAY PLACE YOUTH CLUB**

Members noted a progress report from Place detailing the current attendance figures and activities since the demise of the Church Hall, where the Monday night youth club service had been delivered previously.

Sessions had been delivered on the Common Field between May and July with an average attendance of between 10-15 young people at each session, taking part in a mixture of sports and discussion sessions. Looking ahead, Play Place is aiming to deliver 10 sessions from Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 on a Community Bus, which would be parked in the car park.

*RESOLVED: The Parish Council had no objection to Play Place using the Community Bus on Monday evenings to deliver the youth club sessions in the village car park.*

**7. COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

*"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the following Planning Committee meetings held on :-*

*21<sup>st</sup> July 2014, Ref No P/14/2014, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014, Ref No P/15/2014, 18<sup>h</sup> August 2014, Ref No P/16/2014 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014, Ref No P/17/2014."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

(b) Downland Management Committee

Mr. Bennett proposed and Mrs. Wedderburn seconded:

*"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Reference No DM/02/2014 and to approve the recommendation Item 10."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

(c) Recreation Grounds Committee

Mrs. Dickinson proposed and Dr. Walker seconded

*"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Reference No RG/03/2014."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

(d) Report from Chairman

*Bus shelter* : Mrs. Cole read an email from the Noah's Ark Residents' Association who had arranged for the wood treatment of the bus shelter at Greenland Road.

*Letter from Mr. Eaton* : Mrs. Cole read a letter from Mr. Eaton, thanking the Councillors for attending the Extra-Ordinary meeting organised in August and explained his reasons for requesting the meeting.

(e) Reports from Councillors

*Speed Watch* : Mrs. Dickinson reported that the volunteers had now completed their Speed Awareness Scheme induction courses. The first speed monitoring exercise would be carried out in October.

(f) Report from District Councillors

There were no reports from the District Councillors.

**8. DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

(a) Noah's Ark Residents' Association

Members considered a request for financial assistance towards the Christmas event insurance.

Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Parish Council makes a financial contribution of £75 towards the event."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

(b) Air Ambulance (Kent, Surrey & Sussex)

Members considered request for financial assistance for a grant of £250, or any amount the Parish Council deemed appropriate.

*Mr. Andrews proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:*

*"That the Parish Council makes a financial contribution of £100 to the Air Ambulance."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

(c) East facing slips on M25 at an appropriate location in the vicinity of Junction 5

Members considered a request for financial assistance towards the costs of an economic benefits study in relation to the slip road. Mrs. Cole proposed:

*"That the Parish Council rejects the request for financial contribution towards the scheme."*

*CARRIED* 10 in favour, 1 abstention

**9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Dr. Walker proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

*“That the Parish Council approves the list of payments (Vouchers 80-135) and to note the list of receipts (Vouchers 8-10).”*

*CARRIED* unanimously

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

- (a) Kent Association of Local Councils – Community Trigger Briefing note from Kent County Council, explaining the changes to the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- (b) Kent Association of Local Councils – Parish News.
- (c) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice dated Summer 2014.
- (d) Open and Accountable Local Government – Guide for attending and reporting on meetings of Local Government - Guidance notes dated August 2014.
- (e) Sevenoaks & Swanley Citizens Advice Bureau – Thank you letter for the Parish Council’s financial contribution received.
- (f) Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum – Newsletter dated July 2014.
- (g) Kent Wildlife Trust – Summer magazine.
- (h) Victim Support – Thank you letter for the Parish Council’s financial contribution received.
- (i) Kent County Council Facing the Challenge Phase 1 Service Review and Market Engagement – Results.
- (j) Sevenoaks District Council Community Safety Partnership – Newsletter dated July 2014.
- (k) Society of Local Council Clerks – The Clerks magazine dated September 2014.
- (l) Clerks & Councils Direct – magazine dated September 2014.
- (m) Action with Communities In Rural Kent – Rural Newsletter – Issue 139

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

There were no matters raised.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 15th October 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.49 p.m.

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