

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,

on Wednesday, 18th November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

- PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)
Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. G. Croughton,
Mr. R. Dawes, Mr. P. Eaton, Mrs. M. Robarts, Mr. R. Lang, Mrs. R. Wedderburn-Day
- IN ATTENDANCE: 1 Member of the Public (Mrs. Z. Taylor)
Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)
1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
An apology for absence was received from Dr. Walker.
 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
There were no declarations of interest received.
 3. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS**
There were no questions from the Public or press.
 4. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**
There were no reports received.
 5. **MINUTES**
Mrs. Cole proposed:-
"That the Parish Council approves the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2015, Ref KPC/09/2015."
CARRIED *unanimously*
 - RESOLVED: That Items 6(a) and 6(b) be items be discussed after Item 6(h).*
 6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - (a) Old Childsbridge Lane Woodland (Minute 6 (a) KPC/09/2015)
Deferred – see minute before Minute 7.
 - (b) Village car park (Minute 6 (c) KPC/09/2015)
Deferred – see minute before Minute 7.
 - (c) Saturday bus service for Kemsing (Minute 6 (b) KPC/09/2015)
Sevenoaks Town Council is working in partnership with Kent County Council and a local bus operator to provide a new local bus service for Sevenoaks, which commenced on 1st November 2015. The Kemsing 452 Saturday route had been included in the new Sevenoaks service which is known as the No 8 service and is fully funded by the partnership for the next three years. Mr. Croughton and the Clerk were thanked for their contribution in achieving such a positive result.
 - (d) Village Gateway – Childsbridge Lane (Minute 6 (d) KPC/09/2015)
Mr. Chard's reply was awaited.
 - (e) Parish Councillor vacancy (Minute 6 (e) KPC/09/2015)
Two residents had expressed an interest in filling the vacancy, but one application had been withdrawn. Mrs. Cole welcomed Mrs. Zoe Taylor who presented her reasons for being interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.
Mrs. Taylor briefly left the meeting and Mrs. Cole proposed:
"That Mrs. Taylor be co-opted as a Parish Councillor."
CARRIED *unanimously*

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After signing the declaration of acceptance of office, Mrs. Taylor joined the Councillors at the table. Mrs. Taylor was asked for her Committee preferences which were Recreation Grounds and Downland Management.

Mrs. Cole proposed:-

“That Mrs. Taylor be appointed to the Recreation Grounds and Downland Management Committees.”

CARRIED 11 in favour, 1 abstention

(f) Footpath between the Memorial Garden and the Green Area (Minute 6 (f) KPC/09/2015)

A second quotation totalling £378 had been received.

➤ *RESOLVED: That the quotation of £378 for the footpath repairs be accepted.*

(g) Accident in Pilgrims Way East (Minute 7 KPC/09/2015)

Representatives from the interested parties (Kemsing Parish Council, Otford Parish Council, County Councillor Mr. Chard and District Councillor Mr. Reay) had attended a meeting on Wednesday, 11th November to investigate possible options with a view to resolve the issues highlighted by the residents. A number of options were discussed and Mr. Chard had agreed to put forward the following suggestions to Kent County Council for its consideration:-

* *Improved signage alerting motorists that there are concealed driveways.*

* *Improved signage by installing flashing, solar powered SID (speed indication) signs which would hopefully reduce speed.*

The report of the discussion was tabled at the meeting.

(h) Kemsing War Memorial (Minute 9 KPC/09/2015)

Historic England proposed to list the War Memorial as part of Historic England's First World War Commemoration project and invited the Parish Council's comments on the proposal.

Mrs. Cole proposed:

“That Kemsing Parish Council supports the proposal for the Kemsing War Memorial to be listed as part of Historic England's First World War Commemoration project.”

CARRIED unanimously

7.50 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 items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

(a) Old Childsbridge Lane Woodland (Minute 6 (a) KPC/09/2015)

Details of the discussion are contained in a confidential report. There was no further information available.

(b) Village car park (Minute 6 (c) KPC/09/2015)

The details of the discussion are contained in a separate confidential document. Negotiations to purchase the car park were still being pursued by the Parish Council.

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

7. FUN FAIR EVENTS

Members considered a resident's comments which referred to the recent Fun Fair held in Kemsing. The Parish Council was asked if it should have a say regarding organisations running commercial ventures in fields in Kemsing. The event was not subject to obtaining a special licence. The Fun Fair, apart from the last three years, had been a regular annual event in Kemsing for the past ten years. Councillors thought that the event organiser had always acted professionally in organising the Fun Fair and had cleaned the site and removed all advertisement material after the event.

➤ *RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no objection to the fun fair event and would only be interested to have a say regarding such events if they were subject to planning permission.*

8. **PLAY PLACE YOUTH CLUB**

Play Place would like to have their community bus in the village car park in order to deliver a Sevenoaks District Council fully funded Arts project which would run for eight weeks.

➤ *RESOLVED: The Parish Council supported this project.*

The Clerk would obtain the exact dates and times for the project.

9. **CONSULTATIONS**

There were no consultations.

10. **DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

There were no requests for donations and subscriptions.

11. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Eaton proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cole:

"That the Parish Council approves the payment list (Vouchers 173 to 201) and to note the receipt list (Vouchers 15 to 19)."

CARRIED 11 in favour, 1 abstention

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed, seconded by Mr. Andrews:-

"That the Parish Council receives the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2015, Reference P/17/2015."

Referring to Minute 10 (Sevenoaks District Council Community Infrastructure Levy), Mr. Dawes said that the Committee had noted Mr. Burfield's additional comments, which stated that the changes in the CIL funding would affect the Parish Council and produce significant funds for it to consider how to use. Furthermore, CIL funding could potentially be used by District Councils to encourage Parish and Town Councils to be more supportive of new developments in order to fund improvements to the local infrastructure. Mr. Dawes reminded the Parish Councillors that the Parish Council's Planning policy had always been to rigorously resist any kind of development, taking into consideration in particular, the additional burden on the existing infrastructure, which was already overloaded. Mr. Dawes referred to a small number of historic occasions where the Parish Council did accept new development where it presented a substantial benefit to the village, for example the Old Barn Close development. Mr. Dawes said that the challenge to the Planning Committee's integrity was not welcome. The District Council as the local planning authority ultimately makes decisions on planning applications. Mr. Burfield said that he had quoted the information directly from the District Council's website which clashed with the facts presented by Mr. Dawes at the Parish Council meeting held on 16th September 2015. It would seem that not all District and Borough Councils were distributing proportions of the CIL funds to Parish and Town Councils.
CARRIED 11 in favour, 1 abstention

(b) Finance Committee

Mr. Eaton proposed, seconded by Mr. Bennett:-

"That the Parish Council receives the minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2015, Reference F/135/15, subject to the following amendment:- Item 4(a), third line : 'every' should be replaced with 'ever'."

CARRIED 11 in favour, 1 abstention

(c) Downland Management Committee

Mr. Bennett proposed, seconded by Mr. Buttifant:-

"That the Parish Council receives the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2015, Reference DM/04/2015."

CARRIED 11 in favour, 1 abstention

Members commended the contractors for their hard work in keeping The Well area in such an excellent condition.

13. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

(a) Chairman's Report

There was no report received from the Chairman.

(b) Reports from Councillors

There were no reports received from Councillors.

(c) Publications for information

- * Sevenoaks District Council In Shape magazine (Autumn 2015)
- * Campaign to Protect Rural England – Kent Voice magazine (Autumn 2015)
- * Kent Association of Local Councils - Parish News
- * Sevenoaks District Council Inshape magazine
- * Campaign to Protect Rural England – Kent Voice magazine

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

There were no matters raised.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 20th January 2015

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed by Chairman : Date: