

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a Meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,
on Wednesday, 16th April 2008 at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)
Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. G. Croughton, Mr. R. Dawes [Arrived 8.06 p.m.],
Mrs. K. Kelly, Mr. S. Smith, Mrs. W. Ross [Arrived 8.03 p.m.],
Dr. P. Walker, Mr. A. Waters [Arrived 8.08 p.m.]

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. B. Buttifant
District Councillor Miss L. Stack

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 12th March 2008, Reference No KPC/03/08, previously circulated, be approved."

CARRIED unanimously

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Long term storage of village archives (See Minute 2(b) KPC/02/08)

Mr. Burfield advised that there was nothing further to report at present.

It was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda until further progress could be reported.

(b) Land in West End (opposite the Library) (See Minute 2 (c) KPC/03/08)

A third quotation received exceeded the previous quotations. The Clerk would accept the lower quotation (as previously agreed by the Parish Council at the Meeting held on 20th February 2008), provided this was still valid.

(c) Barnfield Crescent – Retained Housing Estate Land (See Minute 2 (f) KPC/03/08)

The Finance Chairman had reviewed the relevant documents and Sevenoaks District Council would be advised to proceed with the transfer.

(d) Alder Tree - The Well Area (See Minute 2 (g) KPC/03/08)

Sevenoaks District Council advised that the Parish Council's request to remove the Alder tree had been approved, subject to a new tree being planted. The Contractor informed the Clerk that the previous quotation would still apply, which was £660. This was approved and the Clerk was asked to accept the quotation for the removal of the Alder tree.

(e) Petition - Junction Childsbridge Lane, Dynes Road & West End (See Minute 2 (h) KPC/03/08)

Councillors noted that a scheme to install a pedestrian crossing at the south side of the junction had been approved at the last Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board Committee Meeting. At the Annual Parish Meeting, County Councillor Mr. Nick Chard indicated that he was hopeful that funding could be arranged for the work to be carried out this financial year, i.e. 2008/09.

- (f) Play Place - Youth Club (See Minute 2(i) KPC/03/08)
Members noted an email dated 28th March from Mr. Chris Hennis (Play Place), which included details of funding obtained and expenditure incurred. Dr. Walker indicated that the Parochial Church Council's "uninsured loss" would not exceed £100.
- (g) Leisure plots 184 & 185 (See Minute 2(j) KPC/03/08)
Further details received by the Clerk from the Bank of Cyprus would be forwarded to the Parish Council's Solicitor.
- (h) Car park lights (See Minute 2(k) KPC/03/08)
The work had been completed.

3. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

"That the Parish Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2008, Reference P/04/2008, previously circulated."

CARRIED unanimously

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

"That the Parish Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2008, Reference P/05/2008, previously circulated."

CARRIED unanimously

(b) Report from Chairman

A letter of appreciation had been received from BTCV in respect of the Parish Council's donation.

A letter of appreciation had been received from the Sevenoaks Citizens Advice Bureau in respect of the Parish Council's donation.

A number of "Go wild in the Garden" workshops and walks were being arranged by Sevenoaks District Council.

The South East England Regional Strategy for 2008-2011 was noted.

The Young People's Action Plan for 1st October 2007 to 31st March 2008 consultation document from Sevenoaks District Council would be completed by the Clerk.

An application for a pharmacy in Brasted received no comment.

Mrs. Cole reported a letter received from the residents of Church Lane, requesting low light street lighting from the corner of the Vicarage to No.1 Church Lane. Mr. Waters would make further enquiries and mentioned that a solar energy system could be considered.

Mrs. Cole reported that Mr. B. Banister had informed the Parish Council of an application made by Greene King for a variation in Licensing hours and a new application for an Entertainments Licence for The Bell Public House.

Mrs. Cole further reported that this application was overlooked due to the new procedures for the variation of premises licences. The Parish Council is only informed by means of a "tracker system" on any new applications for changes to terms of existing licence use.

Mr. Croughton proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:
"That the Parish Council recommends that all the changes in this application be refused on the grounds of the prevention of Public Nuisance."
DEFEATED 4 in favour, 5 against

Further discussion took place and it was agreed that no objection would be made to the variation to the live and recorded music licence.

Mrs. Ross proposed and Mr. Smith seconded:

"That the Parish Council:-

1. *Objects to the proposed amendments to the extension of hours of opening and sale.*
2. *Objects to any modification to the condition of the current licence relating to closure of doors and windows after 23:00.*
3. *Has no objection to the variation to the live and recorded music licence, which should be contained within the existing opening hours."*

CARRIED unanimously

- (c) Reports from Councillors
None.

4. **REQUEST FOR PARAGLIDING ON GREEN HILL, KEMSING**

A request received from the Dover & Folkestone Hang Gliding & Paragliding club to use Green Hill for paragliding, was noted. A similar request received in July 2004 had previously been declined.

Mrs. Cole proposed:

"That this request be referred to the Downland Management Committee which is asked to prepare a report to be considered by the Parish Council at a future Meeting."
CARRIED unanimously

5. **DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

5.1 Hospice in the Weald

A request for financial support towards the Lymphoedema Project received from Hospice in the Weald was rejected.

5.2 St. Mary's Church - Articles published in The Well magazine for 2008 editions

Both Mr. Waters and Dr. Walker declared an interest in this item and abstained from the vote.

Mrs. K. Kelly proposed and Mr. Burfield seconded:

"That the Parish Council makes a donation of £250 for the financial year 2008/09 towards the Parish Council's page in The Well magazine."
CARRIED 7 in favour, 2 abstentions

5.3 Kent Association of Local Councils Annual Subscription

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That the Parish Council agrees to renew the annual subscription of £1,170.88 for the 2008/09 financial year."
CARRIED unanimously

5.4 Direct Information Service Subscription renewal

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mr. Burfield seconded:

"That the Parish Council agrees to renew the annual subscription for the Direct Information Service News Letter of £105 for the 2008/09 financial year."
CARRIED 8 in favour, 1 abstention

5.5 Byways and Bridleway Trust Annual Subscription

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mr. Waters seconded:

"That the Parish Council rejects the annual subscription of £35."

CARRIED 8 in favour, 1 abstention

6. **WEST KENT EXTRA - REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE COMMON FIELD RECREATION GROUND FOR SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST**

The Parish Council responded favourably to a request received from West Kent Extra to use the Common Field Recreation Ground for sports and other activities for young people between the ages of 8 and 14, for one day a week, running for 4 weeks in August.

7. **BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

7.1 Annual Parish Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th March 2008, previously circulated, were noted.

The Parish Council adopted the following proposal from Mrs. Doreen Farrow received at the Annual Parish Meeting:-

"Would the Parish Councillors please consider updating the young children's play equipment on the Common Field Recreation Ground to something like the lovely playgroud equipment which Wrotham have had for about twenty years? Is there anything parishioners could do to encourage Councillors to agree to this proposal?"

Mrs. Cole felt that this should not be a project for the Recreation Grounds Committee, but should involve an outside body. Mr. Croughton said that the Parish Council should consider creating a new playground on the Barnfield Crescent area, due to the repeated incidents of vandalism at Nightingale Road Recreation Ground. Mrs. Cole said that the area around Barnfield Crescent had changed and several properties were now privately owned. Mr. Burfield said that the Barnfield Crescent open space had originally been designed for amenity land to be used by the community. Mr. Dawes said that local residents would have to be consulted if this suggestion was being considered.

Dr. Walker was of the opinion that the Common Field Play Area could be enhanced and the equipment was in urgent need of upgrading.

Mr. Smith believed that such a project would be a massive undertaking, but that it was achievable with the assistance and participation from local residents.

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

"That the Parish Council create a working group to review the Kemsing play area facilities and to explore avenues to progress this."

CARRIED unanimously

Mr. Burfield offered to Chair a working group which would comprise Mr. Burfield, Mrs. Ross and Mr. Smith as well as interested residents. Mr. Burfield would consult Mrs. Farrow, to enquire whether she would consider joining the working group.

The damaged roundabout at Nightingale Road Recreation Ground was discussed and it was agreed to replace this as soon as possible.

Mrs. Ross proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That the roundabout at the Nightingale Road Recreation Ground Play area be replaced without a speed restricter as soon as possible."

CARRIED 8 in favour, 1 abstention

7.2 Provision of clear recycling sacks to outlets within the village

Sevenoaks District Council advised that clear recycling sacks previously provided to the Parish Council free of charge and sold by the Parish Council at 50 pence per roll, would now have to be purchased by the Parish Council at 50 pence per roll.

The Parish Council considered how this change would affect the provision of clear recycling sacks to the Post-Offices.

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

“To reply to Sevenoaks District Council that the Parish Council regrets that it withdraws its support for the purchase and supply of clear recycling sacks and will inform residents accordingly.”

CARRIED unanimously

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

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

9. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Burfield proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:

“That the Parish Council approves the payment list (Vouchers 389-410) and payment list prepared by the Clerk and to note the receipt list.”

CARRIED unanimously

10. **INFORMATION REPORT**

There was no report to be received.

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

Street lighting – request from Residents in Church Lane.

12. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

21st April : Planning
6th May : Planning (Tuesday)
19th May : Planning
21st May : Parish Council
Common Field Recreation Ground Trust
28th May : Recreation Grounds

The Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.