

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a Meeting held in the Small Hall,
St. Edith Hall, Kemsing, on Wednesday, 17 June 2009 at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)
Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. G. Croughton, Mr. R. Dawes,
Mr. P. Eaton, Mrs. W. Ross, Mr. S. Smith, Dr. P. Walker, Mr. A. Waters

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 Members of the Public
Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. I. Rungay

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 Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 20 May 2009, Reference KPC/05/09, previously circulated, be approved subject to some minor grammatical amendments."

CARRIED unanimously

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Pedestrian Crossing (Minute 9(a) KPC/05/09)

The pedestrian crossing had now been constructed but until the signage and beacons are installed this is not an official crossing. The Parish Council wished to record its appreciation to County Councillor, Mr. N. Chard for his contribution in obtaining the relevant funding and bringing the scheme forward.

The Clerk to remind KHS that this work needs to be completed as soon as possible.

(b) Archive Store KHC (Minute 9(b) KPC/05/09)

The draft lease, prepared by Knocker & Foskett, had been forwarded to the Kemsing Heritage Centre Association Solicitors. A letter dated 9 June from Mr. B. Banister, raising concern regarding some points in the draft lease, was noted. Mr. Burfield and Mrs. Cole had also studied the draft lease and commented on various points to the Parish Council's Solicitor. A reply was awaited. Mr. Burfield invited Councillors who wished to read the draft lease, to contact the Clerk and put forward any suggestions they might have. The Heritage Centre Association had not yet had the opportunity to meet with their Solicitor to discuss the lease in detail. Mr. Burfield confirmed that the Parish Council was keen to proceed with the completion of the lease as soon as possible and it was hoped that the draft lease could be approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.

A letter from Mrs. Erica Cole dated 25th May 2009, indicating that a number of people had agreed to lend the Kemsing Heritage Association money to complete the building, was also noted.

(c) Public conveniences in Kemsing car park (Minute 9(c) KPC/05/09)

A report of a meeting, attended by Mr. Burfield, Mrs. Cole, Clerk and the Sevenoaks District Council's Head of Environmental and Operational Services, was noted. Members also noted estimates prepared by SDC, setting out the likely annual cost for maintaining the public conveniences.

Mr. Burfield and Mrs. Cole would prepare a proper financial plan to be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting which would be presented to SDC, in time for their October meeting when the budgets are being set. A suggestion was made that the Parish Council might be able to apply for additional funding from Kent County Council once the estimated maintenance figures had been considered.

(d) Petition for a children's play area in Park Lane (Minute 9(f) KPC/05/09)

Mrs. Cole had contacted the landowner, who had no desire to take the matter further.

Mrs. Cole proposed:

"That the Council obtain the view the owner of the land adjacent to the new development in Park Lane."

CARRIED unanimously

8.15 p.m. The Chairman adjourned the Meeting the Public were invited to speak.

A local resident of Park Lane thanked the Parish Council for its support and effort in taking this matter further.

8.20 p.m. The Meeting was re-convened.

(e) Village sign (Minute 9(h) KPC/05/09)

The new oak post, with an increased overall length from that estimated, to provide additional height 18" with 4ft. underground for stability, had been installed.

Mr. McIntyre, who had been asked to refurbish the sign, suggested that the colour be enhanced, and this was agreed.

(f) Request from PACT meeting to install speed indicator devices - safer roads (Minute 13 KPC/05/09)

A response from KHS was awaited. The Clerk circulated information regarding Interactive Signs and a comment was made that the specified criteria might not be met on any of the access roads into Kemsing.

(g) SDC CCTV in Village Car Park (Minute 17 KPC/05/09)

A response from SDC was awaited.

(h) Parish Council land to the rear of 33,35,37,39 Park Lane

A site visit would be conducted next week and it was hoped that the quotation would be available at the next Meeting for consideration.

3. COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

"That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 May 2009, Reference P/07/2009, previously circulated, be approved."

CARRIED unanimously

(b) Recreation Grounds Committee

Mrs. Ross proposed and Mr. Smith seconded:

"That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 May 2009, Reference RG/32/2009, previously circulated, be approved, subject to the following amendment: Page 2, Item 6, second line, insert after Common Field - and the bench in the large copse."

CARRIED unanimously

Mrs. Ross proposed and Mr. Smith seconded:

"That Mr. Rumgay be appointed as the Recreation Grounds Officer."

CARRIED unanimously

(c) Downland Management Committee

Mr. Bennett proposed and Mr. Burfield seconded:

"That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 June 2009, Reference DM/02/2009, previously circulated, be approved and that the appointment of Mr. Bennett as Downland Management Officer, be approved."

CARRIED unanimously

(d) Report from Chairman

Kent Police : Chief Inspector Sevenoaks Area, Gill Ellis, had moved on from her role as Chief Inspector and Chief Inspector David Cooper had been appointed for Sevenoaks Area from 8 June 2009. *It was agreed that Chief Inspector David Cooper would be invited to the next PACT meeting.*

Kent Police Authority : The new Policing in Kent 2009/12 would be distributed to every household in Kent during July.

Hospice in the Weald : A letter thanking the Parish Council for the recent donation, was noted.

Citizens Advice Bureau : An invitation to the Annual General Meeting to be held on 23 June, was noted.

Request for permission to fly a model glider on the Common Field :

Members rejected a request from a local resident who asked permission to fly a radio controlled model glider on the Common Field.

(e) Reports from Councillors

Mr. Dawes understood from some residents that SDC would be imposing car park charges to use the main car park in Kemsing. It was understood from previous enquiries to SDC that they had no intention to impose charges.

Mr. Bennett reported that the "John Allen" shield would be presented to Kemsing Primary School at their Sports Day, to be held on 26 June 2009.

4. **DONATIONS & SUBSRIPTIONS**

(a) Kent County Playing Fields Association

An invitation to join membership was declined.

(b) Open Spaces Society

The request for a donation towards the Society's appeal for its open spaces and public paths campaign was declined.

- (c) Kent Wildlife Trust
Mr. Bennett declared a personal interest as being a Member of the Kent Wildlife Trust.
Mr. Croughton proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:
"That the annual membership of £41 be renewed."
CARRIED unanimously

5. **HIGHWAYS**

- (a) M26 Resurfacing
A letter from Michael Fallon MP, together with copies of letters from the Highways Agency advising that resurfacing would not be carried out before 2012, were noted. Members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Fallon's continued support and interest in this matter. *The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Fallon, asking if there was anything that the Parish Council could do to keep up the pressure.*
- (b) Parking at the junction of West End and St. Edith Road (KPC/05/09 Item 10(b))
A copy of a letter from Kent Highway Services addressed to the Noah's Ark Residents' Association, advising that the matter would be investigated, was noted. Members felt that perhaps installing a "dog bone" in front of "Castle Bank", would alleviate part of the problem. *KHS would be asked what options were available.*
- (c) Pilgrims Way East, Kemsing
A copy of a resident's letter dated 24 May to Kent Highway Services, raising concern about the condition of the road, was noted.

6. **BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

- (a) Accounts ending 31 March 2009
The Statement for accounts, following the completion of the Internal Audit, was approved after minor amendments.

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

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

8. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:
"That the payment list (Vouchers 49-75 & 78) and the receipt list (Vouchers 46-48,76 & 77) be approved."
CARRIED unanimously

9. **INFORMATION REPORT**

The Information Report was noted.

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

Mr. Dawes asked if a salt bin could be installed at Dynes Road, opposite the shops.

Mr. Dawes asked if the post and rail fence opposite the Library could be progressed.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15 July 2009

The Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m