

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a Meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,
on Wednesday, 16th July 2008 at 8.02 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. B. Buttifant, Mrs. K. Kelly, Mr. A. Waters

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 18th June 2008, Reference KPC/06/08, previously circulated, be approved subject to the following amendments:"

Page 3, Item 3(c) – Paragraph 2 (Item 4)

Replace "landowner" with "livestock owner" and replace "concern" with "concerned".

CARRIED 6 in favour, 2 abstentions

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Land in West End (opposite the Library) (See Minute 9 (a) KPC/05/08)

The Contractor had advised on 4th July 2008 that he would consult with Kent Highway Services to confirm a date for the work to be carried out.

(b) Barnfield Crescent – Retained Housing Estate Land (See Minute 2 (b) KPC/05/08)

The Council was asked to authorise two signatories to sign the transfer documents and *it was unanimously agreed that Mrs. Cole and Mr. Croughton should sign the relevant documents.* The Clerk drew attention to two covenants which specified that should the Parish Council wish to dispose of the land in the future, it had to obtain written consent from Sevenoaks District Council. In the event of the land being sold, Sevenoaks District Council would receive 50% of the sale price. The Council noted these two covenants and wished to proceed with the transfer.

(c) Petition - Junction Childsbridge Lane, Dynes Road & West End (See Minute 9 (d) KPC/05/08)

There was no progress to report on the request to install a pedestrian crossing.

Mrs. Cole drew attention to the extreme delay in replacing the damaged barrier at Childsbridge Lane and also the Cross Roads sign on the southside. Kent Highways had advised that a replacement barrier was on order. The Clerk would inform County Councillor Mr. Nick Chard of this situation.

(d) Leisure plots 184 & 185 (See Minute 9(f) KPC/05/08)

Members considered a letter dated 23rd June 2008 from Knocker & Foskett. It was agreed that the Solicitor would be asked to proceed directly to transfer the deed and that the Bank of Cyprus should provide the necessary details.

(e) Review of the Kemsing Play Areas (See Minute 9(g) KPC/05/08)

The working group met on 25th June 2008, and would consider various playground equipment brochures at their next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, 13th August 2008.

(f) Archive Store KHC (See Minute 9(h) KPC/05/08)

The Planning application had been sent to Sevenoaks District Council.

(g) Play Place (See Minute 6 KPC/06/08)

Councillors noted a breakdown of the proposed expenditure for the period September 2008 to July 2009.

Mr. Croughton proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:

"That the Parish Council makes a donation of £1,000 to Play Place towards their costs for the period September 2008 to July 2009."

CARRIED *unanimously*

(h) Replacement of War Memorial gates (See Minute 3(c) KPC/06/08)

Mr. Bennett proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That the Parish Council accepts the quotation of £1,300 + VAT from R. P. Dalton Joinery to supply and fix two purpose made gates, constructed from joinery quality best European Oak, type and design to match existing."

CARRIED *unanimously*

It was also agreed that the War Memorial gate at the entrance from the High Street would be locked and that the Contractor be asked to include a bolt to which a padlock could be attached to secure the gate.

(i) Paragliding from Green Hill (See Minute 3(c) KPC/06/08)

Dr. Walker reported that he had discussed the request with the livestock owner.

Although the livestock owner raised a few concerns, the request was considered favourably. Mr. Bennett drew attention to the insurance and it was agreed that the Clerk would seek written confirmation from the Parish Council's Insurers to ensure that the Parish Council would be covered against any claim for any injuries caused by the members of the Dover and Folkestone Hang Gliding Club. If this was not possible, the Club would be asked to provide written confirmation from their insurance company that the Parish Council would be covered against any claim for any injuries caused by a member of the Club to a member of the public using the Parish Council's land.

Dr. Walker proposed and Mr. Smith seconded:

"That the Parish Council permits the Club to use Green Hill for a trial period subject to the following conditions:

1. *No paraglide activities would take place whilst the sheep are grazing on Green Hill.*
2. *No paragliding would take place over the livestock owner's land.*
3. *Written confirmation from the Parish Council's Insurers would be sought to ensure that the Parish Council (by giving permission for this activity to take place on its land), would be covered against any claim for any injuries caused by a member of the Club to a member of the public using the Parish Council's land."*

CARRIED *7 in favour, 1 abstention*

(j) Request for street lighting in Church Lane (See Minute 2(g) KPC/06/08)

The potholes and poor road surface in Church Lane had been reported to Kent Highway Services. West Kent Housing had agreed to visit the area and would consider action to be taken on repairing the damaged seat and investigate the lighting issue. *The Clerk would contact West Kent Housing for a progress report.*

3. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That the Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th June 2008, Reference P/10/2008, previously circulated."

CARRIED unanimously

Item 5(b): 13-14 Springhead Road - Mrs. Cole and District Councillor Miss L. Stack represented the Parish Council at the appeal hearing on 9th July 2008.

(b) Finance Committee

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mr. Bennett seconded:

"That the Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 2008, Reference F/111/08, previously circulated."

CARRIED unanimously

(c) Recreation Grounds Committee

Dr. Walker proposed:

"That Mrs. Cole be appointed as Recreation Grounds Officer."

CARRIED unanimously

Mrs. Cole proposed:

"That the Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th May 2008, Reference RG/29/2008, previously circulated."

CARRIED unanimously

(d) Emergency Services Committee

It was agreed that the Report of the Meeting held on 2nd July 2008, Reference ES/30/08 would be noted at the next Parish Council Meeting.

(e) Report from Chairman

Youth Worker

A Memorandum had been received from Mr. Waters advising that a new Youth Worker had been appointed in conjunction with Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust. The Parish Council was asked to part-fund 50% of the salary in this financial year ending April 2009.

It was agreed that the Parish Council agrees in principle to support the new Youth Worker appointed to Kemsing, but that this item would be considered in full at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Countryside Day

An invitation was received to attend the Countryside Day on 25th July. Members who were interested were asked to contact the Clerk for further details.

Kent Fire & Rescue Service

The Service Performance Plan 2008/09 is now available on the website:

www.kent.fire-uk.org.

South East Water's draft Water Resource Management Plan 2010-2035

This report as well as the SEA Environmental Report were available for comments and the consultation period will run from 2nd May to 1 August 2008.

Appointment of Parish/Town Representative for the Standards Committee of Sevenoaks District Council

Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk for more information if they were interested in applying for this role.

(f) Reports from Councillors
National Bus Permits

Mr. Croughton (Public Transport Officer) advised that the Senior Citizen concessionary bus permits, which entitled the holder to travel free anywhere in England between 9.30 a.m. and 11 p.m. weekdays and any time at weekends and Bank Holidays, could now be used from 9.00 a.m. on weekdays. The earlier time of 9.00 a.m. applies only to Kent and Medway. The permits are not valid in Wales or Scotland.

4. **REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS / SUBSCRIPTIONS**

(a) Kent Wildlife Trust

Mr. Bennett declared a personal interest as a Member of Kent Wildlife Trust.

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mr. Smith seconded:

"That the Parish Council renew the Annual Membership of £41 for the following year."

CARRIED *unanimously*

(b) Kent Men of Trees

The Council decided not to renew the Annual Membership.

5. **Partnerships & Communities Together (PACT)**

The Chairman and the Clerk attended a meeting with Kent Police and Sevenoaks District Council to discuss a new project which aimed to identify the priorities of local communities. The Parish Council was asked to consider joining the Partnership with Kent Police, Kent County Council and the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership (which also includes various Housing Associations in the District).

Mrs. Cole proposed:

"That the Parish Council distributes the Questionnaire to households."

CARRIED *5 in favour, 3 against*

6. **BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

There was no business to discuss.

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

There were no questions from Members of the Public or Press.

8. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Croughton proposed and Dr. Walker seconded:

"That the Parish Council approves the payment list (Vouchers 87-89, 91-121) and notes the receipt list (Vouchers 84 -86)."

CARRIED *unanimously*

9. **INFORMATION REPORT**

The information report was noted and the papers referred to, were laid on the table.

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

Report of Emergency Services Meeting held on 2nd July 2008.

Financial support for SAYT Youth Worker.

Application for a pharmacy in the vicinity of Dynes Road.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 20th August 2008

The Meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.