

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a Meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,
on Wednesday, 20th August 2008 at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)
Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. G. Croughton,
Mr. R. Dawes, Ms. K. Hawker, Mrs. K. Kelly, Mrs. W. Ross,
Mr. I. Rungay, Mr. S. Smith, Dr. P. Walker, Mr. A. Waters

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: None

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 16 July 2008, Reference KPC/07/08,
previously circulated, be approved subject to the following amendment:-"*

Page 4 – Item 4(a) : 1st Line should read:

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

CARRIED 8 in favour, 5 abstentions

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Wooden post and rail fence along West End (See Minute 2 (a) KPC/07/08)
A site meeting had been arranged for a representative from Kent Highway Services to meet with the Contractor on Tuesday, 19th August at 2 p.m. to discuss the proposed works. There was a misunderstanding between the two parties with regard to where they would meet, and unfortunately the meeting did not take place as scheduled. An alternative date was being arranged.
- (b) Barnfield Crescent – Retained Housing Estate Land (See Minute 2 (b) KPC/07/08)
The transfer form had been signed and returned to Sevenoaks District Council.
- (c) Pedestrian Crossing - Junction Childsbridge Lane, Dynes Road & West End (See Minute 2 (c) KPC/07/08)
No progress had been reported.
- (d) Leisure plots 184 & 185 (See Minute 2(d) KPC/07/08)
The Solicitor had been instructed to proceed with the transfer.
- (e) Review of the Kemsing Play Areas (See Minute 2(e) KPC/07/08)
Members of the Play Area Working Group were viewing brochures on playground equipment and a date would be set for the Group to meet.
- (f) Archive Store KHC (See Minute 2(f) KPC/07/08)
The planning application had been submitted to Sevenoaks District Council.
- (g) Replacement of War Memorial gates (See Minute 2(h) KPC/07/08)
The gates had been removed and the replacement gates were being manufactured.

(h) Paragliding from Green Hill (See Minute 2(i) KPC/06/08)

The Council's Insurers confirmed that the Parish Council would be covered by the Public Liability Section of the Policy in the event of any one claim, subject to a risk assessment being completed. The relevant guidelines on how to carry out a risk assessment were awaited.

(i) Request for street lighting in Church Lane (See Minute 2(j) KPC/07/08)

West Kent Housing advised that they had visited the site with the Crime Reduction Officer and an application had been put into their security budget to fit bulk head lights with "dusk to dawn" sensors to each property.

It was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda.

(j) Youth worker (See Minute 3(e) KPC/07/08)

Dr. Walker explained that a new Youth Worker, Mr. Phillip Taylor, had been appointed as the Kemsing Youth Worker for the next three years and the Council was asked to consider a donation towards the Youth Worker's salary.

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That the Parish Council donates £2,500 towards the cost of the Youth Worker for the first year, and that the position for the following two years be reviewed."

CARRIED unanimously

(k) Provision of clear recycling sacks to outlets within the village (See Minute 7.2 KPC/04/08)

The Clerk reported that the Recycling Manager at Sevenoaks District Council had received a complaint from a Kemsing resident who was unable to obtain clear recycling bags from the outlets in Kemsing.

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mr. Waters seconded:

"That the Parish Council purchase the clear recycling bags for 50p a roll from Sevenoaks District Council and sell these at the same price to the two outlets in Kemsing, who would sell the bags at £1.00 per roll."

CARRIED 9 in favour, 4 abstentions

3. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That the Parish Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 July 2008, Reference P/11/2008, previously circulated."

CARRIED unanimously

(b) Emergency Services Committee

Mrs. Hawker proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That the Parish Council accepts the Report of the Meeting held on 2nd July 2008, Reference ES/30/08, previously circulated."

CARRIED unanimously

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That the Parish Council suspends the Emergency Services Committee for the ensuing year and that the position be reviewed at the next Annual General Meeting of the Council."

CARRIED 7 in favour, 5 against

Mrs. Cole proposed:

“That Mr. Rumgay be appointed as the Emergency Services Officer for the ensuing year.”

CARRIED unanimously

(c) Report from Chairman

The Remembrance Day Parade was scheduled to take place on 9th November 2008.

A tree on the land currently under licence to Mr. Willmore was considered to pose a significant safety risk to the adjoining property, and had subsequently been removed.

(d) Reports from Councillors

Mr. Buttifant reported that Mrs. Steele kindly offered to pay for the cost of planting a replacement tree in The Well area. A letter of thanks would be sent to Mrs. Steele, who expressed a wish to be present when the replacement tree would be planted. Councillors also endorsed Mrs. Steele’s request to place a small plaque on the tree to commemorate her family in Kemsing.

4. **APPLICATION FOR A PHARMACY IN THE VICINITY OF DYNES ROAD**

The NHS Kent Primary Care Agency had received a second preliminary consent application from Matrix Primary Healthcare Ltd to open a new pharmacy in the vicinity of Dynes Road.

Mr. Croughton proposed and Mr. Bennett seconded:

“That the Parish Council objects on the same grounds as the previous application, that the proposed site at Dynes Road is within 1 mile of the existing pharmacy at Otford, who delivers an excellent service, and that the proposed site is over half a mile from the Doctor’s Surgery in Kemsing (contrary to the report prepared by Matrix Primary Healthcare which states that it would be easily accessible to all patients who use the Kemsing Surgery).”

CARRIED 12 in favour, 1 against

5. **6th SEVENOAKS (KEMSING) SCOUT HUT - COMMON FIELD**

Members considered a report from Mr. Chris Arnold, Group Scout Leader, informing the Council that the existing hut had fallen into some disrepair over recent years. Mr. Arnold requested the Council’s view regarding the refurbishment or rebuilding of the scout hut.

Some Councillors was of the opinion that a need existed for a new building and meeting place at the western end of the village, most likely on the Nightingale Road Recreation Ground. A suggestion was made that a suitable building could be used as a scout hut, which could also be used by village organisations or individuals. This view was not shared by other Members who felt that there was no need for a building at the western side of the village.

Further discussion to place after a suggestion was made to erect a new scout hut near the Sir Mark Colett Pavilion or tennis courts on the Common Field, but the majority view was that this was not an appropriate site. The position of the existing hut on the Common Field was deemed the most suitable.

In conclusion Councillors noted that the scout hut needed replacement, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would investigate ways to provide some financial support. Mr. Arnold would be invited to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to answer any questions Councillors might have.

6. **BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

There was no business to be discussed.

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

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

8. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

“That the Parish Council approve the payment list (Voucher No’s 125–145, 147, 148) and to note the receipt list (Vouchers 122, 123, 124, 146).”

CARRIED unanimously

9. **INFORMATION REPORT**

The information report was noted.

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

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

17 September 2008.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.