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**Minutes of a Meeting of Kemsing Parish Council held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005, at 8 p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillor AC Andrews (in the chair)  
Councillors DV Bennett, P Burfield, BD Buttifant,  
MR Cole, GR Croughton, RJ Dawes, PMH Kendall,  
W Ross, AV Waters, M Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs YN Tredoux (Clerk)  
7 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: None

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.

1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2005, Reference KPC 01/05, having been circulated, were approved subject to the following amendments:

Page 1            *PRESENT: Mr AM Davies was **not** present and Mr RJ Dawes was included.*

Item 2(b)        Last sentence: "Mr Wilmore" should read "Mr Willmore"

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Item 2(c)        *Addition: It was decided that the Council would write to the Rural Housing Trust to confirm our request that the Parish Council be present in future meetings between the District Council and The Rural Housing Trust.*

Item 3(b)        Should read as follows: Mr Burfield proposed and Mr Croughton seconded: *That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004, Reference F99/2004, be approved **with the following addition:***

*Contents of "Note":* should be moved to form part of the first paragraph.

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Item 15: First Paragraph: "work" should read "**works**"  
Second Paragraph: "*Butcher Shop*" should read "***Butcher's Shop***"

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Provision of a New Parsonage (See Minute 2(a))

At their meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2005, the Managing Trustees of The St. Edith Hall, agreed that there were many issues to be resolved regarding the Rev. Nigel Ashworth's request for a right of vehicular access over land forming part of the Freehold premises known as The St. Edith Hall. The Rev. Ashworth was present at that meeting.

It was decided that the Management Committee would be agreeable to receiving detailed proposals from the Vicar and the Diocese.

The Hall Management Committee is awaiting the proposals from the Vicar and the Diocese.

(b) Affordable Housing - Rural Housing Trust (See Minute 2(b))

The Council was asked to consider a response to the letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2005 from Mr Don Eley.

Mr Bennett proposed and Mr Kendall seconded: "*That the Clerk should write to The Rural Housing Trust to request the Parish Council be present at future meetings between the District Council and The Rural Housing Trust.*"

*CARRIED* by 7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstaining

The following issues were discussed on Affordable Housing:

- Concerns regarding possible traffic problems in Nightingale Road due to increased volume of vehicles
- Suitable vehicle access should be maintained on the site for the allotments
- The need for young people to obtain properties in Kemsing

Mr Don Eley addressed the Council and is of the opinion that the land is part of the Local Plan "Green Wedge" between the built confine of Kemsing and Otford. He outlined the history of the site since 1966, and several discussions took place.

*It was suggested that the Council would arrange a Public meeting with a representative of the Rural Housing Trust and invite members of the Public to attend. This meeting will be arranged when a draft plan and proposal have been received from the Rural Housing Trust.*

(c) Two Trees species Sorbus Intermedia at St. Edith Hall (See Minute 2(c))

The Council received letters from 3 residents of the High Street, objecting to the removal of the trees. It was decided that the Arboricultural & Landscape

Officer should have been consulted, as the trees, although not subject to TPO, are in a Conservation Area. Permission for their removal was sought. The Officer inspected the trees, and confirmation that the trees could be removed had been received on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005. The trees have since been removed and the residents concerned have been advised in writing.

- (d) Kemsing Heritage Centre (See Minute 2(d))  
Mr Waters declared an interest.

A proposal was brought to the Council by Mr Waters, but in view of the negotiations between the St. Edith Hall Management Committee and the Kemsing Heritage Centre, the Chairman concluded that there was no need to debate the proposal.

Mr Burfield reported that several issues such as heating and lighting costs, as well as a general area of archiving documents, are to be discussed further between the St. Edith Hall Management Committee and the Kemsing Heritage Centre. The Council was also advised that the St. Edith Hall Management Committee would apply for a grant.

Mr Bob Bannister addressed the Council on behalf of members of the Public and informed the Council that the Kemsing Heritage Centre would be pleased to assist the St. Edith Hall Management Committee to obtain a grant and hoped that all the parties involved would work together in achieving mutual objectives.

### 3. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

- (a) Planning Committee

Mr Dawes proposed and Mr Croughton seconded: *That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2005, Reference No P/2/2005, be approved.*

*CARRIED* unanimously

- (b) Highways Committee

Mr Buttifant proposed and Mr Bennett seconded: *That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005, Reference No H/01/05, be approved.*

*CARRIED* unanimously

- (c) Reports from Officers

Mr Bennett proposed and Mr Buttifant seconded: *That the Minutes of the Downland Management Committee, held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2005 , Reference No DM/01/05 be approved.*

*CARRIED* unanimously

The Chairman informed the Council of 3 letters received from concerned residents referring to an attempted burglary at the St. Edith Well Post-Office,

requesting the Council to consider installing CCTV to deter burglaries and anti-social behaviour in Kemsing.

*It was decided that the Clerk would write to the concerned residents.*

Mrs Cole reported that Mrs June Mantle and her husband would be leaving the Village.

*It was agreed that a letter would be sent to her, thanking her for her contributions over the years and wishing them well for the future.*

The Council was advised that Mr Donegan had passed away. A note of condolence was sent to the family on behalf of the Council. A memorial service would be held in Kemsing in March 2005.

4. **RECYCLING UNITS**

Mrs Ross reported that she received complaints regarding the bottle bin always being full, which results in residents having to leave bottles on the ground.

Clear sacks can be used for newspapers and cans and a discussion took place to remove the two big Newspaper and "Save-a-can" Bins, in order to re-position the bottle bin and therefore create more space and also provide the utilization of both sides of the bottle bin. An enquiry was made and the council were advised that smaller units will be installed and this programme will be commence in April 2005. This should solve the problem.

It was further discussed that perhaps another site for similar bins were to be located in the Village.

*It was decided that the Clerk would write to DC to request the replacing of the smaller units as soon as possible.*

5. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005 and it is proposed that refreshments are provided. The Newsletter was prepared by the Deputy Clerk.

6. **BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

No response had been received from Mr P Miles. The Council have advertised the second vacancy and this notice will expire on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

7. **CONFERENCE FOR CLERKS & COUNCILLORS**

A Conference will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2005 in Crawley for Clerks and Councillors by the Society of Local Council Clerks. Councillors who are interested should contact the Clerk.

Mr Burfield proposed and Mr Kendall seconded:

*"That the Clerk will join the Society of Local Councils for 2005 and that the position would be reviewed next year."*

*CARRIED* unanimously

8. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from members of the public.

9. **INFORMATION REPORT**

The Council received the Information Report which had been circulated with the Agenda, and the papers referred to, were laid on the table.

10. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr Burfield proposed and Mr Croughton seconded:

*That the Council approves payments Vouchers 278-300.*

*CARRIED* unanimously

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

The matter of David and Rupert Garrett's departure was also discussed and Mr Croughton proposed and Mr Bennett seconded:

*That if an organisation within the Village is prepared to organise a collection for the Butcher's Shop, the Council will assist in publishing this.*

*CARRIED* by 10 in favour, 1 abstention

Mr Waters reported that the repairs on the Church will be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2005 and also informed the Council that a small grant towards the electrical repairs and re-wiring of the Church was received from the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme.

12. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

21 February 2005:	Planning
23 February 2005:	Recreation Grounds
2 March 2005:	Downland Management
7 March 2005:	Planning
9 March 2005:	Parish Council Meeting
16 March 2005:	Annual Parish Meeting
21 March 2005:	Planning

The Meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Yolanda Tredoux  
Clerk