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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council **held in the Small Hall, St Edith Hall, Kemsing** **on Wednesday 21st July 2004 at 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Councillors A C Andrews (in the Chair)
P R Burfield, M Cole, G R Croughton, A M Davies, R J
Dawes, P M H Kendall, P Miles, W Ross, A V Waters
& M Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: V Pearson, Clerk to the Council

APOLOGIES: Councillors D V Bennett & B D Buttifant

Declarations of Interest in the Register

No new declarations were made.

1. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2004, Ref KPC/06/04, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) **St Edith's Road/West End**

It was reported that little had happened since the last meeting and that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was noted that West End was to be closed from 9th August to allow British Telecom to carry out cabling works but members held out little hope that the re-surfacing works promised by Sevenoaks District Council for this road would be carried out at the same time.

(b) **Burial Law in the 21st Century**

It was noted that the response to the Consultation Paper, prepared by D Bennett, P Burfield, A Waters and the Rev. N Ashworth and approved at the June Council Meeting, had been forwarded to the Home Office.

(c) **St Edith Hall Management Committee**

P Kendall reported that the Court had given an extension until 25th August 2004 to allow the parties to attempt to come to an agreement and, although an approach had been made to St Edith Club for a meeting, no arrangements have been made to date.

A Davies drew the attention of Members to two letters on the this matter which had been published in the 'Advertiser' together with various other articles relating to the Parish

M Cole reported that the arrangement for the Parish Council to meet emergency repair and maintenance bills of £1,000 and over would cease in September 2004. It was proposed by M Cole and seconded by A C Andrews

that this arrangement be continued. A vote was taken and this was approved, nine (9) voting for, one (1) against with two (2) abstentions.

3. COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Downland Management Committee

The Council approved the minutes of the Downland Management Committee of 16th June 2004 (Ref. DM/18/04)

(b) Emergency Services Committee

The Council approved the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee of 23rd June 2004 (Ref.ES/13/04)

(c) Planning Committee

The council approved the minutes of the meetings held on 5th July2004 (Ref.P/12/2004).

The Chairman commented upon the first 'gated' community at Sherborne and the matter of the proposed Tele-com aerial at St Mary's church was touched upon by other Members. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if 'listed building' consent would be required for such a structure and report to the next Planning Committee.

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present

5. INFORMATION REPORT

The Council received the information reports.

6. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

There was no business required by statute to be considered

7 PARAGLIDING ON GREEN HIL

After much discussion on the possible problems of car parking, frightening sheep and the invasion of privacy it was finally suggested that the Dover and Folkestone Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club be allowed, subject to the choice of a suitable day when sheep would not be grazing on Green Hill (to be arranged by the Clerk with Mr & Mrs Donegan), to hold a demonstration of Paragliding on Green Hill. The day chosen for the demonstration to be to be notified, in advance, to the Parish Council. This was proposed by G Croughton and seconded by R J Dawes and approved with nine (9) voting for with two (2) abstentions.

8. CAPITAL AND RESERVE FUNDS

P Burfield introduced his report on capital projects and ways of funding such projects. The report was accepted by the Council. The Council then considered the format of the preliminary list of possible Capital Schemes attached to the report and it was decided that members could submit further schemes, in that same spread-sheet format, for consideration by the Finance Committee at its next meeting

9. EMERGENCY SERVICE STICKERS

P. Burfield's document was discussed in some detail and it was agreed that the draft of a 'Well' article, subject only to some minor editorial amendments, was suitable for publication in that magazine. It was also agreed that the recommended public communication service be implemented.

10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Council approved the following schedules of accounts:

- (a) accounts for payment, voucher nos.68 to 96 and voucher no.100 and
- (b) noted receipts, voucher nos.57 to 66, 97 to 99 and voucher 101

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

- (a) The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from The Rural Housing Trust which informed the Council that the Noah's Ark site was probably not suitable for an affordable housing scheme but that the Nightingale Road site could accommodate ten properties and possibly a community hall. The Clerk was asked to clarify the position of the Council re 'claw back' if land was sold at Nightingale Road.
The Clerk was also instructed to inform the Trust that, in the light of the recent planning approval for the development at Park Lane, the Council would like them to reconsider the viability of the site at Fairfield off Noah's Ark. Members however looked forward to receiving the sketch plan for the Nightingale Road site.
- (b) The Chairman reported that the Quiz Night raised approx. £900 for Hospice in the Weald. The Council team came in a creditable 3rd.
- (c) P Kendall informed members that he wished to take a photograph of all serving members, probably in September.
- (d) Brian Buttifant was commended by all members on completing a 60 miles walk
- (e) It was reported by A. Davies that he had discovered that the aunt - also known as St Edith - of Kemsing's St Edith lived at Polesworth in Warwickshire
- (f) A Davies informed members that he would probably be resigning from the Council in August.
- (g) A Davies reported that he had been reviewing the minutes of the Council over the period 1895 to 1956 and hoped that another member would take on the task after he left the Council.
- (h) P Miles reported that the old buildings at 5a Noah's Ark had now been demolished.
- (i) St Edith's Road/West End

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS
18th August 2004

The Meeting closed at 21.29 hrs

Vincent Pearson
Clerk to the Council