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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Small Hall, St Edith Hall, Kemsing
on Wednesday 18th August 2004 at 8.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors A C Andrews (in the Chair)
D V Bennett, P R Burfield, B D Buttifant, M Cole,
G R Croughton, R J Dawes, P M H Kendall,
A V Waters & M Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: V Pearson, Clerk to the Council

APOLOGIES: Councillor A M Davies

Declarations of Interest in the Register

No new declarations were made.

1. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2004, Ref KPC/07/04, 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**

The Clerk reported that District Councillor J Course had ascertained that this road would be resurfaced later in August or early September. Having been given so many assurances by Sevenoaks District Council in the past, many members remained dubious.

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

P Kendall reported that a letter had been received requesting a meeting between both parties who were to be accompanied by their respective legal representatives. The meeting is to be held in London. A list of possible dates had been proposed. Members would be kept informed as to the progress of this matter.

B Buttifant said that information regarding the number of club members and the number of club members actually living in the village should be sought.

District Councillor J Course joined the meeting at this point.

(c) **Affordable Housing**

The Chairman gave Members information concerning a third possible site which could be considered. He also informed the Council that, with regard to the Nightingale Road site, we had been informed by our Solicitors that there was no 'clawback' provision in the Transfer Deed or in the Title Register

3. COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS

(a) Recreation Grounds Committee

The Council approved the minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee of 28th July 2004 (Ref: RG/13/2004)

[Mr Croughton left the room]

(b) Planning Committee

Subject to the removal of the following words in the penultimate sentence of Para. 2 (c)

'In the event of SDC having a mind to Approve this application, we wish to have it presented to the Development Control Committee for a decision.'

the Council approved the minutes of the Planning Committee of 2nd August 2004 (Ref: P/13/2004)

[Mr Croughton returned to the meeting]

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present

5. INFORMATION REPORT

The Council received the information reports.

It was decided that the invitation to attend a meeting at Sevenoaks District Council on an 'Update on the Licensing Act and Feedback of Pre-consultation Exercise' would be referred to the Planning Committee and meanwhile the Clerk was instructed to reserve a place for a Member to attend.

6. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

There was no business required by statute to be considered

7. PARAGLIDING ON GREEN HIL

The Chairman informed the Council of the action he had taken following his conversation with Mr & Mrs Donegan regarding their concern for their livestock if paragliding was allowed to take place on and from Green Hill. In the light of this concern, the Chairman decided to withdraw permission to allow the Dover and Folkestone Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club to hold a demonstration on Green Hill.

It was proposed by A C Andrews and seconded by M Cole that the decision with regard to this matter taken at the Council Meeting of 21st July 2004 be rescinded and that the action of the Chairman in withdrawing permission to hold a demonstration of paragliding on Green Hill be approved.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

8. EMERGENCY SERVICE STICKERS

It was reported that the article for the 'Well' magazine had been prepared and that the matter was to be further discussed at the Emergency Services Committee on 2nd September 2004. .

9. LICENCING ISSUES

After much discussion by members and following the receipt of written complaints from villagers and comments made at the meeting by district Councillor J Course, concerning activities at The Bell Public House, the Council considered the draft of a letter, prepared by R Dawes, which he proposed should be sent to The Brewers with copies to the Licensing Authority, the District Council and the Local Constabulary.

After further discussion it was proposed by B Buttifant and seconded by G Croughton that the letter be amended by removing the penultimate paragraph.

There followed more discussion as whether or not a copy of the letter should be sent to the Manager of The Bell Public House. An amended proposal to this effect, when put to the vote, was carried by seven (7) votes to one (1) with two (2) abstentions. The proposal to forward the amended letter to all of the above named persons and authorities was carried by nine (9) vote to One (1).

10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Council approved the following schedules of accounts:

- (a) accounts for payment, voucher nos.102 to118 and
- (b) noted receipts, voucher nos.119 to 121

11. RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter giving notice of the resignation of the Clerk with effect from 10th September 2004. P Burfield reported on certain attempts that had already been made to recruit a replacement and the Chairman asked the Council to agree that he and the small group of members who had dealt with this matter previously be allowed to take whatever steps were deemed necessary to prepare a short-list of candidates. The Council will be kept informed at all times and special meeting of the Council called, if necessary, to interview candidates. Members agreed that, from 10th September 2004, the Deputy Clerk should become the Responsible Person and be paid at the same rate as the present Clerk

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

- (a) R J Dawes informed Members that there was to be a bonfire in the village next year to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar
- (b) B Buttifant reported that Mr & Mrs Hudson who owned and ran the Post Office at Dynes Road were leaving at the end of the Week. He said that they had served the village well for the past 15 years and requested that a letter from the Council be sent to the Mr & Mrs Hudson wishing them well for the future. This was agreed.
- (c) M Williams reported that David and Rupert Garrett who run the Butchers shop in the village were also leaving to take up other careers. They will be greatly missed.
- (d) As A M Davies' leaving is not now so imminent, his leaving party will be held at a later date. The Chairman reported that the postponed party is to be held in the Church Hall and a buffet will be provided. Guest will be charged £5 and may bring their own drinks.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

15th September 2004

The Meeting closed at 21.37 hrs

Vincent Pearson
Clerk to the Council