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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Small Hall, St Edith Hall  
Kemsing, on Wednesday 17th August 2005 at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillor MR Cole (in the Chair)  
Councillors AC Andrews, DV Bennett, P Burfield, B Buttifant, G  
Croughton, B Dawes, AV Waters, M Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs YN Tredoux (Clerk)  
3 Members of the Public  
District Councillor L Stack

APOLOGIES: Councillors PMH Kendall, W Ross

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ian Rungay, who had offered his services to the Council. The Councillors had been provided with a copy of Mr. Rungay's letter, which was received after the Agenda had been circulated. The Chairman proposed, with Members agreement, to suspend the meeting after Item 6 to give Mr. Rungay the opportunity to speak to the Council.

There were no changes recorded in Declarations of Interest in the Register.

1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005, reference KPC/07/05, having been previously circulated, and were approved subject to the following amendments:

Page 5 - Item 5 (b) Proposal should read:

*"That the matter be referred to the Planning Committee to decide whether the Council should write to SDC, expressing its concern."*

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Mrs Springhall should read Mrs Springall.

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Affordable Housing (See Minute 2(a))

There was nothing further to report.

(b) PCSO - Police Community Support Officer (See Minute 2(b))

Ightham Parish Council had declined to join with KPC in employing a PCSO. The Clerk and the Chairman had been invited to attend a meeting with Seal Parish Council and a representative of the Kent Police Authority, in the Seal Pavilion at 8 p.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2005. The objective of this meeting would be to discuss the Policing Partnership Agreement in full.

(c) Village Facilities (See Minute 2(c))

Mr Dawes reported that the "working party" has had two meetings so far. The facilities of the St Edith Hall had been discussed with Mr Peter Kendall and the facilities of the Sir Mark Collett Pavilion had been discussed with Mr Neil Forrett. Mr Dawes also reported that the Recreation Ground would be included in the discussions and Mrs Cole had been invited to represent the Recreation Ground Committee at its meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2005. Mr Andrews agreed to attend the meeting in her place.

(d) Land at Childsbridge Lane (See Minute 2(d))

There was nothing further to report and the Council agreed that this item would be removed from the Agenda.

(e) Recycling Facilities (See Minute 4 KPC/02/05)

The Recycling Coordinator from Sevenoaks District Council had been on annual leave and returned to the office on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005. The Clerk had sent an email to arrange a site meeting. Mr Andrews also noted that the large blue can bank had been replaced by a smaller, plastic one.

(f) Public Houses (See Minute 5 (d) (i))

The Council had submitted objections to SDC with regard to extended opening hours of the Public Houses: The Bell, The Wheatsheaf and The Chequers and circulated letters and information to residents living in a 200 metre radius of the Pubs. The Council had received acknowledgements from Sevenoaks District Council, advising that the Council's comments would be read and considered by the licensing officer dealing with the application.

Mrs Cole reported that the hearing for The Wheatsheaf would take place at 11:30 a.m. 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2005 at SDC and asked if there was a Councillor available to attend. There being no one else available, Mrs Cole agreed that she would do her best to attend. District Councillor Lorraine Stack said that she would be more than happy to represent the Parish Council and Mrs Joyce Course also informed the Council that she would be attending the hearing.

(g) Re-development of the Youth Hostel Site (See Minute 5 (d) (iii))

The Clerk had written to the Youth Hostel Association expressing the Council's regret of the closing of the hostel. The Council agreed that this item had now been closed and would be removed from the Agenda.

(h) Sevenoaks District Council CCTV system (See Minute 5 (d) (iv))

A letter was sent to Sevenoaks District Council to enquire whether Kemsing could be included in their system. Mr Andrews drew attention to a document published by the Greenwich Council, which was considering the installation of three more CCTV Cameras in Eltham High Street, and local business had been asked to pay 10% of the total cost, which was £80,400.00.

(i) Otford Railway Station: Proposed reduction in staffing hours (See Minute 5 (d) (v))

An acknowledgement from the Rail Passengers Council and Committees dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005 had been received, informing the Council that the comments were forwarded to the RPC Southern Committee for inclusion in their consultation document. The document would have been presented to South East Trains no later than the end of July 2005. The Council now awaits any developments.

*(This was not on the Agenda, but Mr Bennett raised it at this point in the meeting)*

(j) Planning Committee (Minute 5(b) Childsbridge Farm

Mr Bennett asked that the Chairman of the Planning Committee report back on the subject of the proposal at the next Council Meeting, and Mr Dawes assured the Council that he will do so.

3. **COMMITTEE & OFFICER REPORTS**

Reports from Officers

The Council received a letter from Mr Don Eley dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2005 regarding the St Edith Hall. Mr Eley was concerned about the time scale given for carrying out of a structural survey, consideration of the financial impact and its revenue consequences for the Hall users and Council Tax Payers. Mr Eley urged the Council or Hall Management Committee to convene a public meeting in November 2005 to present it with sufficient advice on the structural needs of the Hall to back the commencement of realistic funding in the 2006/07 financial year.

Mr Burfield had replied in writing to Mr Eley's letter and summarised his reply to the Council. Mr Burfield assured Mr Eley that large-scale projects were Capital funded and discussed in full Council, not at the November Finance Meeting, where the Precept and Annual Budget was set, and therefore missing an annual committee would not place a delay into any Hall project.

Mr Burfield informed Mr Eley of the public consultation over village amenities, run by Mr Dawes.

4. **KEMSING LTC - KPC CAR PARK LIGHTING AND ELECTRICITY METER**

Following the building of the new tennis pavilion, the car park lights had been installed on a separate metered supply with time clock. The Tennis Club had entered into a 5 year fixed price contract with British Gas Business, which expires in July 2007 and includes the car park meter.

Mrs Cole referred to the letter from KLTC dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 2005, explaining the reasons for the electrical works.

The lighting is not provided exclusively for the Tennis Club, but also for visitors using the Sir Mark Collet Pavilion.

The Chairman proposed that the Council pay for the electrical works, which cost £136.30 inc. VAT in accordance with the copy Invoice provided. It was agreed that the Council would benefit from the inclusion in the KLTC's 5 year fixed contract to 2007 with British Gas Business. The Council would continue to be billed by the Tennis Club from the readings taken from time to time.

*CARRIED unanimously*

5. **BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

Following a request received from Sevenoaks District Council dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2005, Councillors had been asked to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and return the signed documents to the Clerk.

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

There were no questions from Members of the Public.  
The meeting was suspended at 8h35.

The Chairman invited Mr Ian Rumgay to speak to the Council, and Members responded that they were delighted and appreciative of Mr Rumgay's interest in becoming a co-opted Councillor. It was agreed that the formal ballot would take place ahead of proceedings at the Council Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September.

The meeting reconvened at 8h42.

7. **INFORMATION REPORT**

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

8. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr Burfield proposed and Mr Croughton seconded:

*"That the Council approves the list of payment vouchers 119 to 147 and note receipt vouchers 120,122,124 and 125"*

*CARRIED unanimously*

Mr Burfield informed Council Members that the Broad Band system had now been installed and Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Burfield for arranging the system.

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

Proposed co-option of Mr Ian Rumgay.

Kemsing Parish Council Website in partnership with Kent County Council.

Mr Waters reported that the church had raised sufficient funds to cover the electrical repairs, which had been necessary.

*The Chairman proposed the exclusion of the press and public.*

10. (a) **KEMSING HERITAGE CENTRE**

Mrs Cole reported that a letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2005 had been received from the Kemsing Heritage Centre, requesting the Council to consider naming a renovated room in the St Edith Hall, the Ian Pattullo room.

Mrs Cole proposed that this letter be referred to the St Edith Hall Management Committee.

*CARRIED unanimously*

(b) **MRS J DONEGAN**

Councillors considered correspondence between the Parish Council and Mrs Jennifer Donegan.

Mr Williams proposed and Mr Waters seconded:

*"That the Council could not find a method to progress this matter any further."*

11. **DATES OF MEETINGS**

22 August 2005: Planning  
31 August 2005: Highways

5<sup>th</sup> September 2005: Planning  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2005: Emergency Services  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2005: Planning  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2005: Parish Council  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2005: Recreation Grounds

The meeting closed at 9h15

Yolanda Tredoux  
Clerk