

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a Meeting held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing,
on Wednesday, 20th September 2006 at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)
Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. B. Buttifant,
Mr. G. Croughton, Mr. R. Dawes, Mr. P. Kendall, Mr. I. Rumgay

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)
4 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Mr. A. Waters, Mr. M. Williams
District Councillor, Miss. L. Stack

Councillors were reminded to disclose personal and prejudicial interests on matters to be considered at this Meeting.

1. **MINUTES**

The Chairman proposed from the Chair;
*"That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th August 2006, Reference **KPC/08/06**,
having been previously circulated, be approved."*

CARRIED unanimously

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) PCSO – Police Community Support Officer (See Minute 2 (a) KPC/08/06)

The Council noted that the Clerk had contacted the Project Manager, Partnership and Crime Reduction, on 8th September, who informed her that the agreement was due for revision by the policy steering group on the 21st September when he hoped to be in a position to give an update.

(b) Recycling Facilities (See Minute 2 (b) KPC/08/06)

The Chairman reported that a second quote, which was a higher price, had been obtained. The Council was still awaiting confirmation from Mr. Saunders to attend a site meeting with the Sevenoaks District Council Recycling Officer as well as an updated quote from Mr. Saunders.

(c) Christmas Lights (See Minute 2 (c) KPC/08/06)

The working group met on Friday, 8th September (notes of the site meeting had been circulated to all Councillors), and various options had been discussed to enable the Parish Council to provide Christmas lights for this coming festive season. The Council agreed that permission from the Bell would have to be obtained, before this matter could be progressed any further. Subject to agreement from the Bell, the working group would proceed with obtaining quotes for the construction of the pole. *The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Paul Miles to ascertain where the transformers and lights were kept.*

(d) Village Logo (See Minute 2 (d) KPC/08/06)

Mrs. Cole had spoken to Ms. Sue Evans, who was under the impression that the Council had accepted the logo. Ms. Evans indicated that she could amend the logo, should the Council so wish, however, she thought that the proposed logo was artistically correct.

Mr. Bennett proposed:

*"That Ms. Sue Evans be asked to remove 'The Downs' on the logo."
The motion falls (no seconder).*

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

*"That the Council accepts the logo as presented."
CARRIED 8 in favour, 1 abstention*

The Clerk was asked to inform Ms. Evans, of the Council's decision to accept the logo and to thank her for her time and effort.

(e) Graffiti (See Minute 2 (f) KPC/08/06)

A second request had been sent to Sevenoaks District Council to remove graffiti on the identified sites, including the Oxenhill Shaw sign on Footpath 49. The Clerk was informed that this work could take up to 12 weeks.

(f) WI Seat (See Minute 10 (g) KPC/08/06)

The Clerk wrote to the Secretary of the PCC to seek its view, and Mrs. Banister advised that installing seats in the Churchyard needed a faculty (an authorisation) from the Diocese. A reply could be expected in due course.

The Chairman referred to a note from Mr. Don Eley, proposing wording for a plaque, to be placed on the WI seat. The Council agreed the following wording:

"THE WI SEAT, PRESENTED TO THE VILLAGE IN 1928, RESTORED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL IN 2006."

(g) 31-41 Park Lane (Kentmere Homes) (See Minute 10(h))

Councillors discussed two letters (copies distributed to Councillors prior to the Meeting), received from residents in Park Lane, regarding the proposed planning application of the abovementioned land.

Various concerns were raised, such as the increase in road traffic resulting from this development.

After discussions, Mr. Dawes proposed and Mrs. Cole seconded:

"That in view of the extensive over-development in the proposed plan, the Parish Council withdraws from any further discussions with Kentmere Homes, regarding the sale of that strip of land which is owned by the Parish Council."

CARRIED 5 in favour, 4 against

The Clerk was asked to inform the Developer accordingly.

(h) Long term storage of village archives (See Minute 4 KPC/08/06)

Kemsing Heritage Centre appointed Mrs. Erica Cole and Mr. Jim McIntyre as the selected Members to enter into discussions with the Parish Council. The Council appointed Mr. Croughton, Mr. Dawes and Mr. Rungay to represent the Parish Council during discussions with the Kemsing Heritage Centre.

3. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Dawes proposed and Mr. Croughton seconded:

"That the Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th August 2006, Reference P/12/2006, previously circulated."

CARRIED unanimously

(b) Highways Committee

Mr. Buttifant proposed and Mr. Bennett seconded:

"That the Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd August 2006, Reference H/04/06, subject to the following amendment:"

Page 2, Item 2(i), First line : **Heverham** should read **Heaverham**.

CARRIED unanimously

(c) Emergency Services Committee

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mr. Buttifant seconded:

"That the Council approves the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2006, Reference ES/25/06, previously circulated."

The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that from May 2007, there would be a minimum of two committee meetings each year. The first within four weeks of the new Council and one further meeting before the end of November, and request that the Standing Orders be changed accordingly.

The Council agreed that the request to amend the Standing Orders would be carried to the next meeting.

CARRIED unanimously

(d) Reports from Officers

(i) Free travel on buses and trains for pupils

Mr. Croughton attended a conference in Swanley - The future of transport of Sevenoaks District Council, and would produce a written report in due course.

Mr. Croughton drew attention to a pilot project to be launched in September 2007, which would involve free travel cards for 11 to 16 year olds, which allowed them free use of train and bus travel. The principal purpose was to reduce traffic congestion. The two pilot schemes would be implemented in schools in Canterbury and Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells.

Mr. Burfield expressed his concern that the present school buses from Kemsing to schools in Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, might be withdrawn if the scheme was extended.

(ii) Sevenoaks Playhouse Consultation

A note thanking the Parish Council for its support had been received from the Sevenoaks District Council's Partnership Coordinator.

- (iii) Kent County Council : Explore Website
The website contains information on walking, cycling and riding in Kent as well as ideas for great days out in the countryside. (www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent)
- (iv) Sevenoaks District Council - Public Notices
From 21st September, the Council's public notices will be published in the Sevenoaks Chronicle and the Swanley Times newspapers. (www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/notices)
- (v) Sevenoaks District Council - Public Consultation on Household Waste in Kent
Leaflets are available from the Clerk's Office to members of the public to allow them to make their comments to KCC.
- (vi) Kent County Council - Youth Capital Fund
Funding had been made available to provide young people (primarily aged 13 to 19) with "things to do and places to go".
- (vii) Wildlife Gardening Celebration Evening
The Clerk was asked to enquire whether Mr. Brian Doe would be interested to present the prize to the overall winner from Kemsing at the awards ceremony (Wildlife Gardening Celebration Evening) on Thursday, 28th September.
- (viii) Coppicing - Oxenhill Shaw
Mr. Bennett said that the first phase of coppicing would start within the next two to three weeks.

The Chairman proposed to receive questions from the Public and the Council agreed.

Mrs. Babs Watson thanked Councillors for the report on the Village Sign, prepared by the Village Sign Working Group.

4. **PROVISION OF A NEW VICARAGE AND CHURCH HALL**

The Council was asked to consider a letter dated 6th September received from Revd. Nigel Ashworth, previously circulated to Members.

Mr. Croughton and Mr. Bennett declared personal interests as being on the electoral roll of the Church.

Concerns were raised in the general public interest about the impact the proposed plan would have on the village centre, car park and the effect on the use of two footpaths (Public Rights of Ways).

Following discussions, Mr. Rungay proposed and Mr. Dawes seconded:
"Whilst the Parish Council would support the renewal of the Church Hall, it was unable to support the proposal coupling a new Church Hall with a private residential dwelling on that land."

CARRIED 8 in favour, 1 abstention (Mr. Croughton)

The Clerk was asked to inform the Vicar, Revd. Ashworth, Members of the PCC and the Secretary of the PCC accordingly.

5. **BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

There was no other business than that already on the Agenda.

6. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Burfield proposed and Mr. Andrews seconded:

"That the Council approves the payment list, vouchers 134 to 153 and to note the receipt list, voucher 133."

CARRIED unanimously

7. **INFORMATION REPORT**

The Council noted the Information Report, and papers referred to, were laid on the table.

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

Amendments to the Standing Orders.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board approved the request from residents from The Landway to implement a 20mph speed restriction.

The Chairman advised that Mrs. Mumford had reported that she would not be emigrating and that she would remain at the Primary School as Head Teacher for the next three years.

9. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

25th September 2006: Planning

27th September 2006: Recreation Grounds

4th October 2006: Finance

9th October 2006: Planning

11th October 2006: Downland Management

18th October 2006: Parish Council

23rd October 2006: Planning

25th October 2006: Highways

The Meeting closed at 9.53 p.m.

Yolanda Tredoux, Clerk to the Council
26.09.2006