

## KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room,  
St. Edith Hall, Kemsing, on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)  
Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. B. Buttifant, Mr. P. Dillon,  
Mr. P. Eaton, Mr. M. Hudson, Mrs. M. Robarts, Dr. P. Walker,  
Mrs. R. Wedderburn-Day

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 Members of the Public  
Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mr. R. Lang.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. **REQUEST FOR A MEMORIAL TO SGP PILOT JACK HAMMERTON** (Minute 6(e) KPC/04/2017)

The Parish Council had accepted the offer of the memorial stone as a gift after installation but it has recently come to the Parish Council's attention that although the Shoreham Aircraft Museum (SAM) had obtained a Kent County Council (KCC) permit for carrying out the work on KCC's land, they had not submitted a formal planning application to the Local Planning Authority (Sevenoaks District Council). The Clerk's report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted.

At the July Parish Council meeting Councillors had received notification from SAM that the stone would be installed between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September and that a dedication ceremony ( which would involve attendance of RAF Association Dartford with Flags, and a flypast and salute from a fighter plane), was planned for Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September to which the Parish Councillors were invited.

As future owner of the stone the Parish Council was asked to consider the above information.

Mrs. Cole's enquiry with English Heritage confirmed that the memorial stone would be subject to planning permission. Mrs. Cole had also asked Mr. S. Reay (District Councillor) to find out from the Sevenoaks District Council's Planning Department if planning permission was required. The District Council was not able to comment and suggested the Parish Council submitted an application for a lawful development certificate, but this could cause further delay should SDC decide planning consent was required.

The Council was reminded that at the Parish Council meeting in February 2017, Members rejected "a suggestion for the Parish Council to formally complete a planning application on behalf of the Museum and furthermore pay the relevant charges".

A discussion ensued and a proposal for the Parish Council to apply for retrospective planning permission was not supported. This situation arose because SAM was unaware that planning permission from SDC was required although they had installed memorial stones at other locations.

Responding to a question as to why the special meeting was necessary, the Chairman said that this was due to the Parish Council's earlier decision in February 2017 not to apply for or fund the costs of a planning application in relation to the memorial stone.

A suggestion for the SAM to complete and submit the planning application was not supported as a number of Councillors felt that the Parish Council should apply and pay for planning permission as a result of the Parish Council's intention to take over ownership of the stone after installation. Parish Councils are charged 50% of normal planning fees.

Members felt that the installation and dedication ceremony should not be delayed as all the arrangements had been made and that in these circumstances, the Parish Council should apply for formal planning permission.

Having taken all the information into consideration, as well as expressing sympathy to the SAM, the Clerk advised the Parish Council that it would be in the Parish Council's best interest to follow the correct procedure, which is for the planned installation of the stone and the dedication event to be postponed until formal planning permission from SDC had been obtained first. Mr. Andrews thanked the Clerk for her advice.

Regardless of the Clerk's advice, Dr. Walker proposed, seconded by Mr. Andrews that:  
*"SAM does not reschedule the installation of the stone nor the dedication ceremony;  
the Parish Council applies for and pay for the planning application to install the stone;  
the SAM supply the relevant plans and information to be included in the planning application  
(Mr. Burfield offered to assist SAM with completing the planning application forms);  
the Clerk signs and submits the planning documents to Sevenoaks District Council on behalf of the Parish Council."*  
CARRIED unanimously

4. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Signed by Chairman : ..... Date: .....