

## KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing, on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.05 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Miss L. Stack  
County Councillor Mr. R. Gough  
1 Member of the Public  
Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

7.05 p.m. Mrs. Cole welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There was a presentation by three representatives from the Abbeyfield Kent Society on the proposed redevelopment to provide extra care housing at The Dynes, Nightingale Road.

7.35 p.m. Mrs. Cole declared the meeting open.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr. D. Bennett and District Councillor Mr. S. Reay.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Please see Minute 14(b).

4. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

There were no questions from the public or press.

5. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, Ref KPC/09/2017, were approved.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(a) 20mph Speed Limit request (Minute 6(a) KPC/09/2017)

Correspondence received from a resident regarding the Parish Council's decision not to proceed with a 20mph speed limit in Pilgrims Way was noted.

(b) Park Lane Nature Reserve Area & Fairfield Close Area (Minute 6(a) KPC/07/2017)

A Working Group meeting had been arranged to discuss the Valuer's response.

(c) Interactive speed warning sign at Childsbridge Lane, Kemsing (Minute 6(c) KPC/07/2017)

Please see Minute 14(b) below.

(d) Common Field Recreation Ground Trust (Minute 6(f) KPC/07/2017)

A letter and consolidated tax certificate dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 from the stock brokers were noted.

- (e) Post Office closure (Minute 6(f) KPC/09/2017)  
Post-Office Limited's response was awaited.  
➤ *The Clerk would chase up.*
- (f) Proposed removal of bus stop at West End, Kemsing  
Kent County Council received a letter on 28<sup>th</sup> September objecting to the proposed bus stop removal and asked the Parish Council if this affected its previous decision.  
➤ *RESOLVED: The Parish Council noted the comments contained in the letter; however, it was agreed that the Parish Council's decision remained unchanged.*
7. **REFORM OF DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION**  
The briefing note from National Association of Local Councils on the Reform of data protection legislation – General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Bill, was noted.
8. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE**  
The Kemsing Branch of the Royal British Legion was making enquiries about possible changes, although unconfirmed at this stage, that might affect the future Remembrance Sunday parades in Kemsing. The changes relate to possible stringent marshalling requirements where road closures should be marshalled by fully trained and authorised personnel from the organisation holding the event.
9. **PUBLICATION SCHEME**  
The Parish Council's updated Publication Scheme was noted and approved.
10. **DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS**
- (a) The Oaks Steering Group  
Mr. Andrews proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cole:  
*"That the Parish Council makes a financial contribution of £350 towards the Oaks Steering Group's Christmas Dinner, scheduled to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017."*  
CARRIED unanimously
- (b) Noah's Ark Residents' Association (NARA) – Christmas event  
Mrs. Cole proposed:  
*"That the Parish Council makes a donation of £75 towards NARA's Christmas tree event."*  
CARRIED unanimously
- (c) Victim Support  
Dr. Walker proposed, seconded by Mr. Andrews:  
*"That the Parish Council makes a financial donation of £100 towards the Victim Support organisation."*  
CARRIED unanimously
11. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
- (a) Mr. Eaton proposed, seconded by Dr. Walker:  
*"That the Parish Council approves the list of payments (Vouchers 135 to 158)".*  
CARRIED unanimously
- 8.00 p.m. County Councillor Mr. Gough arrived at the meeting.
12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- (a) Planning Committee  
Mr. Andrews proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cole:  
*"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, Ref No P/16/2017 & 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Ref No P/17/2017".*  
CARRIED unanimously

- (b) Downland Management Committee  
Mr. Buttifant proposed, seconded by Mr. Burfield:  
*"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Ref No RG/04/2017"*.  
CARRIED unanimously

13. **CONSULTATIONS**

- (a) Department for Communities and Local Government – Disqualification criteria for Councillors and Mayors  
The consultation was noted.
- (b) Department for Communities and Local Government – 2018/2019 Local Government Finance Settlement consultation  
The consultation was noted.

14. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

- (a) Chairman's Report  
There was no report.
- (b) Reports from Councillors  
There were no reports.

8.10 p.m. *The meeting was suspended and County Councillor Mr. Gough was invited to speak.*

Mr. Gough asked if the Parish Council had made a decision on the proposed removal of the bus stop in West End. Mrs. Cole explained that the Parish Council had made the decision earlier in the meeting that its decision for the bus stop to be removed, remained unchanged.

Mr. Gough explained that Kent County Council (KCC) is unable to replace the interactive speed indicator device (SID) in Childsbridge Lane due to budget constraints. A new sign cost in the region of £5,000 to £7,000. The post is still in situ which may bring the costs down somewhat. An alternative option is to purchase a mobile, battery operated VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign). The benefit of having this sign is that it can be moved around the village but the Parish Council was not in favour of this suggestion. Mr. Gough would consider buying a replacement SID from his Members' Fund.

KCC has published a public consultation on its draft budget strategy which included plans for savings of £56m and £9m that has still to be identified.

8.30 p.m. *Mrs. Cole thanked Mr. Gough for his support. Mr. Gough left the meeting and the meeting was reconvened.*

- (c) Publications for information  
Sevenoaks District Council – Inshape magazine (Autumn 2017).
- (d) General information reports  
*Glass recycling banks at the Chequers Inn Public House* – Sevenoaks District Council had installed clear, brown and green glass banks in the car park at this location. These may also be use by the wider public.

*Kent Association of Local Councils – 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting* - The meeting would take place on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to which Parish Councillors were invited.

*Invitation to Discover Gatwick* - The information event to learn more about the operational aspects would take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017. Mrs. Cole and Mr. Andrews expressed an interest to attend.

*Invitation to Community Transport Awayday* – At these events (2<sup>nd</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> November) Kent County Council will set out the steps for setting up a community transport scheme.

*Memorial seat at the Landway, Kemsing* – Members noted a compliment about the new bench.

15. **MATTERS TO BE RAISED AT THE NEXT MEETING**  
There were no matters to be raised at the next meeting.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.

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