

KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Small Hall, St. Edith Hall, Kemsing, on Wednesday, 19th September 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Cole (in the Chair)
Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. M. Bell, Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. P. Burfield, Mr. B. Buttifant,
Mr. P. Dillon, Mr. P. Eaton, Mr. M. Hudson, Mr. R. Lang, Mrs. M. Robarts

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Mr. R. Gough [arrived at 7.45 p.m.]
4 Members of the Public
Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. P. Walker and Mrs. R. Wedderburn-Day.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

County Councillor Mr. Gough's report was received later during the meeting.

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

There were no questions from the public.

5. **MINUTES**

Mrs. Cole proposed:

"That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018, Ref KPC/07/2018, be approved, subject to a minor amendment to the last line on Page 1: [8.37 should read 7.37 p.m.]".

CARRIED unanimously

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

(a) Interactive speed warning sign at Childsbridge Lane, Kemsing (Minute 6(a) KPC/07/2018)
Installation was awaited.

(b) Milestone (way marker) at Pilgrims Way (Minute 6(c) KPC/07/2018)
The stone had been returned to its original position on 17th August 2018 and Mr. Gough was thanked for his assistance.

(c) Vandalism and anti-social behaviour at Nightingale Road Recreation Ground (Minute 6(d) KPC/07/2018)
The Parish Council, Sevenoaks District Council's Community Safety Unit and the Kent Fire and Rescue Services partnered up to draw up an action plan to resolve the issues. Since the agreed steps had been taken no further anti-social activity reports had been received.

(d) Youth services (Minute 6(e) KPC/07/2018)
As a result of 6(c) above, the partnership had invited the West Kent Communities Lead Youth Worker who had agreed to deliver a six week detached youth programme in Kemsing, commencing on Tuesday, 18th September 2018.

(e) Green Belt Policy (Minute 6(h) KPC/06/2018)
Responses from Sevenoaks District Council, Campaign to Protect Rural England and the local MP had been noted.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS - With the Council's agreement the Chairman deferred the discussion of the following item until after Item 12.

(f) Litter Review (Minute 7(d) KPC/06/2018)
Deferred until after Item 12(c).

7. **NEW MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

(a) Road Safety issues at West End

Kent County Council's Highways and Transportation Team received concerns from a local resident on safety issues in West End, one of which was vehicles mounting and being driven along the footpath. KCC is prepared to install two additional bollards where appropriate, but due to budget constraints this would not be possible without a financial contribution from the Parish Council.

The narrow road, coupled with parked vehicles on the North side and oncoming vehicles (sometimes a bus or larger vehicle), leaves drivers with no alternative but to mount the pavement; an action Councillors acknowledged was not satisfactory. Traffic problems on this stretch of road had been investigated in the past. Suggestions to improve safety included traffic calming measures and proposed changes to parking arrangements, all of which had been explored, but none were deemed appropriate and did not come to fruition for a variety of reasons.

The Parish Council concluded that the proposed additional bollards would not solve the problem but merely move it further along other parts of the footway. Regarding the suggestion of a financial contribution from the Parish Council; it was concluded that KCC, as the authority responsible for roads, should fund these if they decided to proceed.

Mr. Bennett proposed, seconded by Mr. Andrews:

"That the Parish Council agrees not to make a financial contribution to fund the installation of two additional bollards in West End".

CARRIED 10 in favour, 1 against.

Mr. Buttifant asked if KCC would attach a reflector on the post.

(b) Textile recycle unit

A request from a recycling company based in Kent asking for permission to place a clothes bank on Parish Council owned premises, was declined.

7.45 p.m. County Councillor Mr. R. Gough arrived at the meeting.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) Planning Committee

Mr. Andrews proposed, seconded by Mr. Burfield:

"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meetings held on 16th July, Ref No P/12/2018, 20th July 2018, Ref No P/13/2018 and 13th August 2018, Ref No P/14/2018". *CARRIED* unanimously

Mr. Andrews proposed, seconded by Mr. Burfield:

"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2018, Ref No P/15/2018". *CARRIED* unanimously

Mr. Andrews proposed, seconded by Mr. Burfield:

"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2018, Ref No P/16/2018". *CARRIED* unanimously

Mr. Andrews proposed, seconded by Mr. Burfield:

"That the Parish Council approves the draft response to Sevenoaks District Council as circulated and agreed at the meeting on 10th September 2018 and reference minute P/14/2018(e) - Local Housing Needs Survey in Kemsing".

Mr. Bennett proposed the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Andrews:

"adding 'the letter as well as Parish Council's Green Belt policy to be published on the Parish Council's website'".

Prior to the vote being taken, the Clerk advised that the letter contained personal information of an individual and as such the General Data Protection Rules apply; it could therefore not be published on the website, however, the contents of the response could.

CARRIED unanimously

A vote on the proposal (proposed by Mr. Andrews and seconded by Mr. Burfield), as amended, was taken and this was *CARRIED* unanimously.

(b) Downland Management Committee

Mr. Bennett proposed, seconded by Mr. Buttifant:

"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2018, Ref DM/04/2018, including approving an overspent on the maintenance budget of £40 due to unexpected maintenance work in the Well area". CARRIED unanimously

Mr. Bennett warned that major tree work on the Nature Reserve is expected - to be funded from the Parish Council's Reserve Tree fund. This is due to the Ash disease which has already affected a number of trees. Tree work is also anticipated to the beech trees along Chalky Way. The Sevenoaks District Council Ranger is obtaining further advice and any work would be subject to a Tree Preservation Order application.

(c) Recreation Grounds Committee

Mr. Dillon proposed, seconded by Mr. Burfield:

"That the Parish Council notes the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2018, Reference No RG/04/2018". CARRIED unanimously

9. **CONSULTATIONS**

(a) Kent Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation

Kent County Council Waste Management sought views on the proposal to implement a charging policy for waste materials including soil, rubble, hard core and plasterboard delivered to Household Waste Recycling Centres. It was concluded that these charges would increase the risk of potential fly tipping. *The Clerk was asked to respond to the consultation in these terms.*

8.07 p.m. *The meeting was adjourned and Mr. Gough was invited to present his report.*

Speed indicator sign at Childsbridge Lane - referring to Minute 6(a) above, Mr. Gough reported that the sign was to be installed soon. Mr. Hudson noticed that the site where the speed indicator is due to be installed, was used as a storage facility for the gas company carrying out the gas pipe replacement work. The large lorries removing dirt caused traffic congestion and blocked site lines at the junction with Childsbridge Lane and Castle Drive. Mr. Gough would look into this.

West End safety issues – Mr. Gough had attended a meeting with the resident and KCC Officials to look at the safety concerns, but KCC were keen to ascertain the Parish Council's view.

School bus journeys – Issues with the No 2 and No 531 Arriva services from Tonbridge had now been resolved.

8.20 p.m. *Mr. Gough was thanked for his report and left the meeting, which was reconvened.*

10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Accounts for payments & receipts

Mr. Eaton proposed, seconded by Mrs. Cole:

"That the Council approves the list of payments (Vouchers 77 to 123) and to note list of receipts (Vouchers 6 &7)".

CARRIED unanimously

(b) Donations and Subscriptions

Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Service – Mr. Eaton proposed, seconded by Mr. Andrews:

"That the Parish Council makes a financial contribution of £200 to the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Service". CARRIED unanimously

Oaks Steering Group – Mr. Andrews proposed, seconded by Mr. Eaton:

"That the Parish Council makes a financial contribution of £200 towards the Christmas Dinner for elderly residents on the 1st December 2018".

Mr. Hudson proposed an amendment to the original motion, seconded by Mr. Burfield, which is:

"That the Parish Council makes a financial contribution of £350 towards the Christmas Dinner for elderly residents on the 1st December 2018."

CARRIED 6 in favour, 5 abstentions

The motion, as amended, was *CARRIED* unanimously

Councillors questioned the Steering Group's assessment method for eligible people but it would seem that the Group very much depended on residents to put names forward.

Demelza Hospice Care for Children – A request for financial assistance was declined.

11. **COMMON FIELD RECREATION GROUND TRUST**

Two General Data Protection documents drafted by the Clerk had been tabled at the meeting. This was deferred to the next meeting.

12. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

(a) Report from Chairman

Mrs. Cole reported that her husband had retired after 17 years of winding the village clock (located in the St. Edith Hall. Mr. Cole was thanked for his dedication and commitment over the years. Another local resident had agreed to take over the role.

(b) Reports from Parish Councillors

There were no reports from Councillors.

(c) General information

North Downs Way Pilgrims Festival – Planned from 24th to 30th September 2018 in Wye.

Speedwatch – The Noah's Ark Speedwatch Group carried out speed monitoring sessions in July. 46 speeding vehicles had been logged in just over three hours.

8.40 p.m. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public and of the press were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

(f) Litter Review (Minute 7(d) KPC/06/2018)

The details of the discussion are contained in a separate, confidential document.

9.02 p.m. The meeting was re-convened.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 17th October 2018

The meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.

Signed by Chairman : Date: