

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 7.00pm
In the Village Hall

Present:**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs. S. McIntyre, B. Hedley, R. Stone, E. Brown**Borough Cllr:****KCC Cllr:** Cllr M Hill**Members of Public:****PC:****Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
950	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr T Coombes Cllr J Shilton	
951	Declaration of Councillor' Interests <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To approve or reject any application put to the meeting by the Chairman in respect of Members seeking a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011, section 33. b. Request that Councillors' or any other persons' present declare if they intend to record any of the proceedings using any video or audio recording device or camera 	
952	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2023 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	
953	Public Session At this point the Meeting will be adjourned. This session is for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda.	
954	Borough Councillor Report Cllr Shilton sent his apologies but confirmed that he had not received any updates on The Grange or Hollybush Farm planning applications.	

955	<p>KCC Councillor Report</p> <p>The issue of unaccompanied children is still continuing and KCC are currently looking after 1,000 children, problems with low numbers of foster carers and social carers needs to be increased.</p> <p>The financial position and the setting of budgets for the next year is very difficult.</p>	
956	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Authorisation of Payments</u> Direct Debit – HugoFox, Monthly Website fee £11.99</p> <p>b. <u>Receipts</u> Ashford BC – VH Grant - £3,048.75 Business Reserve a/c – Interest Nov 23 - £17.90</p> <p>The current account has a balance of £7,463.63 and the business reserve a balance of £15,036.01 giving a working balance of £22,499.64 of which £5,833 is allocated to the proposed play area and £3,048.75 allocated to outdoor furniture and equipment for the Village Hall</p>	
957	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>The Wish Hedgerow</u> Cllr McIntyre has been unable to contact Richard Tijou-Smith of Green Leaf Tree Services and therefore asked Cllr Hedley to contact the previous contractor to undertake it and reduce the height to 5 foot and the width back to the edge of the pavement. – <u>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme & Local Policing</u> In Cllr Coombes absence the matter was carried forward to the next meeting. 	

958	<p>Planning PA/2023/2023 – The Grange - erection of 6 bungalows with associated landscaping, hardstanding and parking following partial demolition of bungalow and changes to fenestration of 3 existing chicken sheds/barns.</p> <p>KPC Decision – Support Further to previous discussions at meetings and the full agreement of Councillors electronically over the Christmas shutdown the following response was made to Ashford BC. Kenardington Parish Council (KPC) support the application with the following observations: The development of 6 bungalows does not interrupt the natural landscape. It is believed the replacement of the existing barns with dwellings and ceasing of the current commercial activity will be visually enhancing and potentially an environmental improvement (NPPF Para 174). To note: the applicants Environmental Contamination Assessment Para 7.5 recommends further investigation regarding possible sources of contamination on this site although the risk assessment states it’s unlikely the site has been impacted and the risk to building and peoples assessed as “very low to low”.</p> <p>The applicant’s Climate Statement provides that all bungalows will have solar panels and electric vehicle charging points (NPPF Para 152). The applicant has liaised with Kenardington Village Hall lead committee trustee with ongoing discussions concerning donating funds to the current Village Hall renovation project to increase community cohesion (NPPF Para 93). This development is believed to be sustainable; socially in as much as bungalows are in short supply and meet a need for present and future generations; environmentally as referred above, including making effective use of land (NPPF Paras 8, 60 & 119).</p> <p>The applicant has engaged with KPC on a number of occasions including a meeting with local residents, this collaborative approach on matters such as design has been refreshing and helped to achieve the final planning submission.</p> <p>To note, there are only 2 areas of concern raised since submission of this application: - it is felt that the roofing tiles should be Kent Peg as this is a characteristic of the majority of the existing houses within the locality. + - there’s a concern the driveway space between the existing bungalow and new builds is limited to the extent that with the increased traffic passing in and out will heighten the risk to the safety of residents of the remaining bungalow. This applies during the building phase as well as when the development is complete</p>	
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	<p>Village Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>Play Area</u> – No reply has been received from ABC regarding the lease for the ground. Cllr Shilton is attempting to progress it. – <u>Speedwatch Update</u> – Nothing to report – <u>Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)</u> – Cllr McIntyre confirmed this is ongoing. 	
960	<p>Village Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>Refurbishment Update</u> To allow a planning application to be submitted to relocate the lamppost we need to identify the direction the electricity enters' the light, Cllr McIntyre confirmed that the feed comes from the direction of number 1 The Wish. Cllr Hedley agreed to draw up plans to enclose with the application – <u>Financial Update</u> Nothing to report – <u>Village Hall Working Group</u> The next meeting will take place on 6th March 2024 – <u>2024 Events</u> D-Day 80 Year Anniversary – <u>Village Coffee Morning</u> These are still popular and Cllr Hedley hopes to start holding some midweek in the New Year – <u>Village Hall Chairs & Outdoor Furniture</u> Councillors agreed for the Clerk to order the items without delay. 	BL
961	<p>Green Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cllr Stone will contact Osprey Electrical again to arrange this. – Flood Warden training hopefully this will be undertaken by a resident 	

<p>962</p>	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC CEO Reports • KALC CEO Report • Rural Police Report Ashford BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 13th December KCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of Public Consultation on Kent Local Flood Risk Management Aldington & Bonnington • Details of the Village plan Kent Resilience Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of free training sessions available in January & February, including Community Emergency Planning Workshop; Snow Volunteers; Flood Volunteers – Cllr McIntyre is attending the Community Emergency Planning Workshop </p>	
<p>963</p>	<p>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information</p>	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Dates of Future Meetings

2024

6th February; 5th March; 2nd April; 7th May; 4th June; 2nd July;
 3rd September; 1st October; 5th November; 3rd December

2025

7th January; 4th February; 4th March

Meetings start at 7.00pm