

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th September at 7.00pm
in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Cllrs. S. McIntyre, R. Stone, T Coombes

Borough Cllrs:

Members of Public: 2

PCSO: 0

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
894	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr Hedley - Holiday. Cllr Shilton - Conflicting meeting	
895	Resignation A copy of Simon Honnor's formal resignation has been forwarded to Carolanne Bellringer at Ashford BC to allow her to raise the required paperwork, once complete and displayed we will either hold an election or co-opt a replacement, as co-option will probably be the outcome, canvassing of potential candidates would be advantageous.	ALL
896	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 Cllr McIntyre declared an interest in the UK Power Networks upgrade of the proposed sub-station. Cllrs Hedley and Stone have declared an interest in the proposed Fernfield Homes redevelopment of Grange Farm.	
897	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2023 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	

898	<p>Public Session</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Mick Burgess attended the meeting and thanked everyone once again for the vouchers given to him as his retirement present, which he has used to purchase a large garden pot.</p>	
899	<p>Borough Councillors Report</p> <p>None</p>	
900	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Authorisation of Payments</u> Chq No 442 - A Beach, Salary July-September £454.98 Chq No 443 - A Beach, Expenses (Ink & Paper) £59.13 Direct Debit - HugoFox, Monthly Website fee £11.99</p> <p>b. <u>Bank Update</u></p> <p>c. <u>Balance & Financial Report</u> The current account has a balance of £17,444.79 following these transactions of which £5,833 is allocated to the proposed play area.</p> <p>d. <u>2024/25 Budget</u> The budget will have to be prepared for and agreed at the November meeting, therefore would you please let me have details of any items you would like to be included before or at the October meeting.</p>	

901	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Wish hedgerow, Cllr McIntyre spoke to the Village Caretaker he recommends that the hedge is cut more severely both top and roadside, he has a contact who can do this if required. Councillors agreed to ask him to let us have a quotation. - Cllr Coombes detailed the recent burglary and shooting in the village, voicing his concerns that the police have not attended, he was advised to contact Andrew Judd regarding setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the village, the Clerk also gave him the contact details for the local CSU team. - The Clerk reported that unfortunately HugoFox have been forced to withdraw their free website service for Parish Councils and Charities, this is due to the reduction of paying clients due to the current financial climate. They have offered to provide the same service at a cost £11.99 per month payable monthly by direct debit or annually by cheque in advance. Councillors discussed the options and agreed to continue with them and pay monthly by direct debit. 	
902	<p>Planning None received</p> <p>Fernfield Homes have agreed, in-principle, to fund the remaining refurbishment of the village hall if planning is approved by ABC.</p>	
903	<p>Village Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Play Area</u> - Due to the delay in receiving a reply from ABC regarding the lease for the ground the Clerk has recently chased them and hopes to receive a reply shortly. - <u>Speedwatch Update</u> - Nothing to report - <u>Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)</u> - Cllr McIntyre highlighted that there has been a noticeable increase in traffic, including heavy goods vehicles driving through Kenardington village. Recent traffic incidents have caused safety concerns. A HIP for the village is being completed for discussion with KCC Highways. 	

904	<p>Village Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Village Coffee Morning</u> Cllr Stone explained that she is prepared to find volunteers and arrange a rota for the Saturday coffee mornings and felt a simple ‘pod’ coffee machine should be purchased; Cllr McIntyre agreed to give her some suggestions; and the Clerk was asked to obtain some individual tea pots. - <u>Village Hall Chairs</u> Nothing to report, ongoing - <u>Annual Alcohol & Entertainment Licence</u> After investigating the cost and requirements, the Clerk advised purchasing Temporary Entertainment Notices (TEN) rather than an annual one, we are allowed to apply for up to 20 per year at a cost at £21 each rather than a cost of approximately £200 per year at the current time, Councillors agreed. - <u>Village Hall Working Group</u> It was suggested that we should try recruit a working group, prepared to help, and arrange future events including a Christmas Evening and 2024 events. <p>Cllr McIntyre highlighted the 2024 D-Day Celebrations, suggesting the event should take place on Saturday 8th June 2024 with a brass band and other bands, a bar and a Fish & Chip supper. Initial informal suggestions attached.</p>	
905	<p>Green Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerk has registered our interest for a grant towards two EDV chargers 	

<p>906</p>	<p>Correspondence KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NALC CEO Reports - July & August - KALC CEO Report - July & August KALC - Ashford Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agenda for meeting on Wednesday 6th September NatWest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmation of changes to Online Banking application. Ashford BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning Good Practice Guide - Ashford Local Plan & KCC Transportation Consultation Kenardington Resident’s Complaints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grass verge overgrown on The Wish (work completed) - The Wish hedgerow (initial trim by Caretaker requested) - Appledore Road pavement narrowing due to leaf mulch and ingress from adjacent verge (reported to KCC for action) </p>	
<p>907</p>	<p>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information</p>	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Dates of Future Meetings

October 3rd - November 7th - December 5th

Meetings start at 7.00pm