

**KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm**  
**in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs. S. McIntyre, B. Hedley, R. Stone, T Coombes, S Honor

**Borough Cllrs:** 0

**Members of Public:** 2

**PCSO:** 0

**Clerk:** A Beach

<b>Minute No</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
881	<b>Apologies &amp; Reasons for Absence</b> Cllr Shilton	

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**Presentation by UK Power Networks**

Rachel Woodman and her colleague joined the meeting and gave a presentation on the proposed extension to the substation adjacent to Bridge House in Appledore Road which they will apply to Ashford BC for planning permission shortly.

The reason for the extension is because the need for electricity has increased over the past few years and regardless of greener energy, we do not believe this will decline.

The first phase has been completed

**Questions from the Floor**

1. Has UKPN decided on Option 1 or Option 2?

*UKPN - have yet to make the final decision, it is dependent on whether we are able to have a basement to house the circuits and this is being investigated currently.*

*Cllr McIntyre prefers Option 2 as Option 1 will entirely block the views from the rear of Bridge House and partially from the Post House*

2. Has UKPN decided on single or two-storey building for the circuit room?

*UKPN - This will depend entirely whether we can ensure the basement area can be totally waterproof as any water ingress would make the building unsafe, without this assurance the build will have to be two-storey.*

*Cllr McIntyre commented that the single-storey is more acceptable from a neighbour's perspective. If UKPN have no choice but to go for a two-storey build the staircase should be located to the rear of the building to improve privacy for neighbours, and a solid construction rather than metal.*

3. What is the build material for circuit room build e.g., metal / brick? Brick would be more in keeping with existing circuit room. Will there be windows? If so, need to consider neighbour privacy.

*UKPN - it will be of matching brick construction and the circuit room will be clad in metal, without any windows.*

4. No lighting to be left on when site not being resourced. Has this been allowed for?

*UKPN - lights will only be on when engineers are working on-site, which will be very occasionally. If they should forget to switch these off when they leave, UKPN will send a representative to attend as soon as they are made aware of the problem.*

5. Will vehicles / equipment be left in car park area when not being resourced?

*UKPN - Nothing will be left in the area and the area will be secured when not in use.*

6. There are currently water drainage issues. The current small brook struggles at times to deal with this. What steps

883	<p><b>Declaration of Councillor' Interests</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre declared an interest in the UK Power Networks upgrade of the proposed sub-station.</p>	
884	<p><b>Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.</p>	
885	<p><b>Public Session</b></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>	
886	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a. <u>Authorisation of Payments</u> Chq No 440 - T Pollard, village sign maintenance £125.00 Chq No 441 - A Beach, TV licence for VH £159.00</p> <p>b. <u>Bank Update</u> NatWest have confirmed that Cllrs Stone &amp; Coombes are now signatories together with the Clerk who now has access to the account and she will now progress online banking if approved by Councillors.' This was approved.</p> <p>c. <u>Balance &amp; Financial Report</u> The current account has a balance of £ following these transactions totalling £17,970.89, of which £5,833 is allocated to the proposed QE2 play area.</p>	
887	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Village Coffee Morning</u> These are increasing in popularity</li> <li>- <u>Village Hall Chairs</u> Nothing to report, ongoing</li> <li>- <u>Village Hall Coffee Machine</u> Nothing to report - remove from agenda</li> </ul>	

888	<p><b>Planning</b> None received</p> <p>Fernfield Homes forwarded some changes to their proposed plans. Cllr Hedley was concerned that the current public footpath would become part of one of the gardens and there does not appear to be a turning circle for emergency and refuse vehicles.</p> <p>Cllr Honnor raised some issues including management of the communal areas and whether the planners to allow such a scheme, even though it may not entirely fall under the planning definition of "sustainable development" on account of the lack of public transport and accessible services.</p>	
889	<p><b>Village Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <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.</li> <li>- <u>Speedwatch Update</u> - Nothing to report</li> <li>- <u>Highway Improvement Plan</u> - Ongoing</li> </ul>	
890	<p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Refurbishment Update</u> Cllr Hedley updated the meeting on the work still required.</li> <li>- The Clerk received the accounts from Cllr Hedley to audit and she agreed and brought them up to date.</li> </ul> <p>The current year was reconciled up to the latest statement dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 with an available balance of £2,387.73. Since that date funds from the Coronation Big Lunch (£986.80) and miscellaneous receipts (Coffee Morning £81, Hall Hire £34 and unused Petty Cash £10.53, totalling £125.53) were paid into the account and payments totalling £210.59 (Castle Water £10, CAS Insurance, underpayment from previous year, £22.20 and repayment to B Hedley for miscellaneous purchases £178.39).</p> <p>Following these transactions, the available funds are as follows, current account £3,289.47, deposit account £1,095.74 totalling £4,385.21.</p>	
891	<p><b>Green Energy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report</li> </ul>	

892	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <u>Parishioners' emails</u>  Ms McKenzie has questioned when The Wish hedge would be cut as she is now unable to walk on the pavement with her pushchair. Clerk suggested asking the Village Caretaker to give it a slight trim now, avoiding dislodging any nests, then book a heavy cut-back later in the year with the Company used last year. Councillors agreed, Clerk will speak to the Caretaker and Cllr Hedley will investigate contractors.  Mr Whittington would like to know UKPN sustainability plans and whether they have any thoughts of installing a local wind turbine that the community may benefit from?  <u>Previously emailed</u>  KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NALC CEO Report</li> <li>- KALC CEO Report</li> <li>- New Kent Neighbourhood Policing Model</li> <li>- Training Events, Woodland Management &amp; Community Resilience</li> <li>- Annual Councillors' Conference cancelled</li> <li>- D-Day 80 Year Celebrations 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024</li> </ul> <p>KALC - Ashford Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agenda for meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul> <p>NatWest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation of changes to Bank Mandate confirmed</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Honor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report from the KALC Ashford Branch meeting</li> </ul>	
893	<p><b>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information</b>  The next meeting will be on September 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7pm, if any urgent matters are raised requiring response prior to that date the Clerk will email them for either a decision or to arrange an urgent short meeting therefore please respond to any emails marked  <b>PLEASE REPLY ASAP</b></p>	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.35pm

### Dates of Future Meetings

August - no meeting to allow for annual holidays

September 5<sup>th</sup> - October 3<sup>rd</sup> - November 7<sup>th</sup> - December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Meetings start at 7.00pm**