

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING DOCUMENT
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th November at 7.00pm
In the Village Hall

Present:**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs. S. McIntyre, B. Hedley, R.Stone, E. Brown**Borough Cllrs:** Cllr J Shilton**Members of Public:** 16**PC:** Darren Laker**Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
921	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr T Coombes	
922	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 	
923	Police Report PC Darren Laker introduced himself and gave a brief explanation of the new Ashford SPoC process.	
924	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October 2023 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	
925	Co-option of new Parish Councillor Cllr McIntyre introduced Ellie Brown, who has been asked to join the PC as a Parish Councillor. Proposed by Cllr McIntyre and seconded by Cllr Stone	

926	<p>Planning Application PA/2023/1708 – Holly Bush Farm</p> <p>The applicant has applied to increase the size of the current Gypsy & Traveller site from one to five pitches</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre introduced the applicant, [REDACTED], and gave a brief breakdown of the application to all.</p> <p>Questions were placed to [REDACTED] by Councillors and the Public attending the meeting.</p> <p>The five sites will home [REDACTED] and her 6 children</p> <p>If space is available then visiting families can park up for a short periods of time.</p> <p>[REDACTED] confirmed that ABC is aware of an additional, occupied caravan on site, the owner has special needs and ABC is trying to re-house at Cotton Hill House in Hamstreet.</p> <p>Members of the public complained that they had not received notification from ABC of the application until they raised the issue, they have now received the details and the date for communication has been extended. They were also unhappy that they had not been made aware that the site had been declared a Traveller/Gypsy site previously.</p> <p>A resident suggested that if approval is given it should include a Covenant to prevent further site development.</p> <p>A number of concerns were raised regarding the visibility splays of the access and felt it should be re-investigated by KCC Highways.</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre requested a site visit for 2-3 parish councillors, to allow them to fully understand the proposed site layout, this was agreed by the applicant, and a mutually convenient date and time will be arranged.</p>	
927	<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>	
928	<p>Borough Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Shilton gave a brief report.</p>	

929	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Authorisation of Payments & Receipts</u> Direct Debit Refund from HugoFox £11.99 Direct Debit – HugoFox, Monthly Website fee £11.99 Interest on Business Reserve Account</p> <p>b. <u>Balance & Financial Report</u> The current account has a balance of £5,082.80 and the business reserve a balance of £15,018.11 giving a working balance of £20,100.91 of which £5,833 is allocated to the proposed play area.</p> <p>c. <u>Proposed 2024/25 Budget</u> The initial proposal is for the next budget is an amount of £6,690 and a precept of £6,750 this equates to an increase of 3.84%. Councillors agreed the initial proposals and both the budget and precept was approved by Cllrs McIntyre and Hedley</p>	
930	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>The Wish Hedgerow</u> Following the Village Caretakers suggestion, Cllr McIntyre will meet with Richard Tijou-Smith of Green Leaf Tree Services from Wittersham to explain our requirements and obtain a quotation. The length of the hedgerow which the Parish Council are responsible for needs to be confirmed. Item carried forward to the December meeting – <u>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme & Local Policing</u> In Cllr Coombes absence the item was carried forward to the December meeting. 	
931	<p>Planning</p> <p>Peter Hunt from Fernfield Homes updated the PC on the final plans for The Grange which is being deposited with ABC.</p>	
932	<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 asked the Clerk to forward him the information and he will try and progress it. – <u>Speedwatch Update</u> – Nothing to report – <u>Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)</u> – Cllr McIntyre has an on-line meeting arranged with Kieran Doble to discuss the proposals made. 	

933	<p>Village Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>Refurbishment Update</u> The Clerk contacted Ashford BC to discuss moving the lamppost in front of the hall to allow the space to be fully utilised, they advised that a planning application would have to be made and depending on the direction the electricity feed comes from the light and it is moved towards it ABC will be able to move; if it is further away they would have to arrange for UK Power Networks to extend the cabling, they charge between £300-£400. If the application is approved ABC will contact the lighting contractor to provide a price for the re-sighting. – <u>Village Coffee Morning</u> Cllr Stone confirmed that the next one would be held on 25th November and requested the purchase of a filter coffee machine and cake covers, this was agreed and Cllr Hedley will look into it further. – <u>Village Hall Working Group</u> Cllr Hedley has arranged a meeting for 15th November in the hall to discuss the trustees, members of the community and KPC. – <u>Christmas Evening</u> A date is yet to be agreed to hold an evening in the Village Hall to celebrate the festivities. – <u>D-Day Celebration 2024</u> Nothing to report – <u>Village Hall Chairs & Outdoor Furniture</u> The Clerk has applied for a Rural England Prosperity Grant to fund this. 	
934	<p>Green Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Following our registered interest for a grant towards two EDV chargers we are required to have a site survey. Cllr Stone has arranged a meeting with Osprey Electrical to discuss this. – 	

<p>935</p>	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC CEO Reports • KALC CEO Report • September Bulletin KALC – Ashford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda for the meeting held on 1st November Ashford BC KCC Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Highways Stewards – Mick Eaton will cover Kenardington • Winter Highways Maintenance Information KCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of Public Consultation regarding the High Weald </p>	
<p>936</p>	<p>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information</p>	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Dates of Future Meetings

December 5th

Meetings start at 7.00pm