

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.00pm
in the Village Hall

Present:**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs. S. McIntyre, B. Hedley, R. Stone, T Coombes**Borough Cllrs:** Cllr J Shilton**Members of Public:** 0**PCSO:** 0**Clerk:** A Beach

| Minute No | | ACTION |
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| 908 | Apologies & Reasons for Absence None | |
| 909 | 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 | |
| 910 | Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2023 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre. | |
| 911 | 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. | |
| 912 | Borough Councillors Report Cllr Shilton explained that ABC along with most councils are experiencing a shortage of money, but are still working within the agreed budget. Shortly, he will start holding surgeries in the village hall to allow residents to drop in and discuss any concerns they may have. He has met with both Fernfield Homes and UK Power Networks and discussed their proposed planning applications in the village. | |

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| 913 | <p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Authorisation of Payments & Receipts</u> Chq No 444 – Wittersham PC, Village Caretaker £600.00 Direct Debit – HugoFox, Monthly Website fee £11.99 Receipt from Ashford BC, 2nd Precept Payment £3,250.00 Interest on Business Reserve Account £0.82</p> <p>b. <u>Bank Account Update</u> To obtain interest the Clerk transferred £15,000.00 from the current to the business reserve account.</p> <p>c. <u>Balance & Financial Report</u> The current account has a balance of £5,082.80 and the business reserve a balance of £15,000.82, giving a working balance of £20,083.62 of which £5,833 is allocated to the proposed play area.</p> <p>d. <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%. The budget does not include any financing for the road improvements suggested on the current HIP.</p> | |
| 914 | <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. – <u>Village Website Changes</u> A direct debit has been set-up for £11.99 per month for the Bronze Service provided by HugoFox. – <u>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme & Local Policing</u> Cllrs Coombes and McIntyre have been in contact with the local police to discuss the recent incidents in the village and the setting-up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. | |
| 915 | <p>Planning</p> <p>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> | |

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| 916 | Village Matters <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> – The Clerk updated the HIP and it has been forwarded to KCC Highways for comments. | |
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Village Hall– Refurbishment Update

To allow the area to the front on the Hall to be utilised the Clerk has been asked to contact ABC and request moving the lamp-post further to the side of the area to allow the space to be upgraded and used as an outdoor seating area.

– Financial Update– Village Coffee Morning

As requested, the Clerk has ordered 6 teapots at a total cost of £36.52 including VAT

– Village Hall Working Group

Cllr Hedley was asked to arrange a meeting in November to include the current trustees, members of the community and KPC.

– Christmas Evening

A date is yet to be agreed to hold an evening in the Village Hall to celebrate the festivities.

– D-Day Celebration 2024

Cllr McIntyre confirmed that the event will take place on Saturday 6th June 2024. A band has been booked and the owner of the fish and chip van which previously came contacted, unfortunately he no longer runs this service and Cllr McIntyre has contacted the shop in Hamstreet and is awaiting further details of availability and costs.

Cllr Shilton was asked if he would be able to make a donation towards the cost of the food and the entertainment via a Ward Member Community grant, which he agreed.

Cllr Stone suggested contacting one of the cadet groups in the area and ask if they have a brass band which could attend and any profits made to be split between them and the Village Hall

– Village Hall Chairs & Outdoor Furniture

Ashford BC notified us recently of available grants, the Clerk has discussed these with ABC and they have advised applying for a [Rural England Prosperity Fund Grant](#) which is a grant of up to £10,000 for organisations wishing to make improvements to outdoor community facilities such as village hall outdoor spaces, applications have to be in by 29th October and could be used for outdoor furniture.

– Financial Update

Reconciled to the latest statement, additional amounts were received in May which we were unaware of; Sum-up receipts from the Coronation Big Lunch £320.05, Ashford BC £96.00 into the current account and £3.35 for the May to July interest into the business reserve account. The available funds total £4,804.61 (current a/c £3,705.52 and business reserve a/c £1,099.09)

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| 918 | <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, there are a number of companies who carry these out free of charge. One company listed nearby is Osprey Electrical who we have used previously. In the parking area. The Clerk has contacted them to obtain a quotation. | |
| 919 | <p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u></p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NALC CEO Reports – KALC CEO Report – September Bulletin <p>KALC – Ashford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ashford Local Plan 2041 – Call for Sites – 1-tonne Salt Bags – Create Music Event in October – Joined the Loop Campaign | |
| 920 | <p>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information</p> | |

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Dates of Future Meetings

November 7th - December 5th

Meetings start at 7.00pm