

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Planning Committee and General purpose Committee meeting
held on Monday 13th February 2023
The Pavilion London Road at 7pm.**

Members of the Parish Council:

Cllr Watchorn (Chairman) Cllr I Bosley and Cllr P Bosley Cllr Gray, Cllr R Spiller, and Cllr Mrs M Richards.

1.Apologies for Absence: Cllr King Cllr Land, Cllr Christie. Cllr Holdstock and Cllr Spencer

2 Declarations of Interest: None declared

3. Plans

SE/23/00163/HOUSE: 29 Southfield Road

Single storey side and rear in fill extensions incorporating existing outbuilding, Raise and alteration to the roof with dormers creating first floor with rear balcony alterations to fenestration.

Objection and comment

SE/23/00087/FUL The Portobello Inn London Road

15m x 9m marquee adjacent to public house for use by patron

Comment

SE/23/00009/HOUSE 23 Millfield Road

Proposal Internal garage conversion to a used room

No objection

SE/23/00165/HOUSE La Corbiere 16 Sherbourne Close

Proposal Loft conversion with new rear dormer. Alterations to fenestration. Instillation of Roof lights.

Objection

SE/22/02697/FUL Field North Of The Old School School Lane Development:

Residential development of 13 dwellings, consisting of 3 open market dwellings and 10 Local Needs Homes with associated parking and hard-standing. The application has now been amended, and a summary of the main changes is set out below; Ecological Scoping Survey

No comment

Minutes of General Purpose Committee meeting

Members of the Parish Council:

Cllr M Ricrads (Chairman) Cllr P Bosley, Cllr I Bosley Cllr J Watchorn, Cllr Gray, Cllr D King, Cllr R Spiller, Cllr Mrs M Richards.

1.Apologies for Absence: Cllr King, Cllr Miss J Holdstock, Cllr D Land, Cllr Christie and Cllr Spencer

2 Declarations of Interest: None declared

3. Footpaths

Pavement blocked outside 21 Hever Avenue - Clerk to report

4. Correspondence

Community services consultation

Kent County Council (KCC) has launched a public consultation on its Community Services which runs until 26 March 2023.

The consultation proposes changes to the way we use our buildings to deliver some of our community services. We invite your feedback on our proposals as part of this consultation.

Why are we proposing changes?

The Council has experienced big increases in costs and has less money to spend. So we need to look ahead and do things differently to make sure we can still help residents in the years to come. Whilst ensuring effective support for residents who need our services, we need to:

- tackle the rising costs of maintaining our many buildings
- find savings, so we can balance the budget
- reduce our carbon footprint to meet our Net-Zero ambitions.

What services are included in the proposals?

Children's Centres and Youth Hubs, Public Health Services for Children and Families, Community Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities, Community Learning and Skills, and Gateways.

What are we proposing?

- Having fewer permanent buildings, meaning that some of our buildings would close - we want to keep buildings in areas where they are needed the most
- co-locating more of our services, meaning more than one service would be available from some of the buildings you might visit
- continuing to deliver some services by outreach, which means they do not take place in a dedicated or permanent space, but move around to when and where they are needed
- ensuring residents can continue to access services and information online.

Our proposals have been designed by considering where there is greatest need for our services.

Find out more and share your views

Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/communityservicesconsultation to view the consultation document, design handbooks, a video summarising the proposals, and the Equality Impact Assessments. You can respond via the online questionnaire (or download the Word version). You can also join us at a **drop-in event** where you can ask any questions you may have. Details of the drop-in sessions can be found on our website. If you have any queries, please contact communityservicesfeedback@kent.gov.uk.

Members commented that the centre could be used more and bring in services and use the centre more and the school may be interested in taking on the building, Clerk would write to Cllr Brazier with Parish Council comments.

NOTED

Pitch Power Funding

Kingsdown Racers' had applied through a scheme called pitch funding for grass pitch maintenance funding. The PitchPower report had been received with details around the advice from the Grounds Management Association.

The Racers had started the application but currently are not able to evidence suitable security of tenure to the Football Foundation. The Clerk had provided a letter confirming that they use the pitch and rent on a pay as you play basis, and that they store their nets in our building. The Clerk had confirmed that a lease giving sole long term use was not possible on public area however the club and football foundation have asked for members to consider a non-exclusive licence to be agreed as an alternative that gives the club non-exclusive access to the pitch at certain times of the week?

The Club currently play and pay as they pay and mark their own lines.

Members discussed the improvement of the pitch and the match funding that Parish Council would have to find for one junior team to use the pitch. Members agreed they could not justify the financial commitment for the low use that the field received and couldn't stop the quad bikes riding over and ruining any improvement works that would take place. The Clerk would let the football team know of this decision. No lease would be issued at this time.
AGREED

Multi Use facility:

Previously the Clerk had provided information to members regarding an upgrade of the facilities and the grant that would be available of £700,000 from football foundation money to have a fully functional 3G floodlit football pitch available for the community and to hire.

At the precept meeting no budget was given to our part of the partnership funding of £250,000 that would be required for this project to proceed. Members to discuss before any time was spent on business plans and grant applications whether any funding was available as part of the partnership funding. Without funding the scheme could not move forward at this time. The Clerk gave an update that a successful bid for grant funding from South East Water community chest had been successful and the sum of £29,855.51 had been awarded towards the multi use facility project. Members agreed to move forward and for the Clerk to write a business plan and explore other external funding options the Parish Council would then as partners would contribute, however the priority for funding would be the purchase of new land for a Burial Ground extension.

ALL IN FAVOUR

Bus shelter – Portobello

A quote had been received by Alan Clark as follows

To replace two Broken acrylic sheets on bus shelter by portabella

The acrylic sheet is 6MM thick. Take out the timber beading on inside. Cut acrylic sheets to fit.

Re fix beading. Cost £390 proposed by Cllr P Bosley and Seconded by Cllr Watchorn to accept this quote
ALL IN FAVOUR

Drains Hever Road Shops

Date for drain clearing work to take place is week commencing Monday 20th February - **RECEIVED**

Meetings:

The venue for Parish Council meetings was discussed by members to remain at the St Edmunds Centre or return to the Old School Building for future meetings the comments of noisy haters, room slow to heat up and blankets required was considered but agreed that the use of the wi fi , plans on the wall for all to see and the interaction of the Members of the public to be involved outweighed the disadvantages and the Council would continue to use the St Edmund Centre and hire from the Church.
AGREED

Deli Debbie retirement

This was raised by a resident at the last meeting and Members discussed what could be done in recognition of her retirement. A certificate of thanks and flowers to the value of £20 was proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr Gray
ALL IN FAVOUR

Kings Coronation

His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation

The Coronation ceremony to mark His Majesty King Charles III's ascension to the throne will take place at Westminster Abbey in London on Saturday 6 May 2023 beginning a weekend of celebrations.

The weekend includes an extra bank holiday on Monday 8 May.

The extended bank holiday weekend will provide opportunities for communities to come together to celebrate this special occasion.

Members considered if they wished to put on a community event to mark the occasion and it was agreed that the community would be arranging their own events and planning things to do for their

own roads and therefore the Parish Council would not arrange a central event. No community project was identified

AGREED

Skatepark inspections

Skatepark inspections per year. Feb 23, May 23, August 23, Nov 23 inspections at a cost of £318 per year. The previous inspector charged £220 for one annual inspection. The Clerk has asked safeplay for a price for an annual inspection which has been quoted at £300 for a single inspection. The Clerk to clarify and bring back to the next meeting

AGREED

Street Lights Hever Road

A new lighting contractor had been found and the "Streetlights " engineer went to look at the light that is not working outside the dry cleaners, they have confirmed this is not working because of a failed lamp.

Our price to supply and fit a replacement lamp would be £96.25 + Vat.

It was also note that the other lamps were of similar age, and some were blackened, so you can expect these to fail in due course.

The door locks on all the columns and mini pillar were corroding and there is a time-switch in one column that also has a photocell hanging by the wires inside it.

This column appears to control all the other columns, which is more than the photocell was designed to do.

It was proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr Gray to accept the quote to replace one bulb at a cost of £96.25 and to ask for a fuller report on the state of the columns and wiring

ALL IN FAVOUR

February dates

Planning and Parish Council meeting : Wednesday 22nd February 2023 :Main Hall, St Edmunds Centre, School Lane 7.30pm NOTED

Meeting closed at 8.27pm