

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the planning and Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 23rd August 2023 held at St Edmunds centre School Lane, West Kingsdown commencing at 7.30pm

Planning Agenda

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr I Bosley (Chairman), Cllr McCarthy Cllr Seal, Cllr P Bosley, Cllr Richards .

In attendance Cllr Bulford

Chairman welcomed Cllr Mc Carthy and Cllr Seal who had both been co opted onto the Council and were attending for the first time.

Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.

Brands Hatch

Rod reported that the vegetation at the rear of the Paddocks had been cut. He also reported that Barnd hatch were going to have to remove 80% of trees in a wooded area due to Ash dye back ,a replanting scheme would be introduced following those works

Accidents and Parking

Residents raised concerns regarding parking and road safety - in particular outside the new co op, Regency close , outside the oasis on London Rida , he raised concerns also for the accidents (of which some were fatal)recently along the London A 20, District Councillors would raise concerns with police and laura Tritt also Farningham Parish Council as the accidents had taken place outside of West Kingsdown Parish. Members explained that they had raised concerns about parking for the co op when the application initially came in, It was also raised about the cages being left along the alleyway between the shops and the car park.

Pot Hole Gamecock

The Clerk reported this had been reported to a contractor and was awaiting a date for repairs works

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr King. Cllr Bennett, Cllr Watchorn, Cllr Chalk, Cllr Christie and Cllr Gray

2 Declarations of Interest: None declared

3. Plans:

SE/23/02149/HOUSE:3 Hazelden Close

Proposal Demolition of existing garage to erect extension to create habitable room. Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension with rooflights with material amendment to front elevation landing window. Alterations to front porch and fenestration. Comment

SE/23/02188/LDCX: 19 Ashen grove Road

Confirmation that existing detached outbuilding used as a residential annexe is lawful, no comment

SE/23/02372/HOUSE: 4 Ash Tree Court Ash Tree Drive

Roof extension including two window dormers and rooflights. Comment

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2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda: None declared

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19th July 2023 were submitted
 It was moved from the Chair that they be signed as a true record and any recommendations implemented
 ALL IN FAVOUR

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4. Any Urgent Business

The Chairman ruled that any business received since the despatch of the Agenda, by reason of special circumstances, be considered, in order to avoid any undue delay and have up to date information.

The Burial Ground

Two quotes had been received from tree surgeons following a large branch that had fallen at the burial ground

OA P tree specialist had quoted £290 to cut the branch up and

Second quote from K&S garden services for the sum of £380

Members through the Chair accepted the quote for £290 from AP Tree specialists the Clerk to inform contractors
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5. Diary Items.

London Road Junction with Fawkham Road and School Lane -

Members diarised the road whilst KCC carried our further assessments of the junction. A meeting / presentation had taken place with KCC officers who are monitoring data gathered from School Lane Fawkham Road and London road junction with cameras that would remain in place for a further 6 months

6. Footpaths

SD271 Waymarker still missing – The Clerk to chase KCC for replacement.

Meadowbank _ Trees require attention – Clerk awaiting a quote.

7. Correspondence

This is important that Parishes and residents have their say about the future of the warden scheme

KCC Warden Review

On the 12th July 2023, KCC launched a consultation on a proposed redesign of the Kent Community Warden service, we want to share the proposals with you and hear your views, the consultation runs from 12 July to 3 October.

As set out in the 2023/24 budget, to help meet the financial challenge KCC is facing, the Community Warden service has been asked to reduce its annual budget by £1 million by 2024/25. Setting this year's budget was the most challenging it has ever been, due to increasing demands on KCC services and the cost of providing them.

To achieve this level of saving it has been proposed that the service is redesigned, ensuring that there is core Community Warden presence across the county, with teams covering two district authority areas. This would retain the community-based way the service currently works, but use data and information to identify need and where best to place wardens so they can have the most impact.

Please view the proposals in full and submit your views by visiting kent.gov.uk/communitywardenreview and completing the online questionnaire.

For any queries or to request hard copies of the consultation material please email CommunityWardenReview@kent.gov.uk or phone 03000 422688.

We would very much welcome your support in raising awareness of the consultation, and the opportunity for partners and residents to submit their views on the proposals and how they would affect them.

The Chairman and Clerk had completed the questionnaire on behalf of the Parosh Council in support of keeping the Community Wardens. **RECEIVED**

Dartford Council Local plan

Following public consultations regarding Soundness and considering the representation the inspector has agreed a consultation on proposed main modifications to the plan. Comments are to be sent by 25th September - the proposed main modifications can be seen on <https://www.dartford.gov/policy-1/main-modificatons> **NOTED**

8. Re placement path at recreation Ground

Quote received from original contractor Komplan to match up and relay new path following its removal due to the new fencing an electric cable re siting

Quotation 1 Squ. Metre 4,465.00 4,465.00

Supply and lay new rubber mulch path to connect with remains of existing path.
Remove from site the existing rubber mulch path

Total GBP Excl. VAT £4,465.00
20% VAT 893.00
Total GBP Incl. VAT £5,358.00

It was proposed the Clerk to confirm the unit price of the rubber matting per metre, and if the quote was for the whole section of path then to accept the quote supplied by Komplan to match the existing playground **ALL IN FAVOUR**

9. Finance

It was noted income £1,313.13 had been received

It was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr Richards that payments totalling £10,748.85 be paid **ALL IN FAVOUR**

10. Code of Conduct

Code of conduct was reviewed and with one amendment it was proposed through the Chair to adopt the Code of Conduct by Members.

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11. Hever Road Shops

Update re trees for members

Works have started to trim the first two trees but they have been unable to trim the third due to a pigeon nesting in the tree. The dead tree was dismantled and began to grind the stump of the tree outside Suters. Although now below surface level, there were 2 large pieces of metal in the ground that have unfortunately smashed teeth off the grinder wheel and the contractor is now awaiting replacement parts before he can continue. He will be unable to take the tree to ground level as the metal objects lodged through the remains of the stump. He will be returning to continue the works at the soonest opportunity and will keep the Parish informed of the progress.

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12. Old School management Committee update/report

AGM had taken place with representatives of the users present too, site continues to be well used, the Chairman explained the use of the site for new Members, Pre School. Railway club, Dance studio, St Edmunds church and hadoc users

13. Matters Arising

KCC letter re Rushetts and Kingsingfield Road – Clerk to Chase Mr Munn for his response

Queens Jubilee tree had died – a replacement wud be purchased at a suitable time so that is wasn't too dry

14. Newsletter Items

Co opted members

15. September dates

Planning and General purpose Meeting, Monday 11th September at The Pavilion at 7pm

Planning and Full Parish Council meeting Wednesday 27th September at St Edmunds Centre School Lane at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.20pm