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WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council of West Kingsdown Parish Council held in St Edmunds centre School Lane, West Kingsdown commencing at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 28th June 2023**

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr Gray, ,Cllr P Chalk , Cllr King , Cllr Mrs M Richards .

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

Resurfacing: To take place starting 24th July along London Road with night closures.

Fawkham Road/ Scratchers Lane: Foliage and over grown vegetation when pulling out of The Paddocks onto road.

Ammerican Speed Feast – some noise issue reported , direction of wind would affect who heard more noise than usual.

Planning

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr I Bosley and Cllr P Bosley, Cllr Christie

2 Declarations of Interest: None declared

3. Plans:

SE/23/01446/FUL: Land south of 48 Hever Avenue

Subdivision of land and proposed detached residential dwelling with associated landscaping.
Objection

SE/23/01534/FUL Land Rear Of 26 To 32 Hever Road

Proposal Removal of former car parking area and erection of 4 dwellings with associated drive and car parking. Objection

SE/23/01618/HOUSE 4 Vernon Close

Proposal Single storey side extension with rooflight. Internal reconfiguration. Demolition of large store outbuilding. Alterations to roof. Comment

SE/23/01627/HOUSE Ashurst The Grove

Proposal Erection of an outbuilding to be used as workshop/gym and garden tools storage at the rear of the garden.Comment

Maisie Rose 1 Bennetts Avenue: Residential development of 13 dwellings, consisting of 3 open market dwellings and 10 Local needs homes with associated parking and hard standing.

Amendment slight amendment to plot 4 (moved northwards)
Additional communal parking plan indicating ecological enhancements
Amended/ updated drainage and highways reports and design and assess statement.Comment

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1. Apologies for absence:Cllr Christie, Cllr I Bosley and Cllr P Bosley
2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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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

Diary Items. No diary items

Footpaths: No footpath matters raised

5. Diary Items. There were none

6. Footpaths

Sd271 Update re sunken manhole cover and missing waymarker, Clerk to chase KCC for an update

7. Correspondence

Chimmens Solar Farm

RES is exploring the potential for a solar farm on land between Horton Kirby and Fawkham, with the hope of submitting a planning application this year.

They are planning to hold a public exhibition about this in July, to give residents the opportunity to find out more, ask questions, and share their comments. The Clerk will confirm the date and venue when this has been received they would like to raise awareness and maximise our reach among residents, helping ensure everybody can go along and be part of the conversation.

RECEIVED

Kent Highways improvement plan

KCC would like to meet with members on Friday 21st July at 10am in the Pavilion to give a presentation on VivaCity monitoring with a presentation. Cllr David Brazier it is hoped will also attend.

KCC roadworks and resurfacing – London Road

Planned resurfacing is due to take place from Monday 24th July after Brands Hatch superbikes event

NOTED

8. Community Cupboard

Since the extension of the Cupboard they have worked to improve the outside space, there is now a sun canopy in place to provide much needed shade to volunteers and people using the service. A defibrillator not just for the Cupboard but available to all to use 24/7, garden to the side planted with plants given free by Woodlands Garden centre. The Community Cupboard would like to lay a new patio to replace the uneven and broken concrete there. Just a small area but to tidy and neaten the outside to help improve the appearance and provide a nice area for its users. Helping with mental health by giving a nice space to meet in.

The space would remain open and not fenced off. Members considered this improvement to the hub and it was proposed through the chair to give permission for this new patio.

ALL IN FAVOUR.

9. Vacancies for Parish council

The Closing date for people expressing an interest to join the Parish Council was Wednesday 28th June, at the time of the publication of this agenda there are four people expressing an interest for three seats. Monday 17th July had been set aside for members to meet with candidates and discuss the Council and its role. One candidate had to drop out for personal reasons leaving a meeting of three candidates on Monday 17th July

NOTED

10. Burial ground Tidy

Members are asked to agree a date for a burial Ground tidy

This is usually an hour or two to tidy the area, bring along gloves, secateurs, wheelbarrow and skip provided !

To be deferred to July Agenda

11 Tennis Courts:

These are free to use and the Parish welcomes people using them. Currently we had a few regulars who would like to repaint the lines at no cost to the Parish for their labour just the paint. The project to improve the facilities is still in discussion with funding providers to be able to move forward. It will be a longer term project but by painting the lines it will provide a temporary solution. It was proposed by Cllr Watchorn and seconded by Cllr Gray to purchase the paint required

ALL IN FAVOUR

12. Planning – Drives

Cllr Watchorn will address Members regarding gardens and drives that have been paved over and the consequences that causes.

Cllr Watchorn's asked the District Councillors to take this matter of laying drives with concrete and tarmac without permission with District enforcement team and voiced a concern to loss of earth and green gardens causing additional drainage strain on the drainage network and then flooding.

AGREED

13. Finance

It was noted income of 1,441.55 had been received

It was proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Watchorn that payments totalling £12,905.63 be paid

4 IN FAVOUR

1 ABSTENTION

14. Church Woods management Committee

The weekly working party's continue, mostly with path clearing as the brambles are growing rapidly at this time of year. Due to the recent high winds a few fallen trees have had to be cleared.

Since the last report there have been two dormice surveys, one animal was found in May and none in June. Probably because it was very what day when they are believed to go to ground where it is cooler.

15. Gamecock Meadow

Football pitches, the goal mouths at the bottom end of the Gamecock meadow require attention the mental post stumps from previous goal position need digging out 5/6 tons of soil to make good. Also the area near the near path requires new top soil and stone removal to be able to be mowed. The estimated cost from Kent Grassland is £1,000. It was proposed through the chair to accept this quote to repair the goal mouths and land near the bunding and new pedestrian entrance

ALL IN FAVOUR

The grass Crete path running along the bunding was designed to make access to the Community Cupboard easy for the Food bank to wheel donations and deliveries on trollies. Also for disabled and people with pushchairs to be able to access it easily instead of the steps. However, the Community Cupboard report and there have been reports to the Parish Office that the wheels get stuck in the grass Crete squares and the design needs to be revisited.

Members were asked to visit the Gamecock Meadow and look at the path. The Community Cupboard or the Clerk can view and show members the issue. For those wishing to try and see from a practical point the a trolley or wheelchair could have been provided.

Members asked to ask the the contractor Clive Yarnold for any alternative solutions to make the use of wheels easier along it and report back to a later meeting.

AGREED

16. Matters Arising

No matters arising

17. Newsletter Items

New Members

18. July dates

Planning meeting Monday 10th July – if required

Friday 21st July at 10am at Pavilion with KCC to receive a presentation on VivaCity monitoring with a presentation. Cllr David Brazier will also attend.

Monday 17th July new Members interviews Members to arrive at Pavilion 6.45pm first candidate 7pm

Full Parish Meeting and Planning meeting to be held Wednesday 19th July 2023 :Main Hall, St Edmunds Centre, School Lane 7.30pm – **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm