

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Parish Council held in St Edmunds Centre, School Lane, West Kingsdown on Wednesday 27th September 2023**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Bennett on her first Parish Council meeting following her co option.

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

Noise from recent drifting events within the circuits, compliant had been received and the District Council will be asked if this is in breach of their noise management plan. Also to be raised at next Liaison Group meeting.

Parking outside Oasis:

It was reported that the parking of cars using the oasis Café was causing a vision impairment to drivers pulling out of Hever Road. It was understood the owners had been approached to ask if they could ask their users for better parking and move inside in the car park. Parish Council would also look to see if it was an offence to park in the cycle lane and if so request Parking Enforcement to visit the site regularly.

Fly tipping

- a) Stanstead Lane 10 9L plastic containers with oil in them.
 - b) Fawkham Rd : emergency entrance to Brands Hatch 3 double mattresses had been dumped.
- Clerk to report

Chancel Close

Yellow Lines Cllr Mc Carthy reported that the parking in Chancel Close and Church Road outside of the yellow line area left no space for emergency vehicles . Clerk to raise with SDC re extension to lines

Trees London Road

Trees the Grange to GP Surgery London Road over grown - Clerk to report to KCC highways.

Correspondence received from Mr Vining:

Mr Vining was not content with the reply and wanted further discussion to take place :

- 1, for entrance to the Gamecock and lack of pedestrian paving – to go on next GP meeting
2. Speed of cars on access road to Village Hall – to go on the next Village hall agenda

Hever Road/ Hever Avenue Parking update :

Cllr Harrison gave Members an update following a recent meeting she had attended with SDC at the junction. Clearer markings were being looked at regarding the loading bay t50 keep it clear at certain times and more traffic wardens to attend. She has also spoken to the Co op re additional signage alerting drivers to the car park at the rear. She will keep members updated.

Planning

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley (Vice-chairman), Cllr V Bennett, Cllr R McCarthy, Cllr R Seal, Cllr P Bosley, Cllr S Gray, Cllr P Chalk , Cllr D King , Cllr M Richards

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Christie

Declarations of Interest: None

Plans:**TO BE RATIFIED**

SE/23/01618/HOUSE 4 Vernon Close : Proposal Single storey side extension with rooflight. Internal reconfiguration. Demolition of large store outbuilding. Alterations to roof. No objection 11/9/23

SE/23/02384/HOUSE: 92 Hever Avenue:

Single storey side extension, No objection 11/9/23

SE/23/02605/MMA: 3 Abbotswood Bungalows London Road

Amendment to 22/01084/HOUSE : Objection

SE/23/02383/HOUSE: Mulberry Cottage Hollywood Lane

Development: Proposed dormer window to existing bathroom : Comment

SE/02593/HOUSE: 5 Stacklands Close

Single storey side and rear extension to form annexe.: Objection

SE/23/02614/WTPO Paladin Botsom Lane

T4 Oak - remove tree : Objection

APP/G2245/W/23/3327689 23/00064/RFPLN Land south East of 1 Hailwood Place School Lane

Outline application for up to 6no. Custom – build dwellings houses with associated parking and biodiversity enhancements with some matters reserved. Noted.

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Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda: Cllr P Bosley for finance

Minutes

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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.

Access to the Community Cupboard on the grass crete: Members agreed to re look at the surface for its suitability. The replacing of the steps is due to take place the week commencing Monday 25th September. It was agreed that Members would visit the site and come back to discuss at General purpose meetings
NOTED

Footpaths**SD270 Kingsingfield Road, Adjacent to Sunnyglen**

Wooden finger post rotten Clerk to report to KCC

Correspondence**Kent County Council salt**

As winter quickly approaches, KCC are offering all of the Sevenoaks parishes the chance to have a one tonne bag of salt/sand mix (a small number of 25kg bags can be supplied if required), that parishes can use on the public highway.

If Parishes are interested in receiving one of these bags, an email is to be sent by 17:00 on 20th October 2023, with name and address of delivery.

Clive Yarnold has agreed to store salt but Members to request smaller bags for easier transportation.

AGREED

Grants

The Parish Council invite local groups to apply for a grant to help support their group. This year's forms have been circulated to groups, and advertised on local noticeboards, closing date 31st October and a finance committee meeting will take place in November for Members to consider applications.

NOTED

Finance

It was noted income £1,313.13 had been received

It was proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr King that payments totalling £10,748.85 be paid

9 in Favour

1 Abstention

Works in addition to Contracted Ground works

The Clerk held site meeting with contractor to look at all areas of land the Parish Council own and the follows observations had been made

Millfield Road -

Removal of two ash trees potentially causing damage to two private garages. One rear of Mobile home in first left turn. The second on the grass open area on the bottom right piece of land. **2**

To cut back of low branches and clearing of brambles - large green, grass cant be mowed as branches so low and eye level

Rear of Millfield Road / woodland

- Removal of dumped branches and garden waste on the boundary of the woods and Parish Council land
- cutting of low level branches causing potential safety issue for people and contractors working as eye level.
- Removal of ivy covered stump
- Removal of dead branches from several trees

Green open space on the right.. cutting back and lifting of low level branches to two trees.

Neal road

No works required.

Oaklands Close

No works required at present.

Chancel close -

Brambles and encroachment of low level branches around perimeter

Thornbank

No works required at present time

Meadowbank

To clear back brambles that are encroaching the grass
Tree with dead wood in Reported to KCC REF 746505

School Lane Garden

Low level branches encroaching onto the surrounding path, weight is pulling them down.

Burial Ground

Reduce hedge height by third along access road.
Reduce height of hedge around consecrated ground
Cut back large overgrown shrub on old grave.
to improve the bottom right section of ground - level and re seed

Gamecock

Hedges by skatepark reduce by half.
Front hedge adjacent to car park to reduce by half
These works in addition to works already approved to carry of boundary tree cutting to Gamecock.

Kent Grasslands, the Parish Contractor for our land until October 2024 (contracts are issued on a 3 years term) has quoted a day rate for these works. Their day rate is £750 plus vat. It is estimated for these works 3 days plus the boundary works approved.

It was proposed by Cllr Chalk and seconded by Cllr McCarhy that these works be carried at the rate quoted. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Burial ground Trees

Beech tree : Quote from AP Trees:

Following the recent failure of the large low limb and the condition of a number of other large limbs present within the crown, I would strongly suggest carrying out a crown reduction on the whole tree to alleviate end weight and wind loading. This reduction will aid in reducing the risk of any future limbs. I have attached a costing to reduce the complete tree with the aid of a tracked cherry picker. We will inspect the upper canopy of the tree at the same time to note any defects that aren't visible from ground level. The cherry picker will help ensure no damage happens to headstones below from falling branches. ... £1,800.00

AP Trees have quotes £1,800

Awaiting a second quote for both large beech trees

NOTED

Church Woods management Committee update/report

Weekly working groups continue. Across the summer these have mostly consisted of path clearing and clearing fallen trees and branches.

Fire ride restoration work has been completed in spite of some interference from persons unknown. The notice circulated earlier was placed outside the church the day of our committee meeting.

One dormouse was found at the last survey. The fact that it was a juvenile gives hope for the future. In September 2012, 30 were found. We are given to understand that numbers are down all round. They are believed to go to ground during the extreme hot weather.

Remembrance Sunday

The event is a joint event organised by Parish Council and Royal British Legion annually on Sunday 12th November the event meets at the Portobello and walks down along Fawkham Road to the War Memorial at the Burial Ground. The service is held there before walking back to be dismissed at the Portobello.

A road closure notice has been applied for by the Clerk. Volunteers are required to stand at each road junction along the route, re open whilst the service is going ahead, then close the road when the parade walks back.

Road Marshalls

Warlands Road – Paul Cullen – to confirm

Fawkham Road- London Road – Clive Yarnold – confirmed

Southfields Road – Dave Land confirmed

Fawkham Road near entrance to the church entrance – Cllr D king and Cllr Bennett to help at this point

Poppy wreath**A letter has been received from the Royal British Legion
Remembrance Sunday – Poppy Wreath**

“I hope that you will continue your support for the Poppy Appeal this year, and the Remembrance Sunday Parade. The Parade will take place on Sunday 12 November. It will form up at the Portobello Inn at 1030 hrs and proceed to the War Memorial by St Edmund’s Church. Alternatively, you may go directly to the War Memorial.

I note from our records that last year you had a type ‘B’ wreath whose production cost is £20.00. If you no longer require a wreath, please contact me as soon as possible. If I do not hear from you I will deliver the wreath to you shortly before Remembrance Sunday. A donation which covers as a minimum the production cost would be very much appreciated. If you wish to make a larger donation the balance will be applied solely to the work of the

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in supporting, all former and serving Service personnel and their dependants. The need remains as great now as it ever has been in the aftermath of recent campaigns.

Any donation you may wish to make should be forwarded to me. Cheques should be payable to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal or payment may be made by bank transfer. Last year you were kind enough to donate £75.00 If you are no longer the person to whom this letter should be sent please pass it on to your successor, and let me know the correct details for future reference.”

It was proposed by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr King to make a donation to the Royal British Legion of £75 for a wreath to be laid on behalf of the Parish Council.

ALL IN FAVOUR

Community Cupboard

The community cupboard has provided the Parish Council with their annual report for 2022/2023, copies are available for Members. Clerk to ask for an electronic version that could be circulated to all members

NOTED and AGREED

Committees

The Parish Council has representatives on the Management Committees and there are currently spaces on the following for members to consider. The following Members volunteered to join these committees..

Old School Management Committee : Cllr McCarthy

West Kingsdown Village Hall Management Committee : Cllr Gray and Cllr Bennett

Dog Bin

A request, from a neighbouring person has requested that the dog bin on Meadowbank be moved. There is a post at the front land by the A20 on a marker post., held by two jubilee clips. SDC want £150 to move the dog bin. Following discussion it was agreed that Members to take a look at the site first regarding suitability as this would mean two bins on the main road, albeit opposite.

Matters Arising

No Matters arising

Newsletter Items

New members

October dates

Planning and General-purpose Meeting, No Meeting this month.

Planning and Parish Council meeting Wednesday 25th October at St Edmunds Centre School Lane at 7.30pm. Apologies Cllrs P Bosley, I Bosley, S Gray.

To note - The Clerk on Leave 30th September to Monday 16th October.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.