

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

The Pavilion
London Road
West Kingsdown
TN15 6BZ
20th March 2024

I hereby summon you to attend the Parish Council Meeting of West Kingsdown Parish Council to be held in St Edmunds centre School Lane, West Kingsdown commencing at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 27th March 2024** to transact the following business.

Clerk to the Council.

Planning Agenda

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley (Vice-chairman), Cllr Bennett, Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Seal, Cllr P Bosley, Cllr Gray, Cllr G Christie, Cllr P Chalk, Cllr King, Cllr Richards.

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

Members' Register of Interests

To confirm receipt from all Members of completed Members' Register of Interests as required to be declared under the Local Government Act 2000. Members are asked to check and update their form – Clerk will bring on the night) if no changes to initial and date the existing form.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Gray Cllr Bennett

2 Declarations of Interest:

3. Plans:

SE/24/00309/HOUSE: Shiraz Eden Tinkerpot Lane

Adaption of an existing building for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of Shiraz Eden

SE/24/00511/Ful : Mill Farm Pells Lane

Change of use from storage building to retail unit

SE/24/00467/HOUSE 17 Vernon Close

Single storey rear extension

SE/24/00377/FUL - 41 Southfields Road

Development: Change of use to convert part of the rear garage into a dog grooming salon.
Alteration to fenestration.

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Parish Council Agenda Wednesday 27th March 2024
St. Edmunds Centre School Lane. 7.30pm

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1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Gray, Cllr Bennett

2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda.

3. Declaration of interests

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 28th February 2024 as attached.

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To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Planning Committee held on Monday 11th March 2024 as attached.

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the General Purpose Committee held on Monday 11th March 2024 as attached

5. Any Urgent Business

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

6. Diary Items.

7. Footpaths

SD271 KCC have confirmed that they will be serving notice on the resident at the end of Kingsingfield to remove his obstructions of the grass verge.

8. Correspondence

Update from English Rural affordable housing scheme School Lane

A copy of the allocations policy has been received. Residents are advised to register their interest with English Rural at <https://englishrural.org.uk/ourhomes/register-online/> or by calling us on 020 7820 7930 to request a form or speak to someone about registering. Applicants looking for an affordable rented home will also need to register with Sevenoaks District Council via kenthomechoice.org.uk or by calling telephone 01732 227000. When the construction commences on site, I will introduce you to the Regional Housing Manager who will be able to assist with any specific allocation matters.

English Rural report they have had to grant a further extension of time for the planning determination until the 28th March. The only remaining S106 issue is now with KCC but they suspect, frustratingly, a further extension of time will be required. They will of course keep Parish Councilors updated. However they are close to a start date for the scheme.

Sevenoaks Independent Advisory Group (IAG) meeting :

Next meeting Thursday April 18th, 19:00 – 21:00

Sevenoaks District Council offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG. (Full agenda to follow)

The r next meeting will include presentations from the Domestic Abuse Volunteers Support Service, an award winning community based charity supporting any victims of domestic abuse, aged 16 years and above, in West Kent. We will also hear from the National Centre for Domestic Violence whose mission is to help people: identify the early signs of domestic abuse, make decisions for a better life and help make domestic abuse socially unacceptable.

About the IAG (Independent Advisory Group)

The IAG are a group of community volunteers who work with Kent Police to improve policing services across the county acting as critical friends.

IAGs were created to challenge conventional thinking, to give an independent perspective on issues and to work as partners with Kent Police to inform improvements in service delivery. Further information about the IAG is available here [Independent Advisory Group \(IAG\) | Independent Advisory Group \(IAG\) | Kent Police](#)

Please note, our meetings will not discuss specific crime or anti-social behaviour matters within your area and these will be directed for follow up outside of the meeting by the most suitable person.

To help ensure we reach out across Sevenoaks, please help share this email with your community groups, newsletters and village magazines.

9. Winter Support Payments

A specific grant for Parish Councils to apply for, use at food banks was applied for and £1.500, this has been successful and as soon as payment received this will be transferred to the Community Cupboard

10. Football

No further update regarding the layout of the pitches has been received from South Darenth FC

11. Hever Road, West Kingsdown

12. 44 Millfield Road

Quote for works - AP Trees
Site Address Rear of: 44 Millfield Road,

T1. Ash - Re pollard back to previous points.

T2. Ash - Reduce canopy overhanging rear of 44 Millfield Road by 2m. Current radius 4.5m leaving at 2.5m.

Clear all the resulting debris leaving the area neat and tidy.

To submit a planning application to the local authority for trees protected by TPO's.

Total Value: £600.00 Vat(20%): £120.00 Total Inc Vat: £720.00

13. Finance

Details of income and expenditure to be tabled. To approve online payments for authorised payment.

14. Library update

The renewal of the lease is due currently KCC pay £2,410 They have asked Members to agree the suggested 5% increase for a fixed period of 3 years at the price of £2,249.10 per annum

15. Warden Scheme - KCC consultation

The warden scheme provided by KCC is to be reduced and currently wardens are reapplying for positions at this stage it is not clear if our warden will remain attached the West Kingsdown. Also the area they will cover will be wider when KCC implement the reduced numbers.

16. Grant Money

In 2022 the Parish Council awarded £200 to the Summer Playscheme, sadly this scheme did not run and the organisers have had to make a very difficult decision regarding its future. The scheme will not be running and the funds to be donated to charity and equipment sold. The Playscheme is still holding £200 and the organisers have asked if Members wish this to be returned back to the Parish Council or to be included in the monies that are donated to local charity

17. Report by Village Hall Woods Management Committee

18. Pavilion Roof:

The roof works continue to take place at the Pavilion Members received an email informing of the decision to increase the cost of the replacement roof due to the fact that the insulation was not up to standard. This could only have been realised when the roof was off – an additional £6,000 was added to the cost of the replacement to include new insulation across the entire roof. Members are to formally approve this additional spend authorised by three Members of the Council whilst contractors on site.

19. Matters Arising

20. Website

This is now live , as a new website it is work in progress with items to be added. Agendas and Minutes can be viewed on here

21. Playsafe inspections

A renewal of the inspections for the coming year four inspections of the skatepark and also the recreation ground at a cost £954 per annual

22. Newsletter Items

23. April 2024 dates

Planning and General purpose Meeting Monday 8th April 2024 at The Pavilion 7pm

Annual Parish Meeting followed by Planning and Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 24th April 2024 7.30pm pm at St Edmunds Centre