

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

The Pavilion
London Road
West Kingsdown
TN15 6BZ
19th July 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 24th July 2024** to transact the following business.

P A Bosley
Acting Clerk to the Council.

Members of the Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr Mrs P Bosley (Chairman), Cllr D King (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Blackburn, Cllr I Bosley, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr R Seal, Cllr M Stoneham, Cllr Mrs J Watchorn

New Co-Opted Members to the Council

We welcome Martin Stoneham and Austin Blackburn who have been co-opted to the Parish Council, and invite them to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Chairman's Announcement

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Cllr Stephen Gray following his battle with cancer. The Parish council places on record it thanks to him for his service on the Council and the local community.

Members of the Public & Councillors who wish to raise matters

Planning Agenda

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr Mrs J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr D King, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr R Seal, Cllr M Stoneham. Cllr A Blackburn

1. Apologies for Absence:

2 Declarations of Interest:

3. Plans:

To ratify:

SE/24/01431/HOUSE 68 Hever Avenue

Demolish existing conservatory, single storey rear extension, loft conversion, alternations to fenestration, Exterior insulation cladding, New brick slips with gate, rooflights, new fence, landscaping incl terrace and front boundary treatment. Objections.

To consider comments:

SE/24/ 01590 : 72 Southfield Road

Side/rear extension, loft extension, convert dormer windows, alterations to fenestration.

SE/24/00727/HOUSE : 12 Vernon Close

Single storey rear extension, roof lantern and first floor extension.

SE/24/01827 : 73 Southfield Road

Oak tree – trim branches overhanging drive by up to 2m in height

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St. Edmunds Centre School Lane. 7.30pm

Parish Council Agenda

1. Apologies for absence:
2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 as attached.

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 as attached

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Co-Option Meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 as attached

4. 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.

5. Diary Items.

6. Footpaths

Stacklands Wood : local residents advise that fencing is being erected along the footpaths. Evidence of use forms and guidance to procedure has been obtained from KCC Rights of Way.

7. Formal Complaint

To record that the Clerk, Mrs L Harrison, has made an official complaint against a resident, namely Miss Crump in respect of harassment whilst undertaking her job as Parish Clerk.

8. Locum Cover for Parish Council Clerk

To consider employing the services of a locum to assist with the day to day running of the Council whilst seeking a new permanent Clerk.

9. Burial Ground : Fallen Oak Tree

To ratify the action taken to remove the branch fallen from an Oak tree in the Burial Ground. The branch was across a grave and blocking the access path and it was considered a matter of safety that urgent action was taken. Omega Tree Care Limited were employed to remove the branch at a cost of £400.

Contact has been made with owners of the grave who said that there appears to be no problem and they were advised to make a detailed check and come back to us if there were any issues.

10. Community Warden Survey

Consideration is being given as to whether the Council joins with Ash, Fawkham and Hartley to fund our Community Warden to work in the four parishes following the reduction of the service by KCC. This would amount to a cost of £45,000 per year, shared between the parishes, and the cost to West Kingsdown residents would be in the region of £14,850 per year. Shared amongst the 2408 council tax payers this would be an increase of around £6.17 per annum.

The Council agreed to ask residents their views, before taking any decision, and a request for views was published in the July issue of ~SEKAM, on noticeboards and website with a closing date of 23rd July 2024. To date five positive responses have been received and none against.

Members instructions are required.

11. Correspondence

Affordable Housing, School Lane

English Rural advise that planning consent has been granted. They do have the S106 legal agreement to finalise but as previously mentioned this is reaching its conclusion.

Thanks is expressed to the Parish Council Members for their continued support. It has been a long run but I'm sure you'll agree these homes will make such a difference to the lives of residents and the wider community.

12. Co-Option Vacancies

Currently there are two further persons interested in being co-opted to the Council, who were unable to attend on the 17th July. Date is August to be arranged to meet with the persons.

13. Finance

- a) Details of income and expenditure to be tabled. .
- b) To appoint a Councillor to carry out Internal quarterly finance check.

14. Report from Old School Management Committee

15. Matters Arising

Land east of Springhams Cottages (Hayes Farm)

SDC has advised that officers will visit this land again next week, accompanied by the Police. This will Enforcement Team to assess the extent of the non-compliance with the requirements of the Enforcement Notice served in 2015 and any unlawful development that has taken place. It will also allow Officers to Assess current on-site conditions, informing next steps concerning the exploration of serving a further Enforcement Notice/prosecution proceedings.

Fallen Tree from Florence Farm adjacent to 94 Millfield Road

District Councillors have enquired about this tree which has fallen from Florence Farm and it having an Impact on the property and Parish Council land.

SDC advise that the land owner has ultimate responsibility to clean the fallen tree, however, under common law the Parish Council is permitted to do the work without consent if desired. .,As there has been no response from the land owner regarding clearing the tree, this becomes a civil matter and not something SDC would be able to assist with.

Trees : Millfield Road / Thornbank ; Report from Councillors

16. Newsletter/Website items

17. August dates

Planning & General Purpose Meeting : Monday 12th August 2024 at the Pavilion at 7.30pm

Planning & Parish council Meeting : Wednesday 28th August 2024 at St Edmunds Centre School Lane at 7.30pm

Meeting to meet with persons wishing to be Co-Opted to be arranged.