

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7.00pm
In the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Cllrs. S. McIntyre (SMc), B. Hedley (BH), J Whittington (JW)

Borough Cllr: 0

KCC Cllr: 0

Members of Public: 0

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
1098	<p>Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr J Shilton – conflicting meeting Cllr M Hill – conflicting meeting</p>	
1099	<p>Declaration of Councillor’ Interests</p> <p>a. To approve or reject any application put to the meeting by the Chairman in respect of Members seeking a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011, section 33.</p> <p>b. Request that Councillors’ or any other persons’ present declare if they intend to record any of the proceedings using any video or audio recording device or camera</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre declared an interest in PA/2024/1697</p>	
1100	<p>Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2024 The minutes were approved by Councillors’ and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.</p>	
1101	<p>Recruitment New Councillors Cllr Hedley designed and advertised the vacancies on social media in both the village and adjoining villages, stating that applicants had to live within 3 miles of Kenardington. Unfortunately, to date, no applications have been received.</p>	All

1102	Public Session At this point the Meeting will be adjourned. This session is for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda. Nothing to report.	
1103	Borough Councillor Report Cllr Shilton was unable to attend the meeting	
1104	County Councillor Report Cllr Hill was unable to attend the meeting.	

1105

Finance**SLCC Clerk's Approved Annual Increase**

Confirmation of the annual increase for 2024-25 was received

SLCC Approved 2024 Salary Increase – Backdated to April 2024

Previous Rate £15.21 per hour

Approved Rate £15.84 per hour

Increase per hour £0.63 – note this applied to all grades

	Current Rate £15.21 per hour	Approved SLCC Rate
	£15.84 per hour	
Hrs per week	4.5	4.5
£ per week	£68.45	£71.28
Hrs per month	19.5	19.5
£ per month	£296.60	£308.88
Annual Salary	£3,559.20	£3,706.56

Increase unanimously agreed

a. Payments

Direct Debits

HugoFox – November Website fee - £11.99

Cheques to be Approved

Chq No 459 – A Beach Oct-Dec Salary (Incl increase) £698.27

b. Receipts

Nil

Following the above, the current account has a balance of £6,056.78 and the business reserve a balance of £15,237.31 giving a working balance of £21,294.09 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 28th November 2024.

c. Confirmation of 2025-26 Precept Tax Base

Ashford BC have agreed the Tax Base for the next financial year Appendix 24-1201 details the cost households will pay their contribution to the Parish for each Band.

1106	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Estimates for Groundwork & Surface for Patio Area</u></p> <p>Quotations are required for the installation of Terram and top surface Cllr McIntyre is waiting for two quotations from local contractors, after discussion it was decided to suspend the matter, but the item to remain on agenda.</p> <p><u>Village Hall Donations/Payments by KPC</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Gov.uk Addresses</u></p> <p>HugoFox have asked how we wish the email addresses configured, the choices are: -</p> <p>name@gov.uk or ClerkKenardingtonpc@gov.uk ChairmanKenardingtonpc@gov.uk ViceChairKenardingtonpc@gov.uk CouncillorKenardingtonpc@gov.uk</p> <p>The latter could be used by multiple councillors but will reduce individuality, some residents would prefer to know they are just contacting one person.</p> <p>As previously highlighted the only problem of having individual addresses is once we have a full quota of Councillors (5 + Clerk) we then have to pay for ten addresses as they are sold in multiples of five – 5 addresses cost £9.99 + VAT per month (annual rate £119.88 + VAT) and 10 addresses cost £17.49 + VAT per month (annual rate £209.88 + VAT)</p> <p>Councillors discussed the matter and agreed to order 4 named addresses for Councillors and one for the Clerk initially, and increase as required.</p> <p><u>The Wish Hedge Maintenance</u></p> <p>Cllr McIntyre confirmed he had spoken to Mr ‘Bob’ Zajaczkowski who will discuss the matter with his employer, Mr Keith Ashby, to obtain a price to flail the hedge as early as possible.</p> <p><i>Post meeting the hedge has been flailed by Ashby Farms at a cost of £150</i></p>	SMc SMc BL
1107	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>PA/2024/1697 – Kenardington Sub-Station, amended plan with the external walls of the building to be finished in juniper green. KPC Decision - Agreed</p> <p><u>Planning Appeals</u></p> <p>PA/2023/2023 – Fernfield Homes have made an appeal against the decision made by Ashford BC</p>	

1108	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><u>Complaints</u></p> <p>Councillors agreed that the trial bikes were still running and agreed to send an update to ABC and ask if it was possible to check how many residents made individual complaints about the noise generated.</p> <p><u>Designated Green Space – The Wish</u></p> <p>Cllr Shilton has raised this item and we await a reply. This is a drawn-out process and we need to be patient. The Clerk agreed to speak to Cllr Shilton and ask if the PC needs to make any further applications.</p> <p><i>Post meeting Cllr Shilton asked the Clerk to send a letter requesting an update, this was done and he confirmed he has taken forward.</i></p> <p><u>Speedwatch & Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) update</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Planning Application to Re-position the Lamppost at Village Hall</u></p> <p>Following the advice of the Planning Department we shall apply for a Lawful Development Certificate once we have agreed the work. A quotation has been received which includes the cost of a new post and lantern totalling £2,801.21 + VAT (£1,816 is the UK Power Networks cost) the Clerk has asked why KPC are being expected to pay for the new post and lantern as the current one is damaged with the inspection box attached with tape, and awaits a reply.</p> <p><u>Play Area</u></p> <p>No reply has been received from ABC regarding the lease for the ground. Cllr Shilton advised that it may be worth concentrating on registering the area as a Village Green, which if successful we would be able to install the play area.</p>	<p>JW/SMc</p> <p>BH/All</p>
1109	<p>Green Energy & Nature Projects</p> <p>Nothing to report, although Councillors suggested renaming this item.</p>	<p>All</p>

1110	<p>Correspondence Items previously emailed. KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – November Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins – KALC Community Awards 2025 <p>After discussion Councillors agreed not to nominate anybody for the award in 2025</p> <p>KALC – Ashford Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Area Committee Agenda for 27th November 2024 <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th November – Details of Christmas & New Year Refuse Collection Days – Parish Precept Requests 25-26 & Tax Base <p>Kent Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Winter Season 24-25 and 1 tonne Salt request – Details of Highways Managers/Stewards 	
1111	<p>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The next meeting is on 7th January 2025</p>	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 7.55

2025 - 4th February; 4th March

Meetings start at 7.00pm