

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7.00pm
In the Village Hall

Present:**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs. S. McIntyre (SMc), B. Hedley (BH), J Whittington (JW)**Borough Cllr:** Cllr J Shilton**KCC Cllr:** 0**Members of Public:** 0**PC:****Clerk:** A Beach

| Minute No | | ACTION |
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| 1113 | Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr M Hill – conflicting meeting | |
| 1114 | Declaration of Councillor’ Interests <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 | |
| 1115 | Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2024 The minutes were approved by Councillors’ and were signed by Cllr McIntyre. | |
| 1116 | Recruitment New Councillors Ongoing | All |
| 1117 | 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. | |

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| 1118 | <p>Borough Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Shilton reported that it is likely that KCC and Medway councils will apply to join the Devolution priority ‘fast-track’ scheme, if accepted the 14 Borough Councils will be dissolved and 1 Unitary Council will be established, split into three or four areas, there will be one mayor covering all areas, the role would have a number of new responsibilities, including the Police and Crime Commission and Social Services.</p> <p>Ashford could be split across East and West Kent (Folkestone/Dover and Tonbridge), Oxney will probably come under Tonbridge.</p> <p>If KCC votes to apply for the ‘fast-track’ scheme the County Council elections due in May will probably be cancelled and Mayoral elections will probably take place in May 2026. It will take a number of years for a unitary Council to become fully operational and will initially work in tandem with current Borough Councils.</p> <p>Cllr Shilton has arranged a meeting with planning to discuss the proposed traveller site and will update the PC accordingly.</p> <p><i>Post meeting KCC and Medway voted to apply for the ‘Fast-track’ scheme and have received confirmation that they will be contacted shortly to confirm acceptance.</i></p> | |
| 1119 | <p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Hill was unable to attend the meeting.</p> | |
| 1120 | <p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Payments</u></p> <p><i>Direct Debits</i></p> <p>HugoFox – December Website fee - £11.99</p> <p>b. <u>Receipts</u></p> <p>Nov/Dec Interest £34.39</p> <p>Following the above, the current account has a balance of £6,032.80 and the business reserve a balance of £15,271.70 giving a working balance of £21,304.50 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 28th December 2024.</p> | |

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| 1121 | <p>Matters Arising <u>Gov.uk Addresses</u> The five email addresses have been requested from HugoFox for: - Kenardingtonpc@gov.uk (Clerk) SteveMcIntyre@gov.uk BrendaHedley@gov.uk JohnWhittington@gov.uk Leaving one spare <u>The Wish Hedge Maintenance</u> Ashby Farms have flailed the hedge at a cost of £150. The Clerk asked if Councillors were happy for the invoice to be paid by BACS once received, this was approved. Cllr McIntyre will ask Foreground Tree Surgery for a quotation to cut the hedge at the top end of The Wish; this was not done previously due to the height and circumference of the branches.</p> | Clerk |
| 1122 | <p>Planning <u>Planning Applications</u> None received</p> | |
| 1123 | <p>Village Matters <u>Complaints</u> <u>Designated Green Space – The Wish</u> A letter has requested an update from Cllr Shilton who has confirmed he has taken the matter forward. JS will chase <i>Post meeting JS forwarded an email from ABC confirming this is something that can be considered and the next step is for the PC to make a formal application for this to be considered as part of the 2042 Local Plan</i> <u>Speedwatch & Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) update</u> The improvement works for the village are due to commence on 3rd February 2025. <u>Planning Application to Re-position the Lamppost at Village Hall</u> No reply has been received regarding why KPC are expected to pay for the new post and lantern as the current one has been damaged. <u>Play Area</u> 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 BH/All</p> |

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| 1124 | <p>Village Hall <u>Patio Area Development</u> Leave on agenda</p> | |
| 1125 | <p>Green Energy & Nature Projects Alternative headings for this section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Climate Change & Greener Living – Sustainable Energy & the Environment <p>Following discussion this item will be renamed Sustainable Energy & the Environment</p> | All |
| 1126 | <p>2025 Meeting Dates See Appendix 25/001 Councillors discussed the date for the Annual Parish Meeting and agreed on Wednesday 9th April at 7.00pm</p> | |
| 1127 | <p>Correspondence Items previously emailed.</p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – December Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins – Details of Operation Brock implementation over Christmas period <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins <p>Kent Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kent Police Budget Consultation <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th December 2024 – Cancellation of the Lifeline Anytime service | |
| 1128 | <p>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The next meeting is on 4th February 2025 Agenda proposed subsidiary from PC to cover annual running costs of the Village Hall</p> | |

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.55pm

2025 - 4th February; 4th March

Meetings start at 7pm

Appendix 25/001

2025 Suggested Meeting Dates

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| February | Tuesday 4 th |
| March | Tuesday 4 th |
| April | Tuesday 1 st Wednesday 9 th - Annual Parish Meeting |
| May | Tuesday 6 th (note Monday 5 th is a Bank Holiday) meeting will also Include the Parish Council AGM |
| June | Tuesday 3 rd |
| July | Tuesday 1 st |
| August | No Meeting |
| September | Tuesday 2 nd |
| October | Tuesday 7 th |
| November | Tuesday 4 th |
| December | Tuesday 2 nd |