

**KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 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     |
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| 1084      | <b>Apologies &amp; Reasons for Absence</b><br>Cllr M Hill – conflicting meeting  |            |
| 1085      | <b>Declaration of Councillor' Interests</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ol>   |            |
| 1086      | <b>Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b><br>The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.   |            |
| 1087      | <b>Recruitment New Councillors</b><br>Currently we have been unable to fill the two vacancies, this is an important matter and we need to concentrate highly on it in the New Year. Cllr McIntyre suggested that as we have been unsuccessful finding replacements within the village, we should look at adjoining villages; the Clerk confirmed that prospective candidates have to live in or within 3 miles of the parish or have been an owner or tenant of any land or premises in the parish for over 12 months.<br>Cllr Hedley agreed to advertise the vacancies on social media. | <b>All</b> |

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| 1088 | <p><b>Public Session</b></p> <p>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.</p>   |  |
| 1089 | <p><b>Borough Councillor Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Shilton was unable to attend the meeting</p>  |  |
| 1090 | <p><b>County Councillor Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Hill was unable to attend the meeting</p>  |  |
| 1091 | <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>a. <u>Payments</u></b></p> <p><i>Direct Debits</i></p> <p>HugoFox – October Website fee - £11.99</p> <p><i>Cheques for Approval</i></p> <p><b>b. <u>Receipts</u></b></p> <p>Business Reserve interest for October £18.12</p> <p>Following the above, the current account has a balance of £6,767.04 and the business reserve a balance of £15,237.31 giving a working balance of £22,004.35 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area.</p> <p><b>c. <u>Initial 2025-26 Budget</u></b></p> <p>The suggested budget presented to Councillors in October was agreed, increasing by £400 to £7,100 and proposed precept of £7,100</p> <p>Ashford BC have informed us the final tax base will be discussed in the Cabinet meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, therefore the final decision on the proposed precept of £7,100 will be deferred until the KPC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.</p> |  |

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| 1092 | <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>Estimates for Groundwork &amp; Surface for Patio Area</u></p> <p>Quotations are required for the installation of Terram and top surface<br/>Cllr McIntyre is waiting for two quotations from local contractors.</p> <p><u>Village Hall Donations/Payments by KPC</u></p> <p>Cllr McIntyre explained that all PCs have to be fully transparent how their funds are allocated and one area we should tighten-up are any donations or payments made to the Village Hall and going forward any request must be an agenda item. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Cllr Hedley explained that whilst the storage areas have been tidied, they were forced to dispose of the barbecue and asked if the PC would be able to donate towards a replacement. This request will be placed on to the next meeting agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Hedley asked the Clerk to apply for a temporary entertainment notice (TEN) from ABC for the social event on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.</p> <p><u>Gov.uk Addresses</u></p> <p>The Clerk has asked Hugo Fox to supply KPC with a Gov.uk domain for the website and email addresses for the Clerk and Councillors, as agreed in October.</p> <p><u>The Wish Hedge Maintenance</u></p> <p>Cllr Hedley confirmed that her usual contractor has retired and will be unable to undertake flailing the hedgerow. Cllr McIntyre agreed to ask a local resident and Cllr Hedley will contact Thompsons</p> <p><u>Update on the Parish Forum</u></p> <p>Cllr Whittington gave a brief update on the Forum recently attended</p> | <p>SMc</p> <p>SMc</p> <p>BL</p> <p>JW</p> |
| 1093 | <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>None received</p>   |   |

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| 1094 | <p><b>Village Matters</b></p> <p><u>Complaints</u><br/>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><br/>Cllr Shilton has raised this item and we await a reply.<br/>This is a drawn-out process and we need to be patient.</p> <p><u>Speedwatch Update</u><br/>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)</u><br/>At a recent meeting with Kieran Doble, Highways Engagement Manager, Cllrs McIntyre and Whittington agreed with the Highways decision that Kenardington does not qualify for a reduction in speed limit to 30mph. This decision was based on evidence from a recent speed survey, and accident data; the speed of vehicles travelling on Warehorne Rd and Appledore Rd through Kenardington Village averaging between 30 and 35 mph and no accidents reported on these roads in the past 6 years. Kieran Doble agreed to make road signage improvements to reduce risks of accidents at the Appledore Rd/Warehorne Rd Junction and at the bend on Appledore Rd/Church Lane Junction. This will entail a replacement village gateway sign on the Warehorne Rd approach to the village from Woodchurch and repaint of road markings either side of the village gateways on the Warehorne Rd. A Refresh of bend warning signs and new road markings either side of the Kenardington Rd, Church Lane Junction. Cllr Whittington suggested this and Speedwatch be amalgamated into one agenda item.</p> <p><u>Planning Application to Re-position the Lamppost at Village Hall</u><br/>Service request 20212760 asking if planning permission was required and also notified them of the condition of the lamp.<br/><i>Post meeting an email was received from Stephen Watts (ABC) that they had forwarded onto KCC for an indication of costs. KCC have advised that if it is moved more than 2m the UK Power costs would increase substantially. The Clerk confirmed it was less than 2m. The Planning Department have also confirmed that 'Based on the specifics of the location and the nature of the works, planning permission may not be required, but a Lawful Development Certificate would be the safest approach to confirm this formally'</i><br/>Cllr McIntyre suggested we should apply for the Lawful Development Certificate; the Clerk will contact ABC Planning for further information.</p> <p><u>Play Area</u><br/>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</p> <p>SMc/JW</p> <p>BH/All</p> |
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| 1095 | <b>Green Energy &amp; Nature Projects</b><br>Nothing to report  | <b>BH</b> |
| 1096 | <p><b>Correspondence</b><br/>Items previously emailed.</p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Consultation on Proxy Voting, Remote Attendance &amp; Hybrid Meetings</li> <li>– Chief Executive Bulletin</li> <li>– October Newsletter</li> <li>– Training Bulletins</li> <li>– Weekly Bulletins</li> <li>– Invitation to Highways &amp; Transportation Autumn Parish Seminar on 20<sup>th</sup> November at Sessions House, Maidstone</li> <li>– Retrieval of Village Hall Files from Action with Communities in Rural Kent</li> <li>– Notice of Annual General Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul> <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chief Executive Bulletins</li> </ul> <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>– Agenda for the Planning Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>– CEO Update on EES Border Control Changes</li> </ul> <p>The consultation on Proxy Voting, Remote Attendance and Hybrid was highlighted and Councillors advised to read the document.</p> |           |
| 1097 | <b>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information</b><br>The next meeting is on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024  |           |

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.30pm

2025 - 7<sup>th</sup> January; 4<sup>th</sup> February; 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Meetings start at 7.00pm**