KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.00pm In the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Cllrs. S. McIntyre, B. Hedley, J Whittington

Borough Cllr: KCC Cllr:

Members of Public: 0

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
1056	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr M Hill – Alternative meeting Cllr E Brown – Rendered her resignation	
1057	 Declaration of Councillor' Interests 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 Cllr Hedley declared an interest in PA/2023/2023 	
1058	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 nd July 2024 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	
1059	New Councillor With Ellie Brown rendering her resignation at the beginning of the meeting, the PC is now looking for two replacement Councillors. The Councillors discussed the matter in detail and a number of people were suggested and together with contacting them, everybody agreed to make the residents aware of the vacancies and explain to any interested parties how they would be expected to contribute and how little time is devoted to council work each month.	All

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	to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda.	
	Nothing to report.	
1061	Borough Councillor Report	
	Cllr Shilton was unable to attend the meeting	
1062	County Councillor Report	
	Cllr Hill was unable to attend the meeting	
1063	Finance	
1000	a. <u>Payments</u>	
	DPC Payments made in July / August	
	Amazon plc – Payment of approved outdoor items (minute 1049a	
	July 2024) - £244.86	
	Direct Debits July / August	
	HugoFox – July Website fee - £11.99	
	HugoFox – August Website fee - £11.99	
	TV Licence – Annual Renewal - £169.50	
	Cheques for Approval	
	Chq No. 456 – A Beach, Salary July-September; includes approved	
	increase, minute number 1050 July 2024; - £622.86	
	b. Receipts	
	Business Reserve interest for June-August £54.82	
	Following the above, the current account has a balance of £4,036.02 and	
	the business reserve a balance of £15,200.47 giving a working balance of	
	£19,236.49 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area.	
	c. 2025-26 Budget Planning	
	The precept amount for the next year has to be approved at the	
	November meeting, therefore a draft budget will be compiled and	
	presented at the October meeting, please consider any projects you	
	feel the PC should consider and include in the draft, these can be	
	ones to complete in the 2025-26 year or larger ones where financial	
	reserves would have to be accumulated.	
	Our precept for the present year is £6,750, to date we have spent	
	£3,764, leaving a balance of £2,986 although an amount of £1,000	
	was included for the D-Day Event which will be carried forward for	
	next year, the only two major payments left are £550 for the	
	caretaker and £1,244 six months Clerks salary, leaving £192.	

1064 **Matters Arising**

<u>Picnic Bench Location</u>

Cllr McIntyre has discussed the location and security fixings with the Village Caretaker, the options are: -

- Where should the final location be?
- Place on railway sleepers on the grass area, the Caretaker has quoted £80.00 for the sleepers plus the cost of the fixings.

If placed onto sleepers they could be relocated for events if required.

Cllr Hedley suggested obtaining a quote to cut out an area, cover with Terram and top surface.

Councillors agreed to obtain quotations from local contacts for the above.

Overgrown Trees on The Wish

Cllr McIntyre reported that trees were touching electric cables, this was reported to ABC on report number 21042275 who have subsequently informed UK Power Networks of the problem.

Gov.uk Addresses

Further to the information training session attended by the Chairman and Clerk, Hugo Fox have informed us that they are going to include the cost of a Gov.uk domain setup and maintenance within their web packages, once they have received their gov.uk domain certification it will be a free and seamless service upgrade.

They are in the late stages of their application and expect to receive their certification very soon.

In addition to the domain they will be offering gov.uk email addresses, these will include 10GB of storage. There will be a charge for these but say these will be competitive.

Cllr McIntyre has received a quotation from Easy Websites, the initial charges will be: -

- Initial setup fee, reduced price of £250 plus VAT
- Monthly management fee, £30.80 per month plus VAT
- Councillor email fee, £2.20 per month plus VAT
- Annual Fees
 - 1st year £649.60 plus VAT
 - Future years £369.60 plus VAT
- Contracts are fixed of the first 12 months and can be cancelled with 3 months' notice after the initial 12 months

Appendix 2409-01 shows the full details.

Since the meeting HugoFox have completed their certification and provided the full cost for both the website and email addresses, there initial charges will be: -

- Initial setup fee, no charge
- Monthly fee, as per our current fee of £9.99 per month plus VAT
- Councillor email fee
 - 5 Accounts £9.99 per month plus VAT (equals £1.998 per address)

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1065 Planning

Planning Applications

PA/2023/2023 – The Grange applications for 6 bungalows and associated landscaping.

ABC refused the application for a number of reasons, full details attached on Appendix 2024/902

Planning Advice/Training

Cllr McIntyre attended training at ABC on 22nd July.

<u>Proposed Changes to the Planning System under new Government</u>

KALC held a webinar outlining the proposed changes, highlighting how these changes could have significant impact, detailed on the following *Proposed Planning Changes*

PCs were advised to read and comment on the current consultation, this is running until 24th September 2024

1066 **Village Matters**

Complaints

Cllr Whittington held a meeting with the concerned residents and Cllr McIntyre to discuss the noise nuisance caused by motorcross bikes in the village to advise how to proceed and report to ABC to resolve the problem going forward and reiterate that KPC would fully support them. The residents thanked the PC for their advice and support.

Designated Green Space – The Wish

Cllr Shilton has raised this item and we await a reply.

This is a drawn-out process and we need to be patient.

Speedwatch Update

Nothing to report

Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

Cllrs Whittington and McIntyre had another meeting with KCC Highways, full update at the October meeting.

Planning Application to Re-position the Lamppost at Village Hall

Service request 20212760 asking if planning permission was required and also notified them of the condition of the lamp.

Play Area

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.

Church Lane Footpath

Confirmation has been received that a new finger post will be installed, unfortunately they are unable to provide a timescale.

Cllr Hedley has trimmed the entrance to make it easier to access, Cllr McIntyre thanked her for doing so.

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1067	Green Energy & Nature Projects Cllr Hedley is booked on a Making Space for Nature mapping workshop on 19th September aimed at restoring wildlife habitats, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and improve our health and wellbeing. Cllr Whittington registered his interest if they are able to run sessions at weekends.	ВН
1068	Correspondence	
	Items previously emailed.	
	KALC	
	Chief Executive Bulletin	
	 July Newsletter 	
	 Training Bulletin 	
	Weekly Bulletins	
	 Post Election Planning Briefing 21st August 	
	 Clerk's Conference 12th November at Detling Community Hall 	
	KALC Ashford	
	 Area Committee Meeting 31st July Agenda and Minutes 	
	NALC	
	Chief Executive Bulletins	
	Ashford BC	
	 Agenda and Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th July 	
	Kent, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance	
	 Thank you for the PC's donation 	
	Historic England	
	 Details of Heritage funding in rural and coastal locations 	
1069	Future Agenda Items/Items for Information	
	Notification was received from ABC confirming that a Parish Forum will be	
	held on Tuesday 15 th October at Singleton Environment Centre from 9am	
	to 3pm, details to follow	
	Post meeting Cllr Whittington was booked onto the session	
	Cllr Whittington informed the meeting that he would be unable to attend	
	on 1st October therefore it was agreed to alter the date until 8th October.	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.30pm 2024 – 8th October; 5th November; 3rd December 2025 - 7th January; 4th February; 4th March

Meetings start at 7.00pm