

‘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 (SMc), B. Hedley (BH), J Whittington (JW)

Borough Cllr:

KCC Cllr: Cllr M Hill (MH)

Members of Public: 0

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
1070	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr Shilton	
1071	Declaration of Councillor’ Interests <ul 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 Cllr McIntyre declared an interest in planning application PA/2024/1697	
1072	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th September 2024 The minutes were approved by Councillors’ and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	
1073	New Councillors Nothing to report	All
1074	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.	
1075	Borough Councillor Report Cllr Shilton was unable to attend the meeting due to conflicting meeting	

1076	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Hill gave a brief report. The Governments main objectives are increasing the number of new homes and devolution, no financial increases will be made to local Government, causing further difficulties for KCC who are already planning for difficult times over the next two years.</p> <p>The new 'Buses Bill' recently announced will return the control back to local authorities without any funds to run them.</p> <p>KCC believe the Care, Social Services and the NHS should be a joint service to provide a cohesive and improved service.</p> <p>KCC have a large budget gap but there is an improvement from last year.</p> <p>The numbers of displaced children in the County are still very high and accounts for the highest percentage of the budget.</p> <p>Finally, the border control system has been delayed once again, as the main holiday period has now finished it is expected that the impact on Dover will be easier and queues reduced.</p> <p>BH – asked how devolution will affect social care MH – does not think it will improve the situation</p>	
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Finance**a. Payments***Direct Debits*

HugoFox – September Website fee - £11.99

Cheques for Approval

Chq No. 457 – Wittersham PC, Caretaker Scheme - £600.00

Chq No. 458 – KALC, Planning Training - £19.20

b. Receipts

Ashford BC, second precept payment £3,375.00

Business Reserve interest for September £18.72

Following the above, the current account has a balance of £6,779.83 and the business reserve a balance of £15,219.19 giving a working balance of £21,999.02 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area.

c. Initial 2025-26 Budget

The Clerk updated Councillors on the expenditure from April-September 2024 and the expected expenditure for the remainder of the 2024-25 financial year.

Following this the initial budget suggestion for 2025-26 was presented, the budget will have to be increased by £370.00 to £7,060.00, the main variances are: -

- Internet/Website Fees (£200) to obtain Gov.uk domain and email addresses
- Village Caretaker (£50), the last increase was in 2022-23
- Clerks Salary (£550) for scale and annual increases
- Training (£250) for new Councillors
- Internal Audit Fee (£100)
- Defibrillator Accessories (£100) the cost of parts increase as the machine ages
- Maintenance (£95) for The Wish hedge upkeep
- Others under £50 (£25)
- VE Day Celebration (-£1,000) we were unable to hold the D-Day celebration therefore the amount is held in our reserves

If the suggested amounts are agreed the proposed precept would increase to £7,100 from £6,750, the rate per Band D property will rise from 58.19 to 61.21 a 2.64% increase. This could alter once we receive the Tax Base details from ABC the until we receive the full.

Appendix 2410-01

Cllr McIntyre thanked the Clerk for the presentation

1079	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>PA/2024/1697</p> <p>Kenardington Substation – Change of use of land to operational land to accommodate a new 33kW transformer.</p> <p><u>KPC Decision</u></p> <p>Cllrs Hedley and Whittington agreed the application in principle and made the following ‘representation’ reply</p> <p>Kenardington Parish Council (KPC) understand that to ensure sufficient power is available for the future requirements of the village KPC would like to request the following amendment to the submitted plans. Given the close aspect of the site to existing properties KPC request that the service road, turning point and parking site are relocated and placed on the opposite side of the building to the eastern side of the site.</p>	
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1080	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><u>Complaints</u> Cllr Whittington and the Clerk confirmed that no further contact has been received since August regarding the noise from the motorcross bikes therefore Councillors agreed to close the matter and remove from future agendas.</p> <p><u>Designated Green Space – The Wish</u> Cllr Shilton has raised this item and we await a reply. This is a drawn-out process and we need to be patient.</p> <p><u>Speedwatch Update</u> Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)</u> Cllrs Whittington and McIntyre had another meeting with KCC Highways, discussing the speed reduction methods and the reduction of the speed limit to 30mph, KCC are still opposed to the latter. JW and SMC feel that to ensure the safety of residents the limit needs to be reduced and KPC should continue to strengthen the argument for it.</p> <p><u>Planning Application to Re-position the Lamppost at Village Hall</u> Service request 20212760 asking if planning permission was required and also notified them of the condition of the lamp. <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.</i> <i>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></p> <p><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><u>Church Lane Footpath</u> 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. The item can now be removed from the agenda</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>SMc/JW</p> <p>BH/All</p> <p>JS</p> <p>All</p>
8.25pm	Cllr Hedley left the meeting due to a personal commitment	

1081	<p>Green Energy & Nature Projects Cllr Hedley was unable to give an update on the Making Space for Nature mapping workshop held on 19th September, and the matter was deferred until the November meeting.</p>	BH
1082	<p>Correspondence Items previously emailed. KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – August & September Newsletters – Training Bulletins – Weekly Bulletins – Launch of new KALC website <p>KALC Ashford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Area Committee Meeting Agenda on 25th September and previous meetings draft Minutes <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins – Notification of the launch of a new website on 8th October <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th September – Agenda for the Planning Meeting on 9th October <p>Ashford Community Voice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Offering Fraud Prevention Presentations 	
1083	<p>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The next meeting is on 5th November 2024</p>	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.35pm

2024 – 3rd December

2025 - 7th January; 4th February; 4th March

Meetings start at 7.00pm