

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 7.00pm
In the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Cllrs. S. McIntyre, B. Hedley, E. Brown

Borough Cllr: 0

KCC Cllr: 0

Members of Public: 0

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
991	<p>Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllrs J Shilton & M Hill – Conflicting meetings Cllr T Coombes</p>	
992	<p>Resignation of Councillor Cllr McIntyre confirmed that Rachael Stone has resigned as a Councillor, due to personal reasons. The position has been advertised on the notice board and the village website, if nobody puts their name forward by 19th April 2024, we will be able to co-opt a representative.</p>	
992a	<p>Announcement Cllr McIntyre announced that he had applied for and accepted the role of Parish Clerk for Appledore.</p>	
993	<p>Nominations and Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman The Clerk asked members for their nomination for the positions <u>Chair Nomination</u> Cllr Hedley nominated Cllr McIntyre, Cllr Brown seconded the nomination and it was carried unanimously. Cllr McIntyre signed the Declaration of Acceptance and the Chairman took over the meeting. <u>Vice Chair Nomination</u> Cllr McIntyre nominated Cllr Hedley, Cllr Brown seconded the nomination and it was carried unanimously.</p>	

994	<p>Nomination of Officers and Representatives Responsible Finance Officer – the Clerk Police Liaison – Cllr Coombes Village Hall Liaison – Cllr Hedley Social Media Correspondent – Cllr Hedley Risk Assessments – Cllr McIntyre Village Caretaker Liaison – Cllr McIntyre</p>	
995	<p>Declaration of Councillor' Interests</p> <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 	
996	<p>Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th March 2024 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.</p>	
997	<p>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.</p>	
998	<p>Borough Councillor Report Cllr Shilton was unable to attend this evening, but confirmed his attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. He also informed the Clerk that ABC would be replacing the Dog Waste bin shortly.</p>	
999	<p>County Councillor Report Cllr Hill was unable to attend this evening, but confirmed his attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	

1000	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Payments</u></p> <p><i>DPC Payments made during March</i></p> <p>Repay A Beach for VH equipment from the Winter Warm grant £308.97</p> <p><i>Direct Debit</i></p> <p>HugoFox, Monthly Website fee £11.99</p> <p><i>For Authorisation</i></p> <p>None</p> <p>b. <u>Receipts</u></p> <p>Business Reserve a/c – Interest Feb & March £34.16</p> <p>Current a/c – Winter Support Grant £292.99</p> <p>The current account has a balance of £4,425.34 and the business reserve a balance of £15,107.22 giving a working balance of £19,223.59 of which £5,833 is allocated to the proposed play area and £730.17 allocated to outdoor furniture and equipment for the Village Hall</p> <p>These were reconciled to the bank statements up to 25th March 2024</p>	
1001	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>Resignation of Councillor</u> As detailed in minute number 992 above. – <u>Gov.uk Addresses</u> To obtain these for Councillors’ and the Clerk written confirmation is required from the PC to confirm that the Clerk can apply on behalf of the PC. This was agreed and the Clerk will compose a letter for signature at the next meeting in May. 	
1002	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>None received</p> <p><u>Planning Advice/Training</u></p> <p>Confirmation has been received that Simon Cole, Assistant Director of Planning and Development at ABC is arranging for this to take place at the Civic Centre in conjunction with KALC</p>	

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Village Matters

- Footpath AT187 from Appledore Road to the B2067

Since this matter was raised by a resident and following the request of Councillors, KCC informed the Clerk that it was the responsibility of ABC to clear overgrowth and leaf mulch from pavements and is awaiting a response from ABC.

- Overgrown Trees on land between Nursery End and B2067

The PC as still awaiting a reply from the owners of the land.

- Drainage Issues on Appledore Road

Following our complaints regarding these issues we have received a reply from KCC Highways stating: -

KCC's Highways Drainage Team have been working hard to develop and implement a maintenance regime for all roads in the county. This allows us to attend more of our assets in a proactive and cost-effective manner each year. The scheduled cleansing programme covers an annual drain cleanse for our Strategic Network and a 3-yearly drain cleanse on our Minor Network. The programme is in its second year, and over time we are confident this will reduce the need for reactive attendances.

All enquiries we receive are assessed to ensure we are prioritising our spending across the network. If an assessment determines that our reactive intervention criteria has not been met at the time of investigation, the location will instead be maintained through our scheduled cleansing programme.

Following our risk assessment of the information you have provided for Church Lane & Appledore Road we have determined that this location does not meet our intervention criteria for additional reactive works. Instead, it will be attended during the next cleaning cycle. The target date for this is on or before May 2024

A letter and more photos were sent stating our disappointment and we await a reply.

- Community Emergency Plan/Flooding

Cllr McIntyre confirmed that a full Emergency Plan was very in depth and as a small community, ensuring we have a designated Safe Place, both the Village Hall and the Church are suitable and apart from ensuring we are fully aware of any vulnerable people who should be contacted the village is prepared, this was agreed by all present.

- Removal of Dog Waste Bins

As confirmed by Cllr Shilton ABC have apologised and said they will supply replacements for bins purchased by PC's or where ABC waste contractors are not responsible for emptying. Unfortunately, the Clerk was unable to prove that KPC had purchased the bin in Church Lane but as the Village Caretaker is responsible for it, therefore we hope ABC will replace it.

1004	<p>Green Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Nothing to report. 	
1005	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Items previously emailed.</p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – March Newsletter – Training Opportunities <p>KALC – Ashford Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minutes of the Meeting Held on 7th March Includes details of Funding for EV chargers via ABC up to £12,000 per Parish ABC are arranging Planning Training at the Civic Centre Update on ACRE <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Upcoming Events <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – List of sites published for the next Local Plan <p>Kent Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – April Newsletter 	
1006	<p>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information</p> <p>The Clerk identified the current scheme that Kent Air Ambulance are running to generate one million pounds to purchase a helicopter, this will save over half a million pounds per year rather than leasing it, and subsequently allow more emergencies to be attended. Cllr McIntyre asked for it to be added to the May agenda to allow all Councillors to consider making a donation.</p>	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Dates of Future Meetings

2024 - 7th May; 4th June; 2nd July; 3rd September; 1st October; 5th November; 3rd December

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

Meetings start at 7.00pm