

KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2018
At Kingsnorth Primary School, Church Hill, Kingsnorth from 1830

Present: Cllr Breese, Cllr Luery, Cllr Holland, Cllr Hicks, Cllr Dehnel, Cllr Moss, Cllr Barber

14 members of the public (incl Mike Ciccone)

KCC & Borough Councillors: Aline Hicks, Neil Shorter

Also in attendance: Christine Drury – Assistant to Parish Clerk (Finance), Marie Russell – Assistant to Parish Clerk (Admin), David Jenkins – Caretaker

Apologies: Mike Angell, Brad Bradford, Paul Bartlett, Cllr Jim Wedgbury, Ann Martin – PCSO, Len Bunn-Parish Clerk (due to illness)

1830 – Doors opened to the public to view proposed plans of the Masterplan.

Declarations of Interest: Patricia Moss Signs as her husband is Chairman of the Recreation Centre Trustees.

Main Meeting – 1900

1. The Chairman opened the meeting & welcomed the members of the Parish Council, KCC & Borough Councillors as well as members of the Public.

2. Approve Minutes of 17th May 2017

Cllr Barber proposed the minutes were a true reflection of the meeting and Cllr Luery Seconded. All Agreed.

3. Chairman's Annual Report:

Chairman's Report Kingsnorth Parish Council APM 12th June 2018

A lot has happened over the last financial year as many projects that had been in the pipeline for years came to fruition. Kestrel Park was completed, and the official opening took place on the 21st May 2017. KPC will be taking over the management and maintenance of this park as soon as the legal paperwork has been completed by Ashford Borough Council (ABC).

To undertake this work, we have reviewed our staffing arrangements and increased the hours of our caretaker and handyman and will be purchasing appropriate equipment that we intend to use elsewhere in the parish thus spreading the investment.

The long-awaited park at Bridgefield is under construction and due to be opened on the 30th June. This project was delayed due to the wet weather, and drainage of the site will be closely monitored. Once outstanding matters are resolved the intention is for KPC to take over the management and maintenance of the park.

Last year we advised you that the Recreation Centre would be closed for major refurbishment and these works took place and the centre re-opened on the 21st January. Little Acorns now have their own access to the building which allowed for a re-design of the reception area making it a more welcoming and inviting face of the centre.

Slices of Life are the new gym and leisure operator and already these new arrangements have transformed the centre which is active and busy.

The centre is managed by Kingsnorth Recreation Centre trustees, Anne Luery, who in very difficult circumstances with help from the parish council kept services going. If you are interested in becoming a member of the trust I am sure Stuart Moss their chair would be happy to talk to you.

The cost of the refurbishment was funded by ABC section 106 funding and by KPC which has eaten into our reserves which we need to build up again but that was what they were set aside to do. Interestingly, over £30k of additional costs were related to higher standards being required following the tragic fire at Grenfell Towers.

The project was managed by the Parish Clerk Len Bunn, who we thank, and took a great deal of his time, something we will need to review when we take on other potentially large projects in the future.

The Local Plan is currently going through the inspection phase and ABC hope it will be adopted in the autumn 2018. There are some large proposed new developments in Kingsnorth and this prompted the parish council to review its business plan which sets out our priorities over the next five years.

With a population of 11,500 and growing it is important that we resource ourselves to take on the challenge and that we have the skills, equipment and reserves to deliver the business plan.

Last year I spoke to you about the master planning exercise we undertook with key stakeholders in the parish and through this we developed a master plan for the village centre, key to unlocking any additional facilities was the need for off street car parking.

Using this as our starting point our mission is to ensure all residents, existing and new, have access to the amenities available, we protect and enhance our open spaces and heritage and work constructively with our key stakeholder to ensure new developments are integrated and contribute to the infrastructure of the parish.

To deliver our mission our business plan has four major strands:

- The vision for the village hub.

- Kingsnorth Conservation fields
- Management of our public facilities
- New communities.

To check if the ideas put forward in last year’s master plan are still valid we have produced a questionnaire which is already on line and will go out in hard copy to all residents along with a newsletter. Details of the master plan and business plan are available in the room for you to look at.

The key questions for us to consider is how we improve and enhance connectivity between the existing and proposed communities, if we need a designated district centre, if so where should it be and what facilities do we want.

Once we have a clear and agreed plan we can then cost it and present our shopping list to ABC in case some of it can be funded from developer’s contributions and start to build up reserves and apply for grants.

The parish council is made up of 10 members who are all volunteers, we are currently operating with 8 as one member is on sabbatical and sadly Hilary Moorby, one of our longest standing members died this year. We are looking at how we can remember Hilary’s contribution to the parish, one idea is to name the new footpath across the community orchard that she planned and planted, Hilary Way.

The members are:

John Holland & Anne Luery who is also vice chair who represent Washford Farm.

Patricia Moss who represents Westhawk.

Shelly Barber and Jim Wedgbury, who represent Park Farm South.

Stephen Dehnel and Jaqueline Male, who is on sabbatical, represent Park Farm North.

Aline Hicks who represents Brisley Farm.

Stubbs Cross is currently vacant

Alison Breese who represent the village ward.

Our staff team includes:

Len Bunn our full-time clerk, Christine Drury and Marie Russell our part time assistants to the clerk, David Jenkins our full-time caretaker and Tom Whattham our part time caretaker/ handyman and Amanda Jenkins who helps on a part time basis with our cleaning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and staff for their contribution over the last financial year we could not have done all we have without you.

There are a few initiatives I would like to draw your attention to, one is speed watch, and we now have the equipment we just need volunteers to help use it.

The community café still needs volunteers and we will be holding a Ladies Night at the recreation centre on the 29th September which will be a party themed evening where we model and sell nearly new evening wear to raise money for Breast Cancer research and Headway, a charity based locally for people with head injuries.

4. Annual Finance Report

CD presents the Financial Report covering the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, details of which had been approved by the Internal Auditor

Kingsnorth Parish Council Budget 2018-2019

	£
<u>Income</u>	
PRECEPT	210570
GRANTS Support	3990
GRANT Concurrent	590
Sub Total	215150
INTEREST	100
PAVILION INCOME	2000
MUGA	2500
FUNCTIONS	150
OTHER (Kestrel Park Grant)	9100
Income (excluding precept/grants)	13850
<u>Expenditure</u>	
SALARIES Admin	53500
SALARIES Non Admin	58500
Total Salary	112000
COMMUNICATIONS	4000

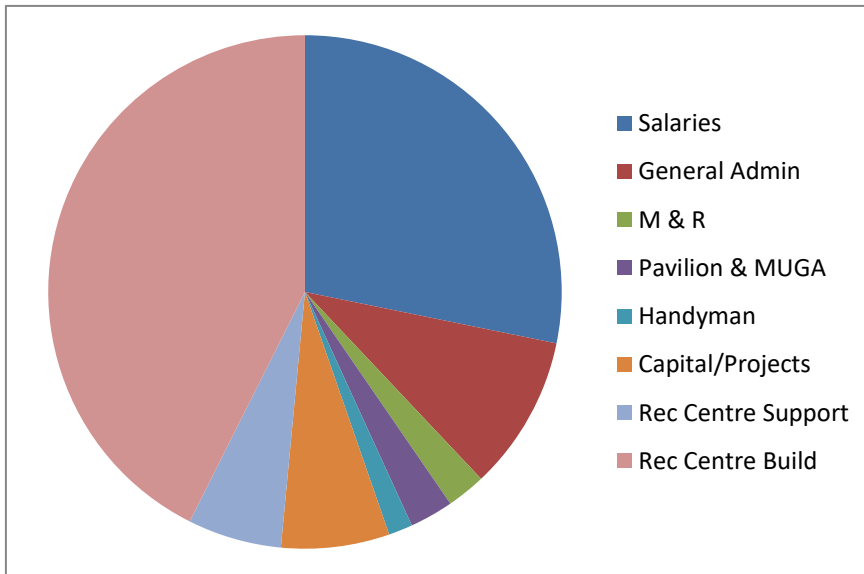
SECTION 137 (COMMUNITY DONATIONS)	1000
GENERAL ADMIN	17000
SUBSCRIPTIONS	1350
MAINT & REPAIRS - Other Assets	6000
MAINT & REPAIRS - Playing Field	5500
PLAYING FIELD - Improvements	2000
OTHER	100
TRAVEL	50
PAVILION	10000
MUGA	500
MAINTENANCE	5500
CAPITAL/ASSET EXP/PROJECT	30000
PARISH OFFICE	4000
KINGSNORTH COUNTRY PARK	5000
CONTINGENCY/KRCT SUPPORT	10000
KINGSNORTH FACILITY UPGRADE	15000
TOTAL	229000
Less Income	13850
Precept + grants required	215150
<u>Current Year 2017/2018</u>	
2017/2018 Precept	145484
2017/2018 Grant + Concurrent Support	4660
Total Current year	150144
<u>2018-2019</u>	
Precept	210570
Grant Support	3990
Grant Concurrent	590
Total	215150
Band D equivalent tax base (number of properties)	4341
Local Tax (£ 210570÷4341) per property	48.51

Bank Reconciliation 2017-2018

<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<u>Cash Book</u>						
Opening Balance	278965.95	269156.73	286163.95	280006.24	266058.92	206540.15
Plus income	4505.24	75691.66	389.13	1334.39	1131.85	75155.08
Minus expenditure	14314.46	58684.44	6546.84	15281.71	60650.62	100778.77
Closing Balance	269156.73	286163.95	280006.24	266058.92	206540.15	180916.46
<u>Bank</u>						
Metro Bank Current a/c	13809.64	13733.66	13244.64	12918.70	12508.65	12113.94
Metro Bank Reserve a/c	65193.60	65199.14	65204.50	65210.04	65215.58	65220.94
NW Bus Direct Reserve	98307.12	98308.01	98308.82	98309.65	98310.48	18310.82
NW Spec Interest B A/c	97970.02	138186.79	105898.41	95378.72	33211.11	116184.31
NW Bus Current A/c	100.00	100.00	277.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Petty cash	307.20	307.20	284.46	257.20	236.00	181.24
Total cash	275687.58	315834.80	283217.83	272174.31	209581.82	212111.25
Less o/s chqs	6530.85	29670.85	3211.59	6115.39	3041.67	31194.79
Total cash book	269156.73	286163.95	280006.24	266058.92	206540.15	180916.46
	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
<u>Cash Book</u>						
Opening Balance	180916.46	227602.56	180913.47	167790.90	159476.21	153676.37
Plus income	129244.46	7727.64	35.11	1696.04	136.33	382.48

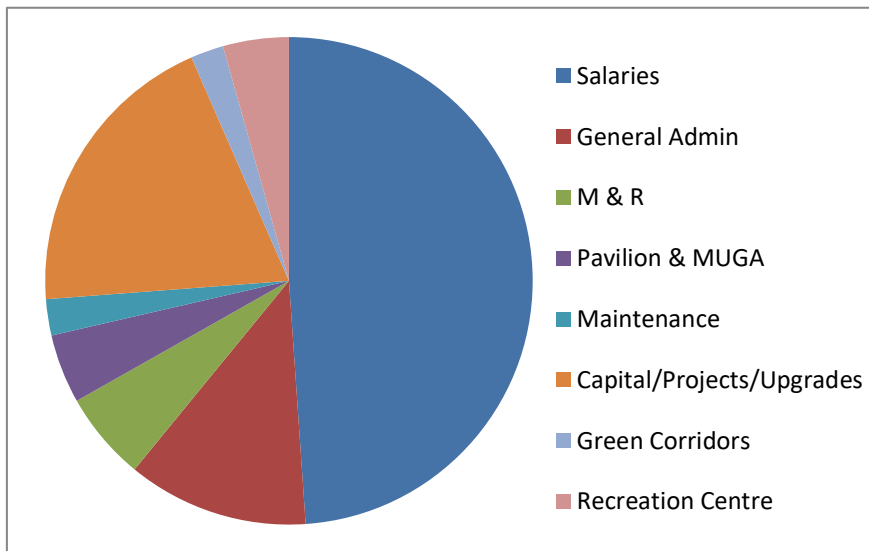
Minus expenditure	82558.36	54416.73	13157.68	10010.73	5936.17	5603.12
Closing Balance	227602.56	180913.47	167790.90	159476.21	153676.37	148455.73
Bank						
MetroBank Current a/c	11666.82	11257.78	10737.35	9167.66	8250.62	7638.79
MetroBank Reserve a/c	65226.48	65231.84	65242.92	65254.00	65264.01	65275.10
NW Bus Direct Reserve	8310.94	8311.23	8311.56	8311.94	8312.26	8312.59
NW Spec Interest B A/c	144613.92	97464.01	88444.71	78933.40	74823.27	68603.74
NW Bus Current A/c	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Petty cash	144.34	27.79	27.79	34.30	55.80	5.80
Total cash	230062.50	182392.65	172864.33	161801.30	156805.96	149936.02
Less o/s chqs	2459.94	1479.23	5073.43	2325.09	3129.59	1480.29
Total cash book	227602.56	180913.42	167790.90	159476.21	153676.37	148455.73

Kingsnorth Parish Council - Expenditure 2017 - 2018



	£	%
Salaries	81707	28
General Admin	28269	10
M & R	7099	2
Pavilion & MUGA	7958	3
Handyman	4385	1
Capital/Projects	19751	7
Rec Centre Support	17127	6
Rec Centre Build	123355	43
	289651	100

Kingsnorth Parish Council Budget 2018-2019



	£	%
Salaries	112000	49
General Admin	27500	12
M & R	13500	6
Pavilion & MUGA	10500	5
Maintenance	5500	2
Capital/Projects/Upgrades	45000	20
Green Corridors	5000	2
Recreation Centre	10000	4
	229000	100

AB asks if anyone has any questions in relation to the annual finance report.

Member of public – just looking at the general income and expenditure, it’s up by nearly £90,000 is that due to the extra playing field?

AB yes, we’ll be taking on additional hours for the caretaking service to undertake we think about 2 days per week to take on Kestrel Park and then with Bridgefield coming on as well.

Cllr Dehnel Proposed the Annual Finance Statement and Cllr Hicks seconded. **All Agreed.**

5. County Councillors Annual Report:

Mike Angell Annual Report 2017 / 2018

This has been an exciting and interesting year for me.

I was selected to be the Vice Chairman of the County Council with a strong possibility of becoming the Chairman on 17th May 2018.

However, life has to go on which has involved me in continuing to scrutinise the local NHS and their plans for the future. This includes examining the recovery plan for the South East Coast Ambulance Service to help the service come out of special measures.

In addition, I have been working to study plans for the future of the stroke service which is undertaking a complete overhaul which is badly needed. As a matter of interest I have met with a number of stroke survivors who welcome the possibilities of a future plan.

In my role as Vice Chairman there have been occasions where I have attended civic duties on behalf of the Chairman such as citizenship ceremonies which are held twice per week. Here those people from other countries all over the world have applied to the Home Office and reached the final stage of certification which are presented by the County Council Chairman or Vice Chairman at a ceremony at the Archbishop’s Palace. I have also visited voluntary organisations and charities in all parts of Kent and sometimes Medway on behalf of the Chairman.

Recently I attended a conference of Early Years Education for children with Special Needs and Learning Difficulties which was initiated by Hamstreet School.

This is in addition to the normal help and support that I give to my constituents.

6. Borough Councillors Reports:

Paul Bartlett reported:-

KINGSNORTH ANNUAL MEETING REPORT JUNE 2018

POTHLES

Cold weather this winter has caused deterioration of the road surface in many places in the village. Please will residents report potholes as soon as they see them at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>. If you do not have access to the internet call me on 0773 929 3502. Up until 23 May, KCC had committed around £200K of work in Ashford, working to a deadline for completion of this phase by the end of August 2018. Salt bins have been refilled as resources allowed it but if you know of one that needs to be topped up please let me know. Not all roads are gritted, but if there are routes you feel should be added to please let me know so the council can start the review process.

BUSSES

Following the recently announced changes to Stagecoach timetables, KCC has launched "The Big Conversation" to understand what communities want from public transport services and how they could be better organised to meet that need. This could potentially improve rural access and deliver this at a lower cost. It may replace the conventional subsidised bus services and, in its place, provide greater access for residents. This could include a taxi-bus style service which links rural communities to main-line commercial bus routes or community-led transport services. There will be a Rural Bus Summit in June which will bring everyone together to discuss the way forward.

FINBERRY TRIGGER POINTS

Now Crest have built more than 301 houses on Finberry they are obliged to complete the bus link to Finberry (from Damara Way). After the 401st occupation, ABC can serve notice on the Church Commissioners requiring the southern link road (from Rutledge Avenue) to be completed before 500 dwellings at Finberry can be occupied. 400 completions is the point at which the developers need to agree with ABC the specification for the community centre. No more than 500 dwellings on Finberry can be served by the left in/left out junction on the A2070 unless tested and 'agreed otherwise'. 'Otherwise agreed' means, following occupation of 475 dwellings at Finberry, traffic surveys must be held to establish morning peak hour and evening peak hour traffic movements to assess the actual impacts on the A2070 junction. The results will enable KCC and ABC to assess whether the maximum 500 dwellings stipulation should remain the trigger point for the all ways traffic lights at the entry to Finberry or a higher threshold can be agreed.

BRIDGEFIELD PARK

A tentative opening date of 29th June has been suggested but that is provisional and dependant on the ground drying up. Once drainage work is completed, the area around the play area will be dryer.

LOCAL PLAN

The Council has been hosting the Planning Inspector who is reviewing its Local Plan for "soundness". There are plans for 1,500 houses south of Kingsnorth village and Councillors were at pains to stress the need for "buffer zones" and protection for existing properties. The Council expects to hear from the Inspector in the late summer/early autumn. The need for sensible policies for the extensions to Bridgefield (325 houses) and Finberry (300 houses) were also set out including that these extensions are sympathetically designed within the wider landscape and enhances existing development. There appears to be an emerging consensus that funding for the Rail Halt at Bridgefield will be diverted towards improved bus services. Applications have been submitted for south of the village (ref 15/00856/AS) and Bridgefield III (18/00652/AS), please look at these and submit comments.

J10A CONSTRUCTION WORK

Work has started in earnest on this project with Highfield Lane now closed and work on the bridge removal started. Traffic lights will go in at Barrey Road in June 2019 (subject to a safety audit). The plan is for the new junction to be partially open to traffic by March 2019 with final completion in May 2020. Without doubt there will be delays and congestion during construction. The communication channels for complaints are direct to Highways England Customer Contact centre via email info@highwaysengland.co.uk or 0300 123 5000, or to the project team via email M20J10AImprovements@highwaysengland.co.uk. Please copy me in on your complaints so I can track issues and their resolution. Those who need to access the railway station via the international side will be further inconvenienced until November by the closure of Newtown Road. Both KCC and ABC will endeavour to ensure the closure is kept to a minimum.

Separately, Highways England advise that work to replace the Orbital roundabout with traffic lights will not start until after work on the junction is completed. This is part of the proposal to expand the lorry park.

Paul Bartlett

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Aline Hicks reported:-

Annual Parish Meeting Report 2018 from Borough Councillor Aline Hicks Weald South Ward

Over the past year I have been a member of the following committees: - Planning, Overview & Scrutiny, Standards, Ashford Water Group and the Infrastructure Group. I also try to attend all of the Planning Policy Task Group meetings, the Chilmington Green Stakeholders and Ashford Strategic Delivery Board.

In addition I represent Ashford on the River Stour Internal Drainage Board, Citizens Advice Bureau and Marshlink. Last December I resigned as a director of Kingsnorth Primary School, now and Academy run by Church's Aquila Group.

ABC is considering producing commercial valuations for its commercial property assets based on the RICS red book valuation in accordance with the UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Unemployment in the borough has risen slightly over the last quarter (4) to 1.8% however this remains below the average for Kent 1.9% and England as a whole 2.1%. At March youth unemployment had risen to 3.7%, the highest since Feb 2015 this is above the Kent average of 3.1% and England 2.9%.

The Planning Department up to Dec last year dealt with 69 major developments, 377 minor development decisions and 933 other development decisions.

Anne Forbes, the council's Syrian Resettlement Co-ordinator was awarded the British Empire Medal in the 2018 New Year's Honours in recognition of her work.

The Police Commissioner has agreed to give funds to improve Ashford Police Station.

The Local Government Association undertook a peer review of the Council's Planning Service.

ABC partnered with Ashford Leisure Trust to procure a new leisure operator for all the main leisure facilities in the Ashford area.

The former Odeon cinema was purchased.

ABC is a member for the Kent Business Rates Pool this means that for 2017/8 30% (£370,000) was retained :30% went to KCC., 30% is put into a Growth Fund for economic development within Ashford: remaining 10% (£123,000) put aside for use as a Safety Net Reserve to mitigate risk.

Ashford College is full and for the next year it is oversubscribed by 30%.

Neil Shorter gave an update:-

I am the Ward Member for Washford Farm, which included part of Stanhope (Speldhurst Close) and Brisley Farm borders of the Chilmington development.

As a Borough Councillor my portfolio as part of the cabinet is for Finance and IT. In the content of financials I'd like to congratulate Kingsnorth Parish Council on their finances. Kingsnorth were very brave I guess about 4 years ago to begin to increase their precept so that they could actually do things for themselves rather than rely on the Borough, or others, doing things for them and for you, so I think the strategy of increasing the precept for the benefit of this community is to be recognized and congratulated. You may have different views because you're paying it, as am I, but I think it's the right strategy.

My responsibilities include:-

A member of the **Audit Committee for Ashford Borough Council**,

On the **Compliance Board** which Cllr Dehnel Chairs, Enforcement Board,

Planning Policy Task Group – which is not the Planning Committee but it actually sets the principles of what planning processes should be for the future and the new local plan which is currently under inspection by the National Governing Inspector, that will conclude and a new local plan, which in my view, will be found with some recommendations for amendment mid-summer time.

I also share the **Council Tax and Welfare Of All Task Group** – Ashford actually applies the lowest council tax in Kent and is one of the lowest in the South East of England. We are also looking at the implementation of Universal Credit which actually impacts on very many of the poorest members of our society which is going live on the 20th June. That is going to be a significant event for many people within the Borough.

Regeneration and Investment Board – determines which investments the Borough Council are going to make, to make our financial future secure.

I.T and Digital Transformation Board – Makes sure that the Borough Council utilise technology appropriately so when officers go out and look at problems they can actually use modern technology (iPad's etc.) to record it and that's then immediately put into the database and immediate actions can be taken.

The Reporter App is available to all members of the public and I recommend that you actually take a look at it because you can help to make a difference to our community by reporting things quicker and it goes to officers who can then respond to make matters right.

One additional task I picked up in the last 5-6 months is that there have been issues with the **Chilmington Development** which to some extent sits with Kingsnorth Parish and to that extent a lot of work was undertaken in the autumn prior to planning permission being granted, that was inappropriate, but some of the work that was carried out put the area at risk of flooding and that was a major issue during the winter. It does remain an issue but the immediate risk, I believe, has passed and a lot more drainage work is being done and that includes a foul drainage system which if you drive along to Chilmington Green Road you'll see the main foul drain being installed but that will not be operational for 18-20 months so there will be issues with foul drainage when the first houses come along in Chilmington so our issues there will impact on Kingsnorth Parish.

Economic Regeneration and Investment Board – I'm heavily involved because of my financial involvement in making sure that Ashford Borough Council are financially secure and going forward.

We recognised that the Government Revenue Support grant that Ashford Borough Council were receiving (in the order of £6.4 million 5 years ago) was going to be reduced, this current year that reduces to zero and as a way of managing that, rather than cutting services, we embarked upon a series of investments, we bought International House, the Stanhope Shops and other assets within the Borough. For instance, International House was purchased and that was forecast to give a return to the Borough of something in the order of £300,00 -£350,000 per year revenue coming in that we could spend on the Borough, it's actually currently returning in the region of £700,000 a year. As a Borough we're looking to be economically astute and investing in commercial activities, earning the money rather than asking for the money.

Chilmington is being managed as a garden city principle. The delivery of management of the public rail and some of the other facilities within Chilmington will be managed by the CMO (Community Management Organisation) that is going to be managed by a trust, a charitable trust and I am the nominated ABC representative.

New ward boundaries review was carried out around 2 years ago and some of the ward boundaries within Kingsnorth Parish Council are going to be changed. Every ward should represent a similar amount of households.

7. Community Wardens & PCSO's Annual Reports: No Community Warden Report

PCSO Report:-

Kingsnorth Annual Parish Council Meeting 12th June 2018 – PCSO unable to attend meeting but sent in their report

Hello Everyone,

There have now been 16, Section 59 warning notices issued to the riders of these nuisance bikes across the Ashford district. Two seizures have been made, which is sending out a clear message to these riders that we will deal with them robustly. I am still doing regular foot patrols in the woods, to catch and deter these offenders.

Everything else across the area is all in order and there is nothing else to report.

If you wish to report a crime call 999 in an emergency and 101 non-emergency.

PCSO 59654 MARTIN

8. Open Forum:

Members of the public spoke about concerns with the drainage issues at Chilmington Green and asked how we know that the same issues won't occur in Kingsnorth – Neil Shorter responds to all questions. **AB** picks up on what NS says about maintenance. Maintenance is as important as getting the ditches so we need to make sure that when things are put in place that they are maintained thereafter.

SD What NS said fills me with confidence they they've got their finger on the pulse and when you add to that the people on the ground that are feeding that information in, all that is collected, looked at and then those plans / processes are then addressed accordingly. **Member of the public** – so any issues in the future with future developments, we won't have any problems with drainage?

NS To answer that in brief, the task that I've got with foul drains, which is the primary issue at the moment is that my brief is to make sure Southern Water don't fall behind the curve at all in Ashford. So my primary issue is with Chilmington. The surface water drainage is slightly different. What we have to take account for is wherever that surface water is running off to we need to make sure those waterways are fit for purpose. NS asks to continue speaking with members of the public in depth after the meeting.

AB The general principle, which is a really important one, is that sights are looked at individually, not collectively and cumulatively. That's the lesson that we've all got to learn. When you look at the application in front of you, you say it works, what you don't look at is the impact when you stitch them all together.

AB Moves on to talk about Planning & the Future.

AH There are 2 plans available to look over at the back of the room for what's going to be called Kingsnorth Green. There's also the information about Bridgefield and the developers are saying "what should we call it"? Do we want to call it Bridgefield South East? I wondered if anyone here has a more appropriate name. It would be nice if Kingsnorth residents could call it what they'd like it to be.

9. Masterplan

AB We've been talking about the Kingsnorth Masterplan now for several years. As more developments come online, I think it's time for us to reflect and I mentioned it in my Chairman's report about a District Centre. Traditionally the District Centre was the Village Centre but with all these new developments is that actually what we regard as the centre of the Parish. Do we want more than one centre and what kind of facilities do we want? We know that the ongoing maintenance of any building is too expensive and we'd be better off with just one multifunctional building that is accessible and in the best place. What is the District Centre now that the Parish has expanded?

The green space between Park Farm and the village sometimes referred to as the buffer zone but actually called the conservation fields is well used and valued and we would like to extend and protect it and other green corridors across the parish. SD would you like to pick up on this?

SD It's now going to be called the Kingsnorth Conservation Area. It stretches from the Bridgefield top right the way down to the Ashford Road, that's coming down past the Orchard, across the playing field down to Ashford Road (SD shows on map). At the top end which is quite wild at the moment, ultimately what will happen with that is we will hand that over to the Kent Wildlife Trust and you'll find in the autumn they'll be putting some Highland Cattle to maintain it. Coming down we will improve the paths so you can access them for a leisurely walk or fitness and that will flow all the way down the Ashford Road. There are all sorts of hurdles over there but we are moving forward. We will end up with a management plan and we will resource to maintain that area right the way down.

AB thanks Cllr Dehnel. I raised this as we believe it is a good model to put forward in the local plan in future developments, an area of protected green corridors.

AH when we get the development at the back of Court Lodge, north of Kingsnorth, north Magpie Hall Road, they'll be another opportunity to extend the Green Corridors. We'll try to get as much 'green' as we can.

AB the reason I wanted to raise it tonight is that at the moment there's a real danger that a site that's not been developed that is green but not protected could be in the local plan for development in 5 years' time.

AB now speaks regarding residents previous comments on the Moat with regards to rats and litter and asks SD for an update.

SD First of all I'm up at the Moat every day and I haven't seen a rat for around 3 weeks, so whatever has been put down certainly did the job, so that's great. We had a very constructive meeting at the Moat with Amanda who's the lead officer on parks and what came out of that is the litter picking. Can I congratulate David & Gemma (Park Life) for their outstanding initiative which was holding that very good litter pick. Enormous quantities of litter were collected around the estate. David & Gemma are also raising money to refurbish and improve the play equipment at the Park Farm play area. Amanda has the Moat play park in her sights and believes it should be a 'hub' park which means it will get the resources.

AB then moves to Speed Watch and gives a demonstration of the equipment.

PM we are constantly battling speeding vehicles in Britannia Lane. Permanent signage is needed.

AB we need volunteers to help with Speed Watch Campaigns using the machine, could be done on a rota basis once we have volunteers.

Member of public how can you improve the communications from the Parish Council to everyone on issues such as needing volunteers, events etc.? The Parish Council website isn't a 'go to' portal. How do residents get involved?

AB we've had over 180 responses to the 'Kingsnorth Residents Questionnaire' online which is fascinating because we hand delivered flyers twice to every property relating to the local plan and only had 200 attend. 89% want communication via the Parish Council Website and Facebook page. We will look into redesign of our website to keep moving forward.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.57

Signature: _____ Date _____