

KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2018

At the Kingsnorth Pavilion, Church Hill, Kingsnorth from 19.00

Present: Cllr Alison Breese (Chair), Cllr Anne Luery, Cllr Patricia Moss, Cllr Stephen Dehnel, Cllr Shelley Barber, Cllr Aline Hicks, Cllr Jim Wedgbury (arrived 20.30)

Also in attendance: Christine Drury - Assistant Clerk (Finance), Len Bunn – Parish Council Manager, Marie Russell – Assistant Clerk Admin, Cllr Neil Shorter, Cllr Bradford (arrived 20.30), 2 x PCSO, 6 members of the public (incl. Mike Ciccone)

1. **AB** welcomed the Parish and Borough Councillors to the Parish Council meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Cllr John Holland, Cllr Paul Bartlett (JTB), Cllr Jim Wedgbury and Cllr Brad Bradford would be arriving late (JTB).

3. **Declarations Of Interest**

PM is related to KRCT trustee (Chair).

4. **Open Forum**

Joel Tozer, a local resident, has expressed an interest in becoming a co-opted Councillor on the Parish Council. He gave a brief resume of his experience. **AB** thanked him, decision to be made later in meeting. Decision was made to co-opt Mr Tozer to casual vacancy subject to any other resident putting their name forward as a candidate in reply to advertisement of vacancy which would then require a by-election.

5. **Community Wardens and PCSO Reports**

PCSO – This month I have been paying particular attention to Bridgefield Play Park. I am trying my very best to get there a couple of times during shift. During foot patrols I have engaged with members of the public who are enjoying this play park. However a few people have said about some anti-social behaviour by a few individuals. Hence why I am patrolling to reassure members of the public and their children. Again I would ask that if any incidents happen at the Park that this should be reported to the Police on 101 or in an emergency 999, it can also be reported on line. If these incidents are not reported and logged in the correct manner we, the Police, will not be aware of issues that are happening. The bench in Langney Drive is also under my radar. I am monitoring activities and patrolling this area frequently too. The Tasking Team will work with landowners regarding vandalism at abandoned buildings close to Bridgefield/Finberry.

6. **Borough & County Councillors Reports**

NS reported that the Snowdog Trail has now commenced, leaflets are available. The Elwick Road cinema and hotel complex is progressing on time and budget and should open during the 1st week of December; a statue of Queen Marie of Romania is due to be unveiled there on 8th December. Environment Agency have inspected drainage measures at Brisley and recommended improvements at Willowbed/Coulter Road/Long Length ditch and culvert to cope with drainage issues associated with development at Chilmington. Knights Park will have fencing re-instated when ground conditions permit and then cattle will then graze the area.

AH reported that the German twin town exchange will take place this weekend.

SD reported that initiatives are going forward to address anti-social behaviour and emphasised that all occurrences should be reported to 101 or ABC Report It function. Battle Over Tribute being held in addition to Remembrance Day service has seen the Memorial in Town Centre Gardens cleaned and re-furbished, a beacon will be lit and church bells rung; souvenir ceramic poppies will be on sale.

7. **Approve Minutes of 14th August 2018**

AB proposed that minutes be approved with following amendment: - Page 2434 – Planning Application 18/1097 Greens Business Centre - add extra wording to Comments – “Noted that the terrace of old cottages to the north are well set back from the road.” **PM** seconded. All agreed.

8. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes not on the Agenda or Action Sheet**

AB proposed a refundable float of £500 for Ladies Night event on September 29th, **SD** seconded, **all agreed**.

9. Correspondence

PCM reported that the bench and stainless steel plaque requested by Geoff Moorby in memory of Cllr Hilary Moorby has been ordered; Mr Moorby to donate the cost. A suitable date to be arranged for the opening when family is available. The road sign quality signage for "Hilary's Way" has been ordered.

10. Finance – CD presented the financial report

CD had circulated the Finance Statement to all Parish Councillors prior to meeting.

SD enquired about potential income from Businesses at the Recreation Centre. PCM reported that SOL gym is very busy but has yet to show a profit bearing in mind that it is a new set up.

11. Planning

MR and AH presented the current planning applications and proposed comments distributed prior to the meeting:-

APPLICATION NUMBER: **18/01178/AS**

ADDRESS: **37 TALLY HO ROAD, KINGSNORTH, ASHFORD, TN26 1HL**

PROPOSAL: THREE FRONT DORMER WINDOWS, NEW PORCH, WEATHERBOARD CLADDING

COMMENTS: **Support**

APPLICATION NUMBER: **18/01035/AS**

ADDRESS: **A28 LAYBY, GREAT CHART BYPASS, GREAT CHART, KENT**

PROPOSAL: FULL APPLICATION TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING GREAT CHART BYPASS FARM ACCESS AT THE CHILMINGTON GREEN DEVELOPMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES. TEMPORARY ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR UP TO 3 YEARS

COMMENTS: **When Chilmington Green was started we were given to understand that all access to the site would be from the main A28 access point using haul roads so do not agree with this application. We would fully support the comments on both of these applications from Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council.**

APPLICATION NUMBER: **18/00382/AS**

ADDRESS: **LAND AT CHILMINGTON GREEN, ASHFORD ROAD, GREAT CHART, KENT**

PROPOSAL: MOCK LANE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH COMPRISE OF THE ACCESS TO LAND PARCEL G AND THE EASTERN SECTION OF MOCK LANE, WHICH INCLUDE CARRIAGEWAY, FOOTPATH / CYCLEWAY, SOFT VERGES, FOUL AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE, SERVICES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.

COMMENTS: **When Chilmington Green was started we were given to understand that all access to the site would be from the main A28 access point using haul roads so do not agree with this application. We would fully support the comments on both of these applications from Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council.**

APPLICATION NUMBER: **18/01213/AS**

ADDRESS: **SHIPLEY HATCH, ASHFORD ROAD, KINGSNORTH, ASHFORD, KENT, TN23 3EW**

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF DOMESTIC GARAGE TO PROVIDE A CANINE HYDROTHERAPY POOL.

COMMENTS: **Support**

APPLICATION NUMBER: **18/01260/AS**

ADDRESS: **31 EMPEROR WAY, KINGSNORTH, ASHFORD, KENT TN23 3QY**

PROPOSAL: TWO STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

COMMENTS: **Whilst there is no objection to this extension the applicant must understand that access to their property by builders using the shared drive will cause considerable disruption to others within the close.**

AB read out an explanatory letter from the applicant on the following application. The applicant emphasised that the proposal did not fall within the Conservation area.

APPLICATION NUMBER: **18/01268/AS**

ADDRESS: **BRIARS, CHURCH HILL, KINGSNORTH, ASHFORD, KENT, TN23 3EG**

PROPOSAL: OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 44 ONE AND TWO BEDROOM SHELTERED RETIREMENT APARTMENTS WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING AND AMENITY SPACE (ALL MATTERS RESERVED)

COMMENTS: **Refuse (object) this area is identified as a buffer for the South side of Kingsnorth village as identified in the Local Plan S4 Para 4.47. The character should also be considered para 4.4.**

This was subsequently amended to the following:-

Members of the Parish Council have every sympathy with the desire to build accommodation for the elderly in Kingsnorth but consider that this site is inappropriate especially considering that the proposal is for outline permission only. Any development for the elderly is likely to increase disproportionately the traffic on the already busy Church Hill. Retirement homes often mean that residents require care staff so this would significantly increase traffic movements. Also there is a viability issue, would a development for 44 apartments actually be financially viable given the current market trends which seem to show that homes of less than 90 residents are no longer financially sound. The block plan as submitted appears to be overbearing and would distract from the views of other residents on Church Hill of the open countryside (future buffer zone) and distract from their quiet enjoyment of their property. It is impossible to make specific comments as this not a full application.

12. Minutes & Actions Arising from Committees / Groups

• Local Plan Joint Committee

AH reported that Gladman Developments have withdrawn some of their anticipated appeals.

• Pavilion, Open Spaces and Playing Field Committee

SD had circulated report of committee meeting held on 5th September 2018

SD presented the following proposed **Recommendations**:-

- **Item 2** - KPC supports Park farm Playground Project.
- **Item 4** – KPC supports Parks Farm Rangers container refurbishment and use of storage area beside MUGA.
- **Item 6** - KPC to rent a garage from ABC and provide additional locks.
- **Item 7** –School car park and surrounding area – **PCM** initiate clear up using KPC Handyman Service.
- **Item 10** – **PCM** to oversee outstanding work to Hilary’s Way; sign is of road quality; organise opening.
- **Item 15** – **PCM** to maintain pressure on ABC for completion of handover of Kestrel Park; liaise with Ian Wolverton regarding memorial bench for fallen Canadian pilots.
- **Item 16** – **PCM** to produce a map of Kingsnorth Parish confirming responsibility for maintenance of all areas including hedgerows, paths and ditches.
- **Item 18** – **PCM** to produce a suitable scaled map of Bridgefield Country Park with routes clearly marked and where signage could be positioned.
- **Item 19** – **PCM** to produce a management plan for the orchard which is to include tenders for a proposed contract complete with costs.

AL proposed acceptance of all the **Recommendations**, AH seconded, **all agreed**.

SD presented the following proposed **Actions**:-

- ❖ **Item 3** – KPC to promote the need to report all incidences of ASB and advise residents that action is being taken but to be patient.
- ❖ **Item 8** - A structured report on the implications of the Handyman Scheme split from GCWSPC is presented to a Parish Council meeting prior to any decision made regarding the apportionment of assets within the container.
- ❖ **Item 9** – **PCM** to report on usage of CCTV at Pavilion presented to sub-committee with recommendations for improvement. At least 2 quotes for CCTV system at Bridgefield to be provided, one from ABC.
- ❖ **Item 11** – **PCM** to provide update on Bridleway resurfacing contract to sub-committee.
- ❖ **Item 12** – **PCM** to oversee installation of Cllr Moorby memorial bench.
- ❖ **Item 13** – **PCM** to liaise with PFR for Playing Field requirements and consult contractor for cost and provide report to sub-committee.
- ❖ **Item 14** – SD to liaise with all parties and agree date for next workshop on Masterplan.
- ❖ **Item 17** – Information on Village Greens is noted.
- ❖ **Item 20** – SD to provide an update on Management Plan for Kingsnorth Conservation Area to sub-committee.

SD proposed acceptance of all the **Actions**, AB seconded, **all agreed**.

AL expressed frustration at lack of maintenance by ABC at Joys Wood and of village green status progress at Bensted.

JW and BB arrive at 20.30 (JTB meeting)

• Security Update

PCM reported that CCTV would be possible at Bridgefield subject to mains power availability or solar power. Metroline Security offer 24 hour monitoring at a cost close to that paid to ABC for limited hours monitoring. Deployable cameras are available and one may be available to KPC. BB suggested that KPC might wish to consider sponsoring 1 or 2 electric bikes for Police officers to use which would facilitate easier access to potential problem areas associated with ASB. NS offered to consider using his member grant for this purpose.

- **Handyman Scheme**

PCM reported GCWSPC have produced figures to reflect termination of agreement for Handyman Scheme; KPC to take over the ground maintenance equipment and GCWSPC to retain the container. Both parties have paid 50% cost of each. KPC will require somewhere to store the equipment; ABC has a garage available to rent at the Village Hall, the floor has some problems and the door security system requires attention. A container can be sited under permissive development - preferred sites would be at Recreation Centre (involves loss of some parking spaces) or behind Pavilion at Playing Field. **SD** suggested this subject should be researched and discussed at next Access & Open Spaces Committee meeting. **JW** proposed that this should be the course of action, **PM** seconded. **All agreed.**

- **Staffing Committee**

Report to be made under closed session.

13. Kingsnorth Recreation Centre and Café Update

PCM reported no update on Recreation Centre. Community Café has recruited 3 more volunteers and hope to be able to open for one extra day per week. A McMillan Coffee event is to be held on 28th September. No finance update.

14. Items for Next Agenda

None.

Meeting was closed to general public and staff at 21.07hrs and moved into **closed session for report from Staffing Committee.**

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 19.00 in the Kingsnorth Pavilion

Signature: _____

Date: _____