

KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016
At Kingsnorth Pavilion & Kingsnorth C of E Primary School, Church Hill, Kingsnorth from 1830

Present: Cllr Breese, Cllr Barber, Cllr Moorby, Cllr Moss, Cllr Wedgbury, Cllr Holland

Cllr Luery, Cllr Male & Cllr Dehnel

Borough Councilors' Bartlett, Wedgbury, Dehnel & Shorter

Also in attendance: Len Bunn – Parish Clerk
Christine Drury – Assistant to Parish Clerk

- 1830 Presentation by Brian Sutherland BDB Design LLP (Architect), Crispin Hanson (Crest Nicholson) & Mia Scaggiante Carter Jonas (Planning Consultant)
Detailed presentation given to update Kingsnorth Parish Council regarding Crest Nicholson's ongoing plans for their Finberry development located on land at Cheesemans Green. Plans have already been submitted for the construction of 67 new dwellings including 9 live-work units, Class B1 office space along with the associated parking, landscaping and other associated matters.
Outline planning applications have also been submitted for the construction of an 80 unit extra care facility with associated parking, landscaping and associated works on land at Cheesemans Green.
Parish Councillors were given the opportunity to discuss their concerns with the developers in order to avoid similar mistakes that have been made on other new developments within the Parish of Kingsnorth.
Key areas of concern from KPC were:
Connectivity with adjoining developments as new phase's progress, in particular parking on bus routes prior to the service being operational. How will this be monitored and enforced prior to the roads being adopted?
Concerns over parking provision as plans approved a long time ago and parking on adjoining schemes is not adequate or located where people want to park.
Need to liaise with adjoining developments as bus route may change.
Concerns over the mass of the extra care unit, use of materials and how it sits with adjoining buildings.
More information of how these facilities can be accessed by the wider community.
Charging: how will management of the public realm be funded and how will this be back dated to existing residents?
Can we see energy efficiency measures in the new build, particularly in the extra care scheme?

1930 The Chairman now welcomed the Parish Councillor's and also members of the Public to the full Parish Council meeting.

1. Apologies:

None received

2. Declarations of Interest

JW & SD had already declared an interest regarding the earlier presentation by Crest Nicholson as they are Members of the ABC Planning Committee.

3. Members of the Public Items

There were none.

4. Community Warden & PCSO Reports

PCSO's:

Email addresses for Kingsnorth Parish Police Community Support Officers

- PCSO SMITH (56800@kent.pnn.police.uk)- Park Farm/ Kingsnorth / Bridgefield & Knights Park
 - PCSO PARISH (58951@kent.pnn.police.uk)- Washford Farm & Chartfields
 - PCSO CARR (57330@kent.pnn.police.uk)- Stubbs Cross

Park Farm

PCSO SMITH Reports-

There have been the following crimes of note in the area-

1 x Burglary in Knights Park. Property currently empty and on-going investigation. Asked residents to ensure that their properties are properly secured at all times.

1 x Criminal damage in Bridgefield. Rear window smashed, believed catapult damage. On-going investigation.

There have been the following **ASB** of note calls in the area

On-going calls received about the Bridgefield square for nuisance youths gathering on the benches being rowdy and leaving litter. Area is still highlighted for the Anti-Social Behaviour vehicle to attend on a daily basis. Work being carried out regarding the relocation of the benches.

Speed checks are still being conducted in the Kingsnorth area, no further calls have been received in the past few months regarding speeding vehicles.

Washford/Coleman Kitchen (Chartfields)

PCSO PARISH Reports-

3 x Burglaries in the Chartfields estate. No offenders have been caught.

1 x Theft of pedal cycle

1 x Anti-social behaviour call to Haywain Close play park. Nuisance youths setting off fireworks. Attended area and youths left the area.

Kingsnorth Village and Bridgefield

PCSO Smith Reports-

3 x Burglaries at the Bridgefield building site. Empty buildings are being targeted and building supplies being removed.

1 x Theft of outdoor Christmas decorations on Church Hill. No offenders apprehended.

No ASB incidents to report.

Stubbs Cross

PCSO Gary CARR reports-

1 x Burglary in Stubbs Cross area. Items stolen from outbuildings. Ongoing investigation.

NS thanked the PCSO's for the help they had given him in Britannia Way.

Community Warden – Peter Beasley:

Members were reminded by Peter Beasley that he was now responsible for Singleton as well as Kingsnorth and has scheduled in his working week in order to cover each area two and a half days a week, wherever possible. He also advised that his Senior Officer will be attending the Parish Councils March meeting to update the Members regarding the role of the Community Officer and also to advise details of new plans for the future. PC confirmed that he has already reserved a period between 1830 and 1900 for this presentation

by David Harmes. Peter Beasley advised Members that in conjunction with Social Services he is now arranging welfare checks for residents in his area.

5. Borough Councilor's Report:

PB Advised that the results of the consultation re the conservation area were progressing. To date, no major adverse comments have been received.

Jarvis and Pentland Homes planning application has been extended.

ABC Members grants extended to 2017. Members asked to advise of any projects that need funding.

ABC council tax to increase by 1.99%

PB circulated a marked up version of the Local Plan site submission showing those sites the offices will be recommending for inclusion. Not all of Kingsnorth is shown as they are not in his ward. PB suggested we get similar feedback from other ABC Ward Councillors and then share this information with residents via the joint Local Plan Group and be prepared for when these sites do come up for discussion at the next Local Plan Task group.

Comments on Junction 10A are to be submitted by the 17th March 2016.

Residents in Finberry are complaining about noise from the lorry park and this will naturally be exacerbated if the park expands and noise barriers may need to be considered.

HM advised that she had been in contact with Simon Cole from ABC and he explained that they would be following regulation 19, not 18 which technically can go direct to the planning inspector but they will include a consultation period.

PB suggested that further contributions should be taken from developers to fund the gap in funding for the rail halt.

NS: The Boundary Commission will be looking at Ashford and a presentation on this will be given at the next Parish Forum on the 27th January 2016.

ABC draft budget is out for consultation and comments need to be in by the end of the week for approval by Cabinet in February 2016.

KCC will be increasing their precept by 3.99%, 2% of which is to cover social care, £5 increase for the police and 1.99% increase for Fire and Rescue. This will result in a £100 rise for a band D property.

NS advised that Officers had contacted him to confirm KPC's interest in Riverside Close and Benstead, he has confirmed this on our behalf and it will now be progressed.

NS reported on a high profile fraud case in Ashford and that this has resulted in a 30 month custodial sentence. He also advised Members that grants were still available but to date he had not had any requests.

He commented on the Christmas tree and lights on the Village Green and that they were a pleasure to see.

PC advised that these lights had now been disconnected from the mains power.

JW: Anne Barnes has indicated that should she be re-elected she would increase council tax to fund the police service. The consultations on Grammar schools admissions are now being conducted in order to consider help for disadvantaged children to attend grammar schools.

Highways England are now looking at 2 potential lorry parks to address Operation Stack and believe they have the planning power to select the site, other local authorities disagree.

JH asked ABC Members what the savings were in discontinuing the provision of doggy bags. NS advised that the cost of the bags was minimal but that the main cost was distribution, so it would save a salary. In future, dog bins will be phased out and dog mess will need to be deposited in multi-use bins, as the contents all go to land fill.

6. Approve Minutes of the 8th December 2015:

AB proposed that item 14 of the Minutes of the last meeting be amended as it was felt that the wording of the second paragraph should be changed and SD seconded the motion. The PC and some Members felt that this was unnecessary. The proposal was put forward for this amendment and was supported by three Members but 6 Members felt that this amendment was unnecessary and therefore the Minutes were approved without amendment.

7. Matters arising from previous Minutes & not on the Agenda or Action Sheet:

None

8. Local Plan:

As indicated in item 5 by PB

9. Correspondence:

The PC advised that he had received a serious complaint from a resident in Poppy Mead and the matter had been handled by the PCSO's report as indicated in item 4.

The PC gave an update concerning the complaint received from a resident relating to the permissive footpath leading from the Pavilion to the school which had also been passed to the KCC and ABC. PC has had a meeting with drainage engineers, KCC & ABC and engineers are looking at the possibility of creating a drainage system linking to the French drains at the MUGA. Costs of this are unknown at present but indications were that the KPC & Kingsnorth School may be liable for any agreed costs. The PC reminded Members that flooding in the area in question has always occurred during the winter season but that this year it has become worse. Although this is a permissive footpath, the PC advised that he has arranged for some grade 1 aggregate to be put down in the worst flooded area as a 'temporary fix', on the 13th January 2016 and if this was not successful the path would have to be closed. With the possible closure in mind he advised that he had been discussing the matter with the school and that they will be advising parents of this matter and they will be promoting the use of the 'official path' that runs behind the Pavilion and the school has agreed to monitor children through the car park.

SD expressed his total frustration regarding this matter as he felt that a permanent solution should have been reached some time ago to avoid the type of complaints that have been received as it is now affecting numerous residents. SD was advised that plans were in fact in hand to make an all-weather footpath but this needed planning approval and subsequent funding all, of which were being progressed through the Access & Open Spaces sub-committee.

10. Finance:

Payments Received 1st Dec 2015 to 31st Dec 2015

	£	p
Interest from NatWest Business Direct Reserve Account	4.17	
PF Rangers-MUGA	17.00	
H Moorby -Brogdale Raspberry plants	24.00	
Interest SIBA account	214.00	
<u>Total to 31.12.15</u>	259.17	
January payments received to 12.1.16	253.00	
<u>Total Income Received</u>	512.17	

Balances as at 31.12.15

	£	p
Balance at NatWest Current Account	100.00	
Petty Cash	100.00	
Balance at NatWest Direct Reserve Account	98260.52	
Balance at NatWest SIBA Account	156313.05	
KPC Cash Balance	254773.57	

Bank Reconciliation as at 31.12.15

	£	p
Opening Balance from 30.11.15	259291.84	
Plus income during December	259.17	
Less expenditure during December	10371.84	
Subtotal	<u>249179.17</u>	
Plus cheques not presented as at 31.12.15	5594.40	
Subtotal	254773.57	
Less Jan Payments cheques NW1284 onwards	2590.96	
Plus Jan income to date	253.00	

Invoices Received & Payments due in December from last meeting date

	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
		£ p	£ p	£ p
Employee #1-salary	NW1273	90.10	0.00	90.10
Employee #2-salary	NW1274	636.20	0.00	636.20
Titan Containers-50%to GCWSPC	NW1275	1850.00	370.00	2220.00
Lister Wilder-equipment-50%to GCWSPC	NW1276	2326.90	442.98	2769.88
Cancelled	NW1277	0.00	0.00	0.00
D Jenkins-mileage return lights	NW1278	27.00	0.00	27.00
Gala Lights-Xmas tree lights	NW1279	692.00	138.40	830.40
Gold Fusion Zomex web hosting	NW1280	30.00	0.00	30.00
R.S.French-relocate container	NW1281	260.00	52.00	312.00
Employee #3-salary	NW1282	483.10	0.00	483.10
Total Gas	DD	220.78	0.00	220.78
ALT-office rent	NW1283	750.00	0.00	750.00
NatWest Bank-charges	DD	10.00	0.00	10.00
Sub Total to 31.12.15		7376.08	1003.38	8379.46
BT-telephone	NW1284	145.37	29.07	174.44
Employee #4-salary	NW1285	1631.53	0.00	1631.53
KCC-stationery	NW1286	78.84	15.77	94.61
Cancelled	NW1287	0.00	0.00	0.00
D Jenkins-expenses-Pavilion & Shared Handyman	NW1288	134.28	0.00	134.28
Employee#1-salary	NW1289	479.70	0.00	479.70
Employee#2- salary	NW1290	76.40	0.00	76.40
Total to 12.1.16		2546.12	44.84	2590.96

Notes:

1. Part funds in SIBA account & direct Reserve account being held in reserve for funding for revenue impact of Village Green, capital cost of Brisley Farm & Bridgefield leisure and recreation areas. Exact figures required will not be known until details of S106 funding are finalised.
2. Titan Containers-supply and deliver container to Great Chart for Shared Handyman Scheme 50% to be paid by GCWSPC
3. Lister Wilder- supply and deliver equipment for Shared Handyman Scheme, 50% to be paid by GCWSPC
4. RSFrench- re-located container at request of GCWSPC, 100% to be paid by GCWSPC
5. Expenses-Shared Handyman portion-50% to be charged to GCWSPC

Budget 2015-2016**Income to 12.1.16**

	Budget 2015/16	Year to Date	Variance
Precept	136522	136522	0
Grants	3920	3920	0
Interest	381	648	-267
Pavilion	2549	3181	-632
MUGA	0	17	-17
Functions	418	36	382
Other	0	1807	-1807
Sub Total	143790	146131	-2341
VAT reclaim	0	7299	-7299

Total	143790	153430	-9640
Other=£60 compo UK Power, £150 refundable deposit, £1000 from Colin Stone re KRC, £623K/N School land swap legal fees, £50 deposit returned, H Moorby £24-Brogdale			

Expenditure to 12.1.16

	Budget 2015/16	Year to Date	Variance
Salaries	55000	36375	18625
Section 137	2500	0	2500
Communications	6000	719	5281
General Admin	12784	5339	7445
Subscriptions	1500	91	1409
Recreation Centre	10000	10000	0
Main & repair - Other	415	832	-417
Maintenance & Repair – Playing Field	5705	3430	2275
Other	0	24	-24
Travel	411	88	323
Pavilion	4430	2239	2191
Capital/Asset	38000	10196	27804
Handyman Scheme	0	4473	-4473
Parish Office	3915	2250	1665
Sub Total	140660	76056	64604
Reclaimable VAT	0	5725	-5725
Total	140660	81781	58879

PC advised that finances were in good order and that the equipment for the Shared Handyman Scheme between KPC & GCWSPC have now been received and are stored within the storage container facility located at GCWSP, and the container for this equipment had now been turned at the request of GCWSP. This storage facility has been insured by GCWSPC through their Zurich insurance policy. The vehicle for this scheme, for which funds are already in place, has been ordered and should be delivered in approximately 2 months. The PC advised that he is now investigating alternatives regarding the matter of green waste disposal as he has been advised that KPC will not be able to utilise Ashford's household waste facility for this purpose and that the closest centre for this purpose will be Dover.

11. Planning:

Applications needing a decision at this meeting

15/01601/AS –9 Faustina Drive, Kingsnorth TN23 3QW – Erection of single storey front extension -

Object as beyond front build line

15/01663/AS – Land at Cheesemans Green –Matters relating to outline planning application 11/00473/AS for the construction of an 80 unit extra care facility with associated works – **No objection**

15/01586/AS – Land at Cheeseman's Green – Construction of 67 new dwellings including 9 live-work units with associated works – **No Objection**

12. Minutes & Actions Arising from Committees / Groups:

HM identified a number of projects that needed attention and suggested the 26th January 2016 at 1900 in the Parish Office as a date for the next Access & Open Spaces Sub-committee. JM asked to be a member of this group.

JH advised that a KRC Trustees meeting had taken place on Monday 11th January 2016 and advised that no further information regarding discussions between ABC and ALT were reported so the focus was on extending existing arrangements until such time as these wider matters were resolved.

AB asked if we would support the use of the lounge at KRC as a permanent spinning facility in order to allow for modifications and redecoration to the room to take place as this area generates a lot of income for the centre and alternative usage was limited due to the noise from the main hall. All agreed and JH agreed to discuss this with EW of ALT.

13. Communications:

PC advised that an audit of the KPC web site was at present being carried out and that some modifications will be required. Some of the changes will include advertising the use of the MUGA and the Pavilion indicating costings etc. Parish Council vacancy updates are also being considered. JM will be advised shortly in order to coordinate any changes that may be required.

14. Pavilion & Playing Field:

AB advised that works to the car park were progressing and that we needed to finalise arrangements for the use of the MUGA and Pavilion. SD suggested we hold a meeting of the Pavilion & Playing Field sub-committee and he will circulate dates shortly. SD & AB are to meet with the Manager of Park Farm Rangers to address some of the concerns he has raised over the use of these facilities.

15. Items for next Agenda:

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2135.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 1900.

Signature: _____ Date _____