

KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2017

At Kingsnorth Pavilion, Church Hill, Kingsnorth from 19.00

Present: Cllr Breese (Chairman), Cllr Barber, Cllr Moorby, Cllr Dehnel, Cllr Male, Cllr Luery, Cllr Holland.

Borough Councillors: Cllr Aline Hicks, Cllr Mike Angell, Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Neil Shorter

Also in attendance: Christine Drury—Assistant to Parish Clerk.

PCSO x 2, Community Warden - Peter Beasley.

6 members of the public.

19.00 The Chairman welcomed the Parish and Borough Councillors to the full Parish Council meeting.

1. Apologies:

Cllr Bradford, Cllr Wedgbury, Cllr Moss

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Members of the Public Items Open Forum

Iain Witt, headteacher at Kingsnorth C of E Primary School, spoke on the car parking issues which had become more problematic during recent months, especially with increased use of the Pavilion, and this has led to some unpleasant situations. Parents mainly were driving aggressively and parking inconsiderately during school starting and finishing times. Space in the School car park is limited and local residents are being inconvenienced and dangerous situations arise. All agencies concerned have tried to encourage parents to walk to school or make use of walking buses, but many parents drop children off before travelling on to their own employment. There is some staggering of times with breakfast club at beginning of day and after school activities in the afternoon but number of children is limited as Old School building can only accommodate up to 38/40 children and there is a waiting list for places. The School has placed a number of "School staff and visitors only" signs at the car park. **MA** responded regarding the signs; he felt that the red colour and wording conveyed an aggressive message, could cause confusion for members of the public, football clubs etc. and possibly provoke a backlash. He felt that it should be made clear that priority for school was during term time school hours only. The school is part of the community and we all have to live together. There have also been problems in the car park involving drugs and the police are aware of situation. **SD** said that CCTV should be used to identify these offenders and zero tolerance shown. David Weatherstone, Chair of Board of Governors, responded that red is the school colour and was not intended to be aggressive; he agreed that signs should make it clear that the car park is available for all outside of term time school hours. **NS** pointed out that parents should behave responsibly and if they are driving and parking inappropriately that the law should deal with them. Iain Witt advised that the police were surprised at lack of zig zag lines and lack of yellow lines in vulnerable places around the school area. David Weatherstone re-iterated that priority was the safety and protection of all and aggressive driving and poor parking could eventually result in injury or death. The school has a duty of care towards all users. **AB** proposed setting up a small group of key stakeholders to discuss solutions, **JH** seconded, all agreed.

4. Community Warden Report

CW had nothing to report.

PCSO Report

PCSO had nothing to report. **AB** enquired about proposed bike marking sessions which had previously been suggested. **SB** asked about recent break-ins at Bridgefield involving sheds and also the school at Finberry. **PCSO** to check.

Borough Councillors Reports

PB reported omission sites are due to be considered. Developers will assess work on the accommodation bridge until KCC will adopt and buses should commence on the route in the spring. Parking of vehicles for sale at Poppy Mead is being investigated by Planning Enforcement at ABC. Proposed Rail Halt is being chased up. Jobens Farm, Steeds Lane appeal consultation finishes March 1st. Bridgefield Park planning permission to be heard Wednesday 15th February. Ashford MP Damien Green will be speaking at Mersham Village Hall next Friday 17th and he urged members to attend. **JM** commented that the yellow lines on Bluebell Road leading to the bridge

had been altered and sight lines are now difficult. **SB** questioned the validity on land by 3-way traffic lights at Finn Farm Road/Brockmans Lane where developers have erected a sign advertising next phase of Bridgefield. **PB** said that this was an omission site and there was no decision yet.

AH reported that the Environment Agency wished to implement a pilot scheme to hand over responsibility of some waterways across the County to local agencies. In Kingsnorth area this would affect the Whitewater and Ruckinge Dykes. More information is required and she suggested that EA representative may wish to speak to the Parish Council.

NS reported that the Chilmington Green 106 agreement has been signed by developers and Gallagher is due to start work on the A28 road access system. ABC has set the Council Tax portion for the Borough which will result in a Band D equivalent charge of £154 per property. S106 funding of £128.5K has been approved for KRC improvements.

MA reported that KCC has approved their Council Tax budget. SE Ambulance Service which is in special measures is undergoing an improvement plan. 111 service is undergoing re-procurement process; provider is having difficulty recruiting staff. East Kent NHS Trust has improved their service and Quality Commission is to recommend that it comes out of special measures. Gallagher are setting up a site office on the edge of CG site and also an incoming materials distribution site at Cobbs Wood. As a responsible company they are ensuring that incoming materials travelling by lorry will not impinge on smaller roads and drivers will be using A2070 and A20. KCC elections are to be held on 4th May 2017.

5. Approve Minutes of the 10th of January 2017

Minutes approved. All agreed.

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

7. Correspondence

AB reported that the electoral boundary review is open for consultation from 7th February to 3rd April 2017. It was proposed that a new Parish Ward for Bridgefield should be created to be represented by 1 member. There was no sign of a separate ward for Stubbs Cross. The maps provided were difficult to view and clarification should be sought from ABC. **AB** suggested another meeting on this subject and that it should be an agenda item for next month. Ruckinge Parish Council has been in touch to suggest that local parishes should co-ordinate a calendar of events to avoid clashes of dates. Mrs Massie had been in touch with concerns over speeding in Hamstreet Road; as she was present at meeting she consulted with PCSOs in separate room.

8. Finance

<u>Financial statement to 14.2.17</u>			
<u>January Income from last report</u>		£	p
Twinning Association - pavilion hire		7.00	
Park Farm Rangers-pavilion hire		577.50	
GCWSPC-shared handyman		379.48	
Caffyns - MUGA		14.00	
CXK-youth club pavilion hire		870.00	
Tune IN2Futsal Soccer-pavilion hire		37.50	
Metro Bank interest		5.54	
NW int 47793368		0.86	
NW int SIBA a/c		1.33	
<u>Total to 31.1.17</u>		1893.21	
<u>FEB income</u>			
Kingsnorth Pilgrims-pavilion hire		237.50	
Total to 14.2.17		2130.71	
<u>Balances as at 31.1.17</u>			
NatWest current account		100.00	

Petty Cash				107.20	
Balance at NatWest Direct Reserve Account				98304.79	
Balance at NatWest SIBA Account				148670.96	
Balance at Metro current account				9716.30	
Balance at Metro reserve account				65177.70	
KPC Cash Balance				322076.95	
Bank Reconciliation as at 31.1.17				£	p
Opening Balance from 31.12.16				327132.69	
Plus income during January				1893.21	
Less expenditure during January				11864.99	
Subtotal				317160.91	
Plus cheques not presented as at 31.1.17				4916.04	
Subtotal				322076.95	
Less Feb payments NW1507 onwards				3352.07	
Plus income during February				237.50	
Balance at meeting date 14.2.17				318962.38	
Held on behalf of KRCT included in above balance				2392.42	less exp TBA
Held on behalf of Community Café included in above				550.00	
Invoices Received & Payments due in November from last meeting date					
	Ref	Net		VAT	
		£	p	£	p
Edible Culture - orchard pruning	NW1489	163.60		0.00	163.60
Drain & Sewage Pumping	NW1490	342.00		0.00	342.00
L.Bunn - expenses	NW1491	20.48		0.00	20.48
ABC - CCTV monitor 1.1.17 - 31.3.17	NW1492	750.00		150.00	900.00
Employee #1- salary	NW1493	243.00		0.00	243.00
Employee #2 - salary	NW1494	108.00		0.00	108.00
Cancelled	NW1495	0.00		0.00	0.00
Employee #3 - salary	NW1496	1237.30		0.00	1237.30
Pavilion expenses	NW1496	251.97		0.00	251.97
Employee #4 - salary	NW1497	497.80		0.00	497.80
Sabre Solutions - service contract	NW1498	450.00		0.00	450.00
Sabre Solutions - cloud backup	NW1499	360.00		0.00	360.00
Nu Cadd-Entrance Park Scoping Plan (ABC)	NW1500	950.00		0.00	950.00
L.Bunn - expenses	NW1501	33.66		0.00	33.66
Southern Electric	DD	57.47		0.00	57.47
Biffa-pavilion refuse	Metro DD	161.30		0.00	161.30
Gold Fusion-web hosting	NW1502	30.00		0.00	30.00
HMRC-PAYE & NIC	NW1503	2840.49		0.00	2840.49
Kingsnorth Electrical-pav loft light	NW1504	264.00		0.00	264.00
BT-telephone	NW1505	147.95		29.59	177.54
Geerings-photocopier	NW1506	92.92		18.59	111.51
Total to 31.1.17		9001.94		198.18	9200.12
February Expenditure					
CF Corporate Finance-photocopier	DD	146.10		29.22	175.32
Lister Wilder-chain sharpen	NW1507	9.00		1.80	10.80
Surrey Hills Solicitors	NW1508	1265.00		253.00	1518.00
Employee # 1-salary	NW1509	1647.95		0.00	1647.95
Total to 14.2.17		12069.99		482.20	12552.19

1. Part funds in SIBA account & direct Reserve account being held in reserve for funding for impact of Village Green, capital cost of Kestrel Park & Bridgefield leisure and recreation areas.				
Exact figures required will not be known until details of S106 funding are finalised.				
2. Drain & Sewage Pumping - repair to sewage pump in pavilion internal junction box renewal				
3. Pavilion expenses - paint and painting supplies				
4. NuCadd - 50% charge Entrance Park scoping plan prior to planning application				
5. Kingsnorth Electrical - Installation of light in pavilion loft area				
6. Surrey Hills Solicitors - legal advice re KRCT				
<u>Budget Report</u>				
<u>Income to 14.2.17</u>				
	Budget 2016/17	YTD	Variance	
Precept	141950	141950	0	
Grants	5250	5250	0	
Interest	736	483	253	
Pavilion	4900	2974	1926	
MUGA	5580	1180	4400	
Functions	80	27	53	
Shared Handyman	1500	2014	-514	
Other	1000	20537	-19537	(ALT £21K)
Sub Total	160996	174415	-13419	
VAT reclaim	0	6066	-6066	
Total	160996	180481	-19485	
<u>Expenditure to 14.2.17</u>				
	Budget 2016/17	YTD	Variance	
Salaries	70000	44383	25617	
Section 137	0	0	0	
Communications	1000	891	109	
General Admin	11000	15401	-4401	
Subscriptions	1300	55	1245	
KRCT - Rec Centre	0	6515	-6515	
Main & repair - Other	1700	800	900	
Maint & Repair - Pl/Field	5400	3354	2046	
Other	0	950	-950	Ent Pk plans
Travel	122	150	-28	
Pavilion	5000	7296	-2296	
MUGA	4000	116	3884	
Capital/Asset	52474	3159	49315	
Handyman Scheme	6000	6290	-290	
Parish Office	3000	2250	750	
Sub Total	160996	91610	69386	
Reclaimable VAT	0	3878	-3878	
Total	160996	95488	65508	

9. Planning:

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak on Bridgefield Park application.

Mr Nick Garfield, a Bridgefield resident, spoke about issues that residents adjacent to the proposed Bridgefield Park had regarding the proximity of the play area to houses and problems that could arise with anti-social behaviour and was disappointed with Parish Council support of the plans. He felt that the plans did not align with what was originally marketed by the developers and that the play area would have been better sited towards centre of the site and that the proposed car park was unnecessary and could become problematic. The

existing play area near the accommodation bridge was sparsely equipped and planned facility would have been better positioned there. Sports facilities seem to have been abolished in favour of grazing and that a trim trail had been suggested during consultation but not incorporated. The proposed next phase of Bridgefield had renewed interest in possible Rail Halt which was another facility marketed by the developers which had not come to fruition. He felt that Bridgefield residents, especially those in Southdown Close adjacent to Park, were being ignored. **AB** responded that the application was made by ABC and that the Parish Council could only comment on the plans. There was a balance of needs between existing wildlife and water fowl, and users, and it was important that free running dogs did not upset the wildlife habitat. **HM** pointed out that the ground was of poor quality, heavy clay often wet and not suited to sports facilities. The circular footpath could be used as a trim trail. The parking area was necessary for vehicles to service the site e.g. delivering/collecting livestock to grazing area. **NS** commented that ABC planned to use funds to provide sports facilities in a Hub at Finberry where there were better ground conditions and was accessible from the surrounding area including Bridgefield. **HM** passed round a copy of the notes she has prepared in support of the existing plans by KPC that she will deliver at meeting on application due to be heard at ABC on 15th Feb. **HM** proposed that this be accepted, seconded by **JM**, all agreed.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

HM presented the current applications:

17/0043 – 10 Bell Chapel Close TN23 3NW

Garage conversion

No comment.

17/0113 – 17 Westbourne TN23 5UY

2 storey side extension.

Support

17/ 115 – Stone Cottage, Pound Lane, TN23 3JE

Extension to games room. New double garage and first floor accommodation.

This would form an annexe, support on condition not sold separately from main house

17/0123 – 31 Acorn Close, TN23 3HR

Partial conversion of garage to residential (retrospective)

No comment

17/0137 – 10 Dove Close, TN23 3NU

2 storey side extension

No objection

17/0169 – Indraghiri, Ashford Road, TN23 3EW

Extension to roof to form second storey; demolish garage and build replacement garage

No objection

17/0178 – 18 Farrers Walk, TN23 3NL

Single storey rear extension

No comment

HM reported that an objection had been received to the proposed footpath diversion AW307 and that this would delay the process.

HM reported that an appeal had been received against decision on **16/0663/AS** to permit temporary permission for 3 years for stationing of traveller accommodation at Jobens Farm, Steeds Lane TN26 1NH. Mrs Taylor of Broadhembury Farm has contacted **HM** with resident's objections and **HM** has prepared an objection statement to be submitted to the Inspector on behalf of KPC. **JM** proposed this should go ahead, **HM** seconded, all agreed.

10. Minutes & Actions Arising from Committees / Groups:

- **Access & Open Spaces Sub Committee:**

HM reported that a request has been received from Mrs Sue Past (present at meeting) to sit as a co-opted member with no voting rights as representative from Ramblers Association. **HM** proposed, **AL** seconded, all agreed.

- **Pavilion and Playing Field Sub Committee**

SD had no report. **AB** suggested meeting with **PC** to co-ordinate booking facility/event calendar.

- **Staffing Committee:**

Report to be given under closed session

11. Kingsnorth Recreation Centre Update

Report to be given under closed session

12. Items for Next Agenda

- Electoral Boundary review
- Community Café

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 22.10.
Next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 19.00.**

Signature: _____ Date _____