

KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
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 (late arrival – JTB) Cllr Holland  
Cllr Luery  
Also in attendance: Len Bunn – Parish Clerk  
Christine Drury – Assistant to Parish Clerk  
5 members of the public  
Borough Councilors’ Bartlett & Hicks KCC Councillor Mike Angell

1900 The Chairman welcomed the Parish Councillor’s and also members of the Public to the full Parish Council meeting.

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr Jacqueline Male (Sick)  
Cllr Stephen Dehnel (Holiday)

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**3. Members of the Public Items**

Mike Ciccone raised his concerns relating to the Accomodation Bridge to Bridgefield which was a Bridlepath and if the bus route is approved for the area signals and barriers need to be installed to protect riders as there is a long drop especially if the horse rears up and the rider falls off. PC asked to contact the JTB regarding these concerns

**4. Community Warden & PCSO Reports**

**Community Warden:**

Not in attendance again.

**No report submitted.**

**PCSO’s**

Not in attendance again, but left a report for information

Contact numbers for Kingsnorth Parish Police Community Support Officers

**(Only for Parish and Councillor’s not for general public only email addresses to be given)**

- PCSO SMITH (56800@kent.pnn.police.uk)- 07772226126, Park Farm/ Kingsnorth / Bridgefield & Knights Park
  - PCSO PARISH (58951@kent.pnn.police.uk)- 07972004560, Washford Farm & Chartfields
    - PCSO CARR (57330@kent.pnn.police.uk)- 07772 226116, Stubbs Cross

**Kingsnorth report October 2015**

**(Figures 14/11-07/12)**

**Park Farm**

**PCSO SMITH Reports-**

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

1 x Theft of pedal cycle from Tesco, no offender caught

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.

Speed checks are still being conducted in the Kingsnorth area, no further calls have been received.

### **Washford/Coleman Kitchen (Chartfields)**

#### **PCSO PARISH Reports-**

1 x Theft from a motor vehicle – petrol was taken from a vehicle and damaged was caused to the car where the petrol was removed.

1 x Nuisance Youths were reported to be jumping in peoples gardens, down Langney drive.

Nothing else to report.

### **Kingsnorth Village and Bridgefield**

#### **PCSO Smith Reports-**

1 x Theft at the building site in Bridgefield over a weekend, no suspect seen.

### **Stubbs Cross**

#### **PCSO Gary CARR reports-**

**Once again nothing to report**

Parish Councillors expressed their grave concerns regarding the nonattendance of the PCSO's or the Community Warden and the PC was asked to write to them expressing the concerns over the lack of attendance.

#### **5. Borough Councilor's Report:**

AH congratulated the KPC for the excellent MUGA that has now been fully installed. AH also reported that the opening event by the Mayor went extremely well and this had been very well reported by the Media. AH reported that the ABC Apprenticeship Scheme is going very well but also advised the meeting that homelessness in the area was now once again on the increase.

#### **6. Approve Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015:**

Minutes of the last meeting approved subject to minor amendments; JH proposed, HM seconded, all agreed.

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

Items discussed under 'closed session'

#### **8. Local Plan:**

Nothing to report

#### **9. Correspondence:**

The PC advised that he had received a serious complaint from a resident in Poppy Mead regarding their concerns with the large number of youths gathering in the area creating noise which includes foul language as well as underage drinking of alcohol which the resident thought was being purchased by those responsible from the local convenience store. The resident also indicated that they thought that drugs were also being taken. The youths are congregating around a seat in the square and although there has been some very limited action by the Police the problem is now getting worse and is now becoming unbearable for a number of residents in the area. If it is found that underage drinking is taking place the matter should be reported to Trading Standards.

PC advised that numerous complaints were being received from members of the public regarding the muddy conditions of the path across the fields to the school. The PC advised that the grade 1 material left over from the building of the MUGA would be used in the worst areas to see if this would help, although the meeting was reminded that this area always floods during wet weather. It was agreed that if the problem persists the area must be condoned off until such time as the path is safe to use and parents should be advised to use the pathway across the front and side of the Pavilion and through the Car Park to the school, as this route is not affected by flooding and muddy conditions.

**10. Finance:**

**Payments Received 1st Nov 2015 to 30th Nov 2015**

	£	p
Interest from NatWest Business Direct Reserve Account		4.17
VAT refund		3443.02
<b><u>Total to 3.11.15</u></b>		3447.19
<b>December payments received to 8.12.15</b>		
H Moorby -Brogdale Raspberry plants		24.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		24.00
<b><u>Total Income Received</u></b>		3471.19

**Balances as at 30.11.15**

	£	p
Balance at NatWest Current Account		100.00
Petty Cash		100.00
Balance at NatWest Direct Reserve Account		98256.35
Balance at NatWest SIBA Account		168332.68
<b>KPC Cash Balance</b>		266789.03

Bank Reconciliation as at 30.11.15

	£	p
Opening Balance from 31.10.15		270089.65
Plus income during November		3594.19
Less expenditure during November		14391.99
Subtotal		259291.85
Plus cheques not presented as at 30.11.15		7497.18
<b>Subtotal</b>		266789.03
Less Dec Payments cheques NW1267 onwards		2629.58
Plus Dec income to date		24.00
<b>Balance as at meeting date 8.12.15</b>		264183.45

**Invoices Received & Payments due in November from last meeting date**

	Ref	Net	VAT	Total
		£	p	£
		£	p	£
L Bunn-expenses	NW1253	49.32	0.00	49.32
HMRC-salaries	NW1254	2818.02	0.00	2818.02
Earth Anchors-bench by MUGA	NW1255	509.76	127.44	637.20
A Frisby-printing bus survey leaflets	NW1256	198.00	0.00	198.00
Employee #1-salary	NW1257	586.10	0.00	586.10
Employee#2-salary	NW1258	226.90	0.00	226.90
T Dew-install Xmas tree	NW1259	160.00	0.00	160.00
Employee#3 - salary	NW1260	691.26	0.00	691.26
Ideal Security-CCTV for MUGA	NW1261	3345.00	669.00	4014.00

ABC-MUGA monitor 9.11.15-8.11.16	NW1262	600.00	120.00	720.00
BT - telephone	NW1263	150.20	30.04	180.24
Cancelled	NW1264	0.00	0.00	0.00
C Drury-ribbon/scissors MUGA opening	NW1265	24.74	4.95	29.69
TS Dew- tree, bench, footpath, container install	NW1266	1790.00	0.00	1790.00
<b>Sub Total to 30.11.15</b>		<b>11149.30</b>	<b>951.43</b>	<b>12100.73</b>
Employee#1-salary	NW1267	1631.53	0.00	1631.53
L Bunn-expenses	NW1268	25.85	0.00	25.85
Gibbs & Sons-cut, strim, mark out	NW1269	140.00	28.00	168.00
Cancelled	NW1270	0.00	0.00	0.00
James Lungley-website maintenance Dec	NW1271	60.00	0.00	60.00
Grow at Brogdale 2xtree replace	NW1272	107.00	0.00	107.00
<b>Total to 8.12.15</b>		<b>13113.68</b>	<b>979.43</b>	<b>14093.11</b>

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. A Frisby-printing of bus survey leaflets
3. Gibbs & Sons-1xcut, strim fence line, strim round trees, mark out pitches
4. Brogdale- replacement of 2 trees in orchard plus H Moorby personal items which have been reimbursed

## Budget 2015-2016

### Income to 8.12.15

	<b>Budget 2015/16</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Precept</b>	136522	136522	0
<b>Grants</b>	3920	3920	0
<b>Interest</b>	381	430	-49
<b>Pavilion</b>	2549	2928	-379
<b>Functions</b>	418	36	382
<b>Other</b>	0	1807	-1807
<b>Sub Total</b>	143790	145643	-1853
<b>VAT reclaim</b>	0	7299	-7299
<b>Total</b>	143790	152942	-9152

Other=£60 compo UK Power, £150 refundable deposit, £1000 from Colin Stone re KRC,

£623 K/N School land swap legal fees, £50 deposit returned, H Moorby £24-Brogdale

### **Expenditure to 8.12.15**

	<b>Budget 2015/16</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Salaries</b>	55000	32978	22022
<b>Section 137</b>	2500	0	2500
<b>Communications</b>	6000	689	5311
<b>General Admin</b>	12784	5104	7680
<b>Subscriptions</b>	1500	91	1409
<b>Recreation Centre</b>	10000	10000	0
<b>Main &amp; repair - Other</b>	415	832	-417
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repair - Pl/Field</b>	5705	3430	2275
<b>Other</b>	0	24	-24
<b>Travel</b>	411	61	350
<b>Pavilion</b>	4430	1920	2510
<b>Capital/Asset</b>	38000	9505	28495
<b>Parish Office</b>	3915	1500	2415
<b>Sub Total</b>	140660	66134	74526
<b>Reclaimable VAT</b>	0	4677	-4677
<b>Total</b>	140660	70811	69849

The PC submitted details of the 2016/17 budget as indicated below and stated that he has not allowed for any increase of the Precept for this period.

After a lengthy discussion the Chairman proposed that there should be a small increase in the Precept to allow for the number of large projects being planned for Kingsnorth including major alterations to the Pavilion and taking over the Management of Kestrel Park, as well as major plans for Bridgefield, to name but a few along with some other smaller projects, which also included the Handyman Scheme. It was agreed that a 1% increase was required and all confirmed. The PC will submit these details to ABC accordingly.

#### **11. Planning:**

##### **Applications needing a decision at this meeting**

15/01503/AS – 23 Hedgers Way, Kingsnorth TN23 3GN – Erection of single storey rear extension -

**No Comment**

15/01567/AS – 4 Shipley Mill Close, Kingsnorth TN23 3NR – Erection of 2 storey side extension –

**No Comment**

15/01435/AS – Land at Cheeseman’s Green – Proposed road names – **No Comment**

#### **12. Minutes & Actions Arising from Committees / Groups:**

HM Chairman of the Access & Open Spaces Committee reported on the following:-

Four items to report on.

- Lane at the end of Steeds Lane, designation as a bridleway. Report on this already sent to Councillors.
- Orchard. Two plum trees have died and replacement trees ordered, they should be delivered in the New Year, Mike Ciccone will plant them. All the other trees require to be pruned this year. We have a quote for this work from Chris Williams of Fruiculture, who used to work at Brogdale, for £225.00. This will be considered under Finance. I recommend that this be accepted as he is the only person we have been able to contact with the necessary skills. Two visits will be required. One early next year to prune the apples and pears and one in the Spring to prune the stone fruits.
- The diversion of footpath AW 307. An application to have this footpath diverted has been sent to KCC with a copy to ABC. Mike Ciccone and I had a meeting with Ann Davis and Christine Harrison on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Ann Davis had a number of questions to ask which we were able to answer. As a result of this meeting Ann is going to contact KCC directly. ABC does support our application. At the

moment this is simply to divert the footpath from the centre of the fields to around the edges. Eventually we hope to extinguish the footpath in the field and reroute it along the existing footpath outside the fields. We also hope to re-designate this permissive path to an official bridleway. This is supported by KCC.

- We had an official request from Faye Fairs, footpath officer for our area, to remove obstacles from two footpaths which cross the football field. The obstacles are pieces of the low rail which we have put around the edge of the field. DJ will remove these two pieces of rail next week.

HM advised that correspondence had been received from Maria McLauchlan regarding The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53 which claimed public bridleway running from the property known as Slab Castle Steeds Lane to its connection with the A2070 at Kingsnorth in the Borough of Ashford.

The application has been submitted under the aforementioned and that the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way should be modified to show at public bridleway status a route running from the property known as Slab Castle, Steeds Lane, to its connection with the A2070 at Kingsnorth.

KCC has a duty to investigate the application it receives and as part of this process they have requested comments before the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

HM suggested that the following correspondence should be forwarded to the KCC on behalf of KPC:-

Quote:

Thank you for your correspondence, regarding the above mentioned application, for a lane to be designated as a bridle way. We support this application.

This Green Lane has been regarded as a public road / bridleway for hundreds of years, indeed the road continues across the railway, built in approximately 1854, and the new A2070.

In September 2012, this road was claimed as a private road and barred by a 5 bar gate.

Kingsnorth Parish Council contacted Mr Andrew Hutchinson, Public Footpaths Officer for this area, expressing their concerns about this attempt to claim the land as private. Mr Hutchinson had the gate removed and advised us to put in a request for the lane to be officially designated as a bridle way. This we did and so did several other residents in Steeds Lane. I assume that you already have this documentation.

We are delighted that the application has at last come to the top of the pile to be actioned and we strongly support it.

Unfortunately we cannot find a copy of our application but we do have a copy of an e-mail from Mrs Gail Brace, Maple View, Steeds Lane, Kingsnorth TN26 1NQ, in which she states that she has over 70 testimonials that the lane has been used as a public right of way for over 50 years. A copy of this can be sent to you if you require it.

This lane, as mentioned earlier in the letter, continues across the railway and the A2070 road. The Parish Council would like to know what the status of this other road is and if it is designated in any way as a public right of way.

Unquote:

HM circulated a map showing the details in question.

All Members supported HM and the PC was asked to forward KPC's formal correspondence to the KCC.

### **13. Communications:**

Nothing to report.

### **14. Pavilion & Playing Field:**

The PC confirmed that the MUGA is now officially open for use and the charges being levied for a trial period are £15 per hour for the use of the MUGA, £2 per hour for the use of the floodlights and £9 per hour if the Pavilion is hired in conjunction with the hire of the MUGA.

PC advised that it was becoming increasingly difficult handling the Manager of one of the football teams who seemed to think that they have priority over everything in the Pavilion & playing fields and seemed to want to monopolise the use of the MUGA. He requested the backing of the Members to approach the club in question in order to discuss the rules and regulations that are in force with these facilities which are for the use of the general public. All Members agreed their backing and the PC is to arrange a meeting accordingly.

**15. Shared Handyman Scheme:**

PC updated Members on the progress of the Shared Handyman Scheme between KPC & GCWSPC. The container was now in place for the equipment that had been ordered but GCWSPC were unhappy with the doors of the container facing the road and were also unhappy with the colour of the container which is blue but they wanted a green one. GCWSPC had not advised KPC of these requirements and the PC has already advised them that these containers are always provided in blue and the Chairman of GCWSPC had now accepted this fact. However, the Village Hall Committee have insisted in having the container rotated so that the doors face behind the hall and the PC has arranged for this to be carried out by a HIAB vehicle located in the Canterbury region on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Once the container has been re-sited the PC has arranged for the equipment to be delivered on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 which is to be stored in the container. PC advised that a new Parish Clerk for GCWSPC has started work for them on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and he has held a meeting with her to update her with the progress of this scheme.

**16. Items for next Agenda:**

Presentation by Planning Consultancy Team for the next phase of the Finberry Development

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

**Next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 1830.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_