Kingsnorth Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting Monday 3rd July at 7pm, Kingsnorth Recreation Centre

Item		NB Key decisions are shown in Bold .
1	Present	Cllr Ransley (Chair); Cllr Hayward (note taker); Cllr Cosgrove; Cllr Townend; Cllr Clarke.
		Also present approx. 9 residents and representatives from Kingsnorth Medical Practice.
	Apologies	Cllr Giles, Cllr Hicks, Cllr Wedgbury, Cllr Breeze; Cllr Jones
2	Declarations of	Cllr Cosgrove: Cllr Hayward and Cllr Clarke all declared that they are patients of Kingsnorth Medical Practice.
	Interest	During the meeting the Chilmington CMO was raised. Cllr Hayward declared at that point that she was on the CMO board and abstained from
		that vote.
4	Live Reindeer	Discussion held regarding booking live reindeers for the Christmas event. Motion that we do not need reindeers at the event proposed by Cllr
	request	Townend and seconded by Cllr Cosgrove. All voted in agreement. ACTION: Parish Manager to cancel booking.
5	Invoices	None received.

Application update	 in October as both have gone to appeal. ClIr Ransley has asked the planning inspectorate for both applications to be heard jointly — he is waiting to hear back. The reason for this is both have an impact on local area e.g. traffic and its felt the applications shouldn't be looked at in isolation. A key part of the discussion related to the medical practice application. Residents were concerned regarding the loss of the 'protected' green buffer zone, traffic and the road safety of Ashford Road. Dr Raj from the medical practice explained the situation the team found themselves in, and how critical getting new premises is for the future of the practice & growing population of the area. All sympathised with the KMP team and wanted to find a solution acceptable to the medical team and residents. A short discussion was held regarding remodelling the (soon to be) empty Kingsnorth Recreation Centre site into a medical practice — it is a large building, with good carparking, is opposite the existing practice and in a good central location. It could also be realised faster than building a new site from scratch. (Current medical practice premises lease expires in 4 years). However, those at the meeting were reminded that the committee and planning inspectorate are there to discuss the actual application in front of them and not potential alternatives. ClIr Ransley proposed that we ask for Rule 6 Status to be applied to the Medical Practice application. Seconded by ClIr Cosgrove. All in favour. ACTION: Ask for Rule 6 status to be applied - ClIr Ransley. It was agreed that as Kingsnorth Green is in the local plan and a designated site, there is little the parish council can do to stop that application. However, we can proactively try and get the best outcome for our residents in terms of road improvements, investments etc. ClIr Ransley discussed using consultants to support this aim = e.g. traffic modelling. All agreed that ClIr Ransley returns to the main parish council meeting
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