

## WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Planning Committee****held on 22nd February 2017, Old School, West Kingsdown***Present:* : Cllr Mrs Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley (Vice Chairman),

Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr V Codling, Cllr D Land,

Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr M Stoneham, Cllr C Yarnold, Clerk.

*In attendance:* Cllr D Brazier, 4 Members of the Public

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Holdstock, Cllr Christie, Cllr Illingworth

Declarations of Interest: None.

Plans:

**SE/17/00301/House: Ajaccio, London Road:** Single storey rear extension. Roof lantern. No objection**SE/17/00355/HOUSE: Red Tyles, Ashen Grove Road:** Demolition of existing swimming pool building. Erection of a detached garage and detached timber building for use as changing rooms.  
Comment**SE/17/00384/HOUSE: Grovewood, 15 Ashen Grove Road Knatts Valley:** Erection of single storey rear extension and side extension on northern side of existing dwelling as an alternative to works currently to afforded certificates of Lawful development. Comment**SE/17/00203/FUL: The Warren Poultry Farm, East Hill Road, Knatts Valley:** Conversion of a bomb crater into a wildlife pond and creation of a bunding. Comment**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting****held on 22nd February 2017, Old School, West Kingsdown***Present:* : Cllr M Stoneham (Chairman), Cllr C Yarnold (Vice Chairman),

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**Members of the Public:****Footpath SD270:**

Path leading to main road: reported that there were several dog waste bags left along this path on a regular basis, the Clerk to report to the dog warden and community warden.

**Litter Bins on Gamecock Meadow:**

Reported that some of the litter bins contained dog waste bags. The Council replied that this query had arisen before and that it was not illegal to put dog waste into litter bins but would contact Sevenoaks District Council to confirm this.

**Litter Bakers Avenue:**

It was reported that there was a lot of litter in the road. The Council had reported this to Sevenoaks District Council but as this was a private road the District Council would not litter pick. It was agreed that a politely worded letter would be sent to the residents asking them to do a litter pick.

**Brands Hatch Residents day:**

It was reported that £5,000 had been raised which was to be distributed to three local Charities.

**Burger Van Lay By Gorse Hill:**

This had been reported to KCC and to Sevenoaks District Council requesting that the burnt out van be removed. The Clerk was asked to chase as it had been there for many months and was encouraging fly tipping in the lay by.

**Fly tipping:**

Scratcher's Lane: Fly tipping of soil, rubble and tyres reported along the road. The Clerk would contact Sevenoaks District Council requesting its removal.

**Tesco Bags of Help Fund:**

It was noted that the dimensions of the seat to be placed on KCC Highways land was required so that the application to place a seat thereon could be completed. Cllr Richards would provide the information.

**Report from Community Warden** – no report received from the Community Warden.

**Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda:** Cllr Yarnold and Cllr I Bosley for matters relating to finance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The MINUTES of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 25th January 2017 were submitted.

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The MINUTES of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2017 were submitted.

It was proposed from the Chair that on page 77, Housing Needs Survey in West Kingsdown, sixth paragraph, line 3 that the words 'and there was also a need for more first time homes' be deleted. This was AGREED. Cllr Richards proposed a further amendment to this minute but it was not seconded. It was moved from the Chair that they be signed as a true record and any recommendations contained therein be implemented. ALL IN FAVOUR

**Any Urgent Business**

The Chairman ruled that any business received since the despatch of the Agenda, by reason of special circumstances, be considered, in order to avoid any undue delay and have up to date information.

**Diary Item:** There were no diary items

**Footpaths:** There were no footpath matters raised

**Correspondence:** No correspondence received since the last General Purpose meeting

**Waste bin Southfields Roads**

Mr. Vining had commented prior to the meeting that the bin positioned last year at the entrance to the woods at Southfields/ Church Road junction is too small and only holds half a black sack of rubbish. He had also commented that rubbish is collected from the woods and left in black sacks next to the bin. The Clerk had emailed SDC for their response regarding not collecting loose rubbish bags.

SDC have responded that they clear the litter bins twice a week and that there were some bags left at the side which were household waste which they did not remove. The Clerk had replied informing them of the Church Woods working party and has asked that in future the bags could be collected. Cllr Watchorn reported that those bags had now been collected.

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**58 Millfield Road**

The owner of 58 Millfield Road had contacted the office and asked if Parish Council would empty his gutters as the leaves from the Parish tree alongside his property have fallen in there. The Clerk had indicated to the owner that it was not the responsibility of the Council to have them cleaned out and it would be down to the property owner. He had also requested that the tree in his front garden is looked at as dead branches have started to fall off. One recently hit a car as it fell. Ownership of the tree

may need to be clarified, Cllr Watchorn and Cllr P Bosley agreed to have a site meeting and report to General Purpose Committee. RECEIVED

### **Church Wood Report from Cllr Watchorn**

Shortly after my last report a pond clearance was carried out. Apart from the usual excess vegetation and debris thrown in by children members of the work party had to remove the body of a dog that had been wrapped in a curtain, weighed down by a mud mat and placed among plants in the middle of the pond, with leaves and topping on top.

The work identified in the annual safety survey is just about complete and will be inspected shortly.

The weekly work parties continue. At present work is taking place in the area that was planted in 2012.

The problems with youths congregating the Church car park late at night and in the early hours of the morning continue. Apart from the obvious nuisance to the resident of the nearby cottage, they leave behind a constant stream of rubbish.

With regard to work on the Westfield entrance, thanks to Martin doing some memory jogging, it looks as though we may get someone to assess whether or not this is the type of work they can undertake as a military training exercise.

### **Finance**

It was noted that the WRAG account had been closed in error by the HSBC. It was AGREED that the Council would open a separate community savings account at Barclays for this fund.

Details of income totalling £480.69 and expenditure with a cheque list with one addition totalling £12,635.40 were submitted.

It was proposed by the chair that this be received and payments made. 6 In FAVOUR  
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### **Matters Arising:**

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#### **A20 Burnt snack wagon:**

Sevenoaks District Council have advised that they are aware of the burger van in the lay by and did attend with a trailer and lorry but it wasn't large enough and will be rearranging a larger lorry soon.

#### **Stanstead Lane:**

Mr Barry reported a large amount of rubbish along this road past the Golf Club. The Clerk did report this to Sevenoaks District Council, it was litter picked the following day. RECEIVED

#### **Page 77 Housing needs:**

Cllr Richards asked how many people had been asked about the housing needs and how many estate agents contacted; Cllr P Bosley replied it was an informal meeting with the estate agent. Cllr Yarnold commented this was why we were asking Sevenoaks to do the housing needs survey. Cllr Watchorn wished to know if we were asking for more housing for older people or disabled or for first time buyers. It was explained that it would be a comprehensive survey covering all ages and groups. Sevenoaks were not expected to carry out the survey till after April. If this established that there was a need then there would be a call for sites and West Kingsdown may be allowed another exception site similar to that in Crowhurst Lane but this would be on a smaller scheme.

#### **London Road/Hever Road junction pedestrian crossover:**

This had been reported to Kent Highways for them to look at the cross over at the Hever Road junction as cars were blocking it on the London Road Swanley bound side. KCC replied they receive many requests for the implementation of improvement and safety measures on the highway and, as such, all requests are reviewed and prioritised. Their evidenced based approach is how they prioritise investment in Road Safety Improvements. Through analysis of crash data they have established that the existing evidence does not justify any further engineering measures currently at this location. They will, of course, continue to monitor the safety record at this location.

Cllr Brazier commented he may be able to help with bollards preventing parking blocking the crossover and would look at the area after elections in May if he were to be re-elected.

**Newsletter Items:**

Dog bins

Burger van removal

Residents Day, Pre-school received money

Pond in Woods

**Dates of future meetings:**

Planning Committee: Monday 27th February 2017 at 10.00am in the Gamecock Pavilion

Planning & General Purpose Committee: Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.45pm at Old School. Apologies for absence from Cllrs I & P Bosley for this meeting were noted.

Planning & Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 22nd March 2017 at 7.45pm at Old School

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**