

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Planning Committee and General Purpose Committee held on
Monday 10th July 2017 at the Old School Hall at 7.45pm

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members: Cllr Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr Bosley (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Bosley, Cllr Codling,
 Cllr Christie, Cllr Miss Holdstock, Cllr Land, Cllr Illingworth, Cllr Mrs Richards, Cllr Yarnold & Cllr Stoneham.

Apologies: There were no apologies.

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Planning:

SE/174/02011/FUL: Land East of Springhams Cottages: Introduction of a free range egg production unit, associated poultry building plus an area for a petting farm activity including goats, rheas, alpacas and bee hives together with associated livestock barn, stockman's accommodation dwelling and polytunnels. Objection and comment.

SE/17/01738/FUL: Maplebank Poultry Farm, Maplescombe Lane: Conversion of a former poultry farm into a rural holiday accommodation(sui Generis) with the replacement of the existing buildings with twenty holiday cottages for short term let. The site will offer some leisure and recreational facilities, with provision of a tennis court and a heated swimming pool and a children's play area. Objection.

SE/17/01929/FUL: Ridgewood, Botsom Lane: The erection of a 4 bedroom detached residential house and garage. No comment.

SE/17/01788/HOUSE: 23 Oakland Close: Erection of a single storey rear extension. No objection.

SE/17/02044/HOUSE: 1 Lovelace Close: Single storey replacement garage. No objection.

SE/17/02010/FUL: Bumblebees , Knatts Valley Road: Conversion of a barn to a 3 bed dwelling. Comment.

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Members: Cllr C Yarnold, (Chairman), Cllr Illingworth (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Bosley, Cllr Mrs Bosley,
 Cllr Christie, Cllr Codling, Cllr Miss Holdstock, Cllr Land, Cllr Stoneham, Cllr Mrs Richards, Cllr Mrs Watchorn.

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Correspondence:

17/04 Recreation ground:

The following email has been received regarding parking outside the recreation ground:

“Every summer I have issues with parking outside my property from people using the park in Hever Avenue. I have just gone outside to find a car parked right across my front gate blocking it, I am less than impressed with this. Year after year I am having this problem yet the parish Council have done nothing to help except place a no parking sign up that was immediately taken down and never replaced. The allotment users STILL have a car park that is rarely used, why can this car park not be opened up during the day for people visiting the park. There are never more than five or six cars visiting the park, but when these are all parked outside my drive they cause considerable inconvenience to me, but would all fit snugly in the park with no issue to anyone. Most of the allotment users walk anyway, and those who do drive park in Mitcham Close usually so they don't have to go to the trouble of unlocking and picking the gate! This matter really does need some attention this year, in past years I have been verbally abused and threatened with physical assault when I have needed to ask cars to move for me, I was told a parking enforcement team would patrol the area but this never materialised, PLEASE can this matter be given some attention before it escalates further. It is nearly always the parents parking in front of my drive, but my point is the allotment users who DO drive (which is only a few), nearly always park in Mitcham Close, the car park is hardly ever used, but opening this to the park users would solve the problem in one hit, it would kill two birds with one stone, the hardly used car park could be fully utilised, and my drive way would remain clear. The second option as I see it would be to request some parking enforcement agents to issue a few tickets, the word would soon get round, it's free parking on all surrounding roads but the parents don't seem to want to walk!”

Members considered the points raised by the resident and it was proposed through the Chair that we ask Sean to open the large vehicle gates daily and close in the evening thus allowing cars for allotment holders and users of the recreation ground to park inside rather than in front of the residents driveway. This would be trialled for 3 months and diaried for October to review again. The Clerk would ask Sean Prentice and the Council would need to find a method of securing the gates back.

**ALL IN FAVOUR
DIARY OCTOBER**

Footpaths: No footpath matters were raised.

Planters:

Cllr Yarnold had cleared and planted plants at the Wrotham end of the Village Cllr Holdstock would be asked to plant the Swanley end of the village this was believed to be supported by Freestyle Flooring.

RECIEVED

Gamecock Committee meeting:

Reminder to those on the Gamecock Committee that there was to be a meeting on Thursday 13th July 7.30pm.

NOTED

Fire hydrant initiative project.

The fire hydrants used by fire and rescue services to supply water for firefighting are called statutory fire hydrants (as opposed to private fire hydrants found on private water mains). They are owned, installed and maintained by Kent's five water companies. Fire hydrants are mainly found on pavements, but can also be found on the road or in nearby public spaces, such as grass verges.

Kent Fire & Rescue Service [KFRS] have been working in partnership with KALC to help increase community resilience within local Parish and Town Council's (PTC) and one of the initiatives put in place is for local residents to help monitor and report fire hydrant defects and water provision issues within their local area, ensuring issues are resolved in a timely manner. The fire hydrant initiative project has been in place for 5 years and KFRS are looking at getting as many PTC involved as possible. Local Councils should contact their insurers to let them know that they are looking to be involved in the project.

KFRS will continue to inspect fire hydrants throughout Kent & Medway on a rolling risk based programme and the inspections we are asking local PTC's to undertake are in addition to the on-going work KFRS undertake. Whether your Local PTC helps identify defects or not will have no impact on the service provided by the Authority.

The inspections can be undertaken by anyone within the Local Council or community.

- The inspections are to be visual inspections only and no risks should be taken at any time.
- All issues reported to KFRS will be rectified based on the severity of the defect.
- Problems that can be reported by PTC include:
- Missing, damaged or covered fire hydrant marker plates
- Missing or damaged hydrant marker plates can usually be fixed by KFRS.

Cllr Richards, Cllr Yarnold and Cllr Stoneham agreed to volunteer for this role.

ALL IN FAVOUR

Housing Survey:

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Gavin Missons from Sevenoaks District Council and Tessa O'Sullivan from Rural Housing, as date has provisionally been made for Friday 8th September at 2pm, to be held at the Parish Office. **NOTED**

CIL Money: the clerk was asked to contact SDC to enquire if there was further CIL money due, as this would help with planning projects such as the widening and creation of new paths in the burial ground and other requests for the use of these funds.

Parish Council Meeting Agenda Items

To consider matters Councillors wished to place on the Agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

1. Cllr Richards asked for an update on defibrillator. Cllr P Bosley advised that Wards Property Management department were still looking at the request.
2. Cllr Codling asked how to get footpath SD271 diverted as a resident had asked him. This would be the responsibility of Kent County Council Footpaths Officer and the resident would have to made direct contact with them.
3. Cllr Bosley asked for the Old School roofing to be added to the agenda as the Committee were obtaining two quotes for roofing works.

Dates of Meetings:

Wednesday 26th July 2017 : Planning & Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm at the Old School, School Lane.

Meeting closed at 21.12