

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting the Planning Committee and General Purpose Committee held on
Monday 11th September 2017 at the Old School Hall at 7.45pm
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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members: Cllr Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr Codling,
Cllr Land, Cllr Illingworth, Cllr Mrs Richards, Cllr Stoneham.

Apologies: Cllr I Bosley and Cllr P Bosley, Cllr Holdstock, Cllr Christie and Cllr Yarnold.

Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations declared.

Planning:

SE/17/02757/HOUSE: Merrivale Rushetts Road: Erection of single Storey rear extension. No objection

SE/17/00066/ENF: Woodside, Rushetts Road: Enforcement against appeal: Without planning permission, the making of a material use as a dwelling house and a dance school with residential courses including overnight accommodation. Noted

TPO: TPO/06/2017: Tree preservation order in Botsom Lane. Noted

Outlining planning - Contact has been made by Architect Peter Evans, he has spoken to SDC who have provided a positive response to his pre-application enquiry for a development of seven 2-bedroom flats with associated car parking and amenity area in Fawkham Road. The planning officer has suggested that the new housing need survey be referred to and the Clerk will provide the Architect with this after it is formally adopted by the Parish Council. Parish Council would not be able to object or not object until a formal application had been submitted to SDC, however, Members commented that they would not wish to see the privacy of the neighbouring property lost and that they would also not like the building to go right up to the boundary. These comments would be passed to the Architect by the Clerk.

Minutes of the GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Members: Cllr A Illingworth (Vice Chairman), Cllr Codling, Cllr Land, Cllr Stoneham,
Cllr Mrs Richards, Cllr Mrs Watchorn.

Apologies: Cllr I Bosley and Cllr P Bosley, Cllr Holdstock, Cllr Christie and Cllr Yarnold.

Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations declared.

Correspondence:

17/36: First Aid Course

Information has been received regarding first aid courses

New Citizen Aid courses are proving very popular with lots of interest so if you'd like to learn how to protect yourself in an emergency such as a knife attack, gun attack or bombing then this is the course for you. We can run these at your premises or have open courses available at all our centres.

Turning to workplace First Aid, if you are looking to run a course at your offices then we can help you and, generally, can offer you the date of your choice as we have a pool of highly qualified and experienced trainers available; please call or email us to discuss your needs.

Alternatively, if you only have one or two people that need training at a time then our open, or public, courses may suit your needs and we run regular open First Aid courses in Orpington and our next course dates are below. If you want to see our full course diary or book on-line then please go to our website www.thefirstaidteam.co.uk

Citizen Aid (half-day)

29th September

£45.00 per person plus VAT

A dedicated course at your premises costs £275.00 plus VAT for a maximum of 12 people

Emergency First Aid at Work (one day)

2nd October

£75.00 per person plus VAT

A dedicated course at your premises costs £425.00 plus VAT for a maximum of 12 people.

First Aid at Work (3 days)

6th, 7th, 8th November

£210.00 per person plus VAT

A dedicated course held at your premises for up to 12 people costs only £1200.00 plus VAT

First Aid at Work Requalification (2 days)

2nd & 3rd October

£170.00 per person plus VAT

A dedicated course at your premises for a maximum of 12 people costs £820.00 plus VAT

Courses are also in Canterbury, Hastings, Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells.

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17/37 Flood Training Course

Please see details of a Flood Warden Demonstration Day on Saturday 7th October 2017, organised by the Environment Agency and the Kent Resilience Forum.

The Environment Agency and the Kent Resilience Forum have also asked if you could use your own communications channels to promote this event.

The deadline to register is Friday 22 September, full details below and attached.

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Footpaths: There were no footpath matters raised

Football Goals.

At the meeting on 21 August we came to the view that we should do nothing further about the football goals until the end of this season. Since then there has been a development. On Saturday 19th August Kevin Turner an official of the local Kent County Football Association [KCFA] League in which the Racers play visited the ground to watch the friendly match. In the course of his visit he looked at the pitches and the goal posts and commented adversely on the condition of the latter.

Essentially work needs to be done on the goals as soon as possible to ensure that KCFA teams can continue to play league matches on them. In particular the cross-bars on the pitch nearest the Pavilion need to be straightened. Since this is not practicable it means that they will have to be replaced. This will resolve the other points with regard to the corrosion and post sockets. The other set of goal posts also require attention.

A pair of new goal posts with sockets that match the existing can be obtained from markharrod.com for £585 plus £65 for delivery [both excl. VAT].

Valentine D’Rosario is confident that if we go ahead and replace the goal posts on the lower pitch nearest the Pavilion this season and agree to replace those on the other pitch before the next season starts then the KCFA will accept this and allow their teams to play on our pitches.

Doing this will ensure that the Racers can continue to play in West Kingsdown for the foreseeable future.

Cllr Illingworth advises that about £869 remains in the old GMMC bank account which will be paid to the council in the near future. It was proposed through the chair that the goal posts for the lower pitch be purchased.

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Recreation Ground:

A copy of the report had been received, it had highlighted some of the handles on the tower required tightening and the swing bushes needed greasing. Cllr Land said he would look and complete any works required. David Diboll would be asked by the Clerk to remove the inappropriate graffiti from the tower.

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Housing needs:

Members attended a meeting September the 8th with Gavin Missons and Tessa O’Sullivan to discuss the housing needs survey. There had been an identified need for those older residents wishing to downsize but wanting to remain in the village and also for first time buyers unable to afford to remain here due to house prices. Cllr Watchorn suggested the site previously identified may be suitable. It was proposed through the Chair that the adoption of the survey be recommended to full Council to be adopted and the District Council be requested to call for sites. Consideration would then be given to a scheme subject to a suitable site being identified.

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Finance:

Cheque to be reissued for Tim Collins as the cheque had been made out to the wrong company name. **AGREED**

Defibrillator update:

A meeting took place with Tony, Premises Manager of Wards, and Ed Friend (landlord) and Cllr P Bosley on Thursday 7th September. The Premises Manager is now happy with the proposal and will take it to his MD on 21st Sept and get back to us. Because of the dropped ceiling in Wards it is suggested that the electricity supply is run externally to the back of the building to connect to their supply. Ed Friend is OK with this. They are also considering sponsoring the cost of the electricity for the cabinet as it is considered that the cost will be minimal. Parish Council are now waiting to hear back from Wards. Cllr Richards asked why, as it has been her idea, had Cllr P Bosley met with the landowner. It was explained that as Cllr P Bosley had been acting Clerk when L Harrison was on long term sick that for continuity Cllr Bosley would complete the project. **AGREED**

CIL

Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) adopted its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in February 2014, and began charging on liable developments since August 2014.

CIL is a charge on development where the amount received by the Council is dependent on the size and location of the development and also the type of development proposed. The money collected through CIL can **only** be spent on Infrastructure and the spending of this money is managed by Sevenoaks District Council as the charging authority. The Council has recently agreed its Governance arrangements and has now opened the bidding process to the CIL Spending Board.

A pro-forma and letter on how to bid for additional CIL funding was received together with all previous information sent out with regards to CIL as well for information. Further information regarding CIL and what CIL can be spent on (listed in our Regulation 123 List) can be found at

https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20075/community_infrastructure_levy/285/what_is_cil_and_when_does_it_apply.

The deadline for CIL bids will be **Friday 1st December 2017**.

The Clerk was asked to enquire with SDC as to what type of projects and the amount of funding available from the central CIL funds. **AGREED**

Youth provision

West Kent Communities youth work are ready to start delivering at long last! They thanked us for being patient during the process of navigating through the issue of lack of applicants. Kathryn (newly appointed youth worker) is still in the process working her notice at her current job and will be able to start on 25 October 2017.

So as not to delay the opening of the clubs any longer, they are planning to start delivering next week – on 13 September in New Ash Green and on 14 September in West Kingsdown. They have managed to pull in some sessional staff to cover the period before Kathryn starts, a copy of the staffing rota is available from the Clerk.

They are fully staffed for the West Kingsdown club now as Kim Salvage will be the youth worker there. Kim is local and works at our 8-12s club in West Kingsdown on Wednesday evenings. For the first few weeks – she will be attending mandatory youth work training every other Thursday, so Cheryl will be covering her for those periods.

As they were due to start the contract on 1st July – and this has not happened due to the trouble they had with recruiting, they need to decide what action to take regarding delivery. Due to this delay they are 30 hours per club plus two activity days (which were to take place in the summer holidays) behind schedule – so 43.5 hours in total per club.

The options going forward are these:

- Option one: Review contract finish date and alter to 13.09.2018 to allow one full year of delivery.
- Option two: Offer an additional seven full Youth Work activity days during the holiday periods to make up the hours.

Having looked at the year ahead - the second option is difficult to achieve as far as they are concerned - but could just about be managed. Option one would be the preferable option and easier to manage and execute. This item would go on the agenda for PC to decide which option the Council would prefer. **NOTED**

Skatefest on Saturday 30th September.

This is an event aimed at 8-25 year olds and their families. The theme of the day is “Healthy Lifestyles” and will include healthy eating, exercise and sport events.

The idea for the event was decided by the young people of West Kingsdown who wanted a local Skate Jam and festival. We have enrolled the support of some professional skate instructors who will give tutorials and run competitions for the young people on the Skate ramps, while those who do not want to skate will be enjoying a free BBQ, music and an ice cream van. There will be prizes and awards for those taking part.

Other organisations attending include; Charlton Athletic who will teach football skills, Challenge Troup the Army cadets who will do an obstacle course and climbing wall activity, Sevenoaks District Council who will bring along the Smoothie Bike, New Ash Green Rugby Club who are running activities, The Kenward Trust who give advice and information on the risks of drugs and alcohol, Get It who advise on sexual health, West Kingsdown boxing club who are bringing a transportable boxing ring! and Graham Upton who is a professional Graffiti artist and will be working with the young people to re paint the skate ramps. We will also have a BBQ, an ice cream van and music. It was noted that the Parish Council had agreed that it would allow a graffiti artist to carry out a piece of artwork on the Skatepark. The event begins at 2pm. **RECEIVED**

Parish Council Meeting Agenda Items

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

Cllr Watchorn raised a concern that the Council should discuss the local plan document, however, it was agreed that as there was a lot of information and short timescale to comment that the Council would meet on Monday 2nd October at 10am in the Pavilion.

Cllr Watchorn also mentioned that she had received a letter addressed to her as Parish Councillor regarding trees near the entrance to the woods along Fawkham Road (Just down from Warland Close). The Church Woods Management Committee would arrange for the tree in question to be inspected by SL Treecare, keep the Council informed and address any concerns raised.

Dates of Meetings:

Wednesday 27th September: Planning and Parish Council Committee. Meeting at 7.45 at Old School, School Lane.

Monday 9th October 2017 : Planning & General Purpose Meeting at 7.45pm at the Old School, School Lane

Meeting closed at 8.55pm