

**WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at the old School Hall School Lane

**Members of the Parish Council:** Cllr M Stoneham (Chairman), Cllr V Codling, Cllr G Christie, Cllr A Illingworth, Cllr Mrs M Richards & Cllr Mrs J Watchorn.

2 members of the public and Cllr David Brazier

**Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.**

**Fawkham Road Flooding:**

Mr Birley raised the matter of the flooding that occurs in the dip near its junction of Valley Road. Cllr Brazier and the Clerk were asked to report to KCC officers, to see if the soakaways could be cleared and Brands Hatch to be contacted as it may have been a problem since the unit fire on Paddocks industrial units.

**Pot Holes:**

Cllr Richards stated there was a pot hole in the Old School Car Park and one in the Gamecock car park. The Clerk was asked to get a contractor to quote for the repairs.

**Keep left island:** Keep left island London Road just before Hever Road was damaged.

**Hever Road Bollard:** There is a bollard missing outside number 35 Hever Road. Clerk to report to KCC.

**Football pitches:** Cllr Christie reported that the referee had commented to him the previous Sunday that ours was one of the best grounds that he has refereed at.

**Planning minutes**

Apologies for Absence: Cllr I Bosley, Cllr P Bosley, Cllr Holdstock, Cllr D Land & Cllr Yarnold,

Declarations of Interest:

Plans:

**SE/18/02690/FUL: Field North of Garden Cottage, Cotmans Ash:** Erection of two ( foaling ) stables. Objection

**SE/18/02728/FUL: Homestead, 38 Ashen Grove Road:** Proposed replacement dwelling, engineering operation to form large pond with stream and new driveway following demolition of existing dwelling and garage. withdrawn

**SE/18/02729/FUL: Homestead 38 Ashen Grove Road:** Proposed replacement dwelling, engineering operation to form large pond with stream and new driveway following demolition of exiting dwelling and garage. Withdrawn

**SE/18/02853/HOUSE: Oak Lodge, Botsom Lane:** Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of first floor front extension with balcony and single storey rear extension with roof lights. Alterations to fenestration. Objection

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**Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda:** None were declared

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th July 2018 were submitted.

It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

The MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 20th August 2018 were submitted.

It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record.

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The MINUTES of the General Purpose Committee meeting held on Monday 20th August 2018 were submitted.

It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record and any recommendations therein approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

The MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2018 were submitted.

It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

The MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 were submitted.

It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

The MINUTES of the General Committee meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 were submitted.

It was moved from the chair that they be signed as a true record and that any recommendations 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:**

**Maplebank Poultry Farm.** Alleged decontamination operation being run, some new construction in progress: no further information has been received

**NOTED**

#### **Footpaths:**

##### **BR292:**

Mr Barry had visited the London Golf Course and taken a green keeper to the obstruction on the footpath. Mr Barry will re-visit to check if the obstruction has been removed.

**SD271:** Rubbish is still being dumped at the rear Kaysland by residents

#### **Correspondence:**

##### **18/09 Kent County Council's 'Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation'**

This consultation will help us deliver the Kent Waste Disposal Strategy and seeks views on the proposal to implement a charging policy for non-household waste materials including soil, rubble, hardcore and plasterboard, deposited at Kent HWRCs.

The 8 week consultation is available until Thursday 1 November 2018, and we would like to invite you to comment.

The consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation)

Your views are important to us and we look forward to receiving your comments.

Could we also ask for your support to promote the consultation please? We have sent you 2 posters and some postcards which should be arriving shortly via the post, and would be very grateful if you could display these, where appropriate, to encourage responses from local residents. We have a small supply of these promotional resources available, if you would like further copies please do not hesitate to contact us.

**The consultation runs from 6th September to 1st November 2018.** [www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation)

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#### **18/10 Brands Hatch resident's day**

Charities and similar organisations in the local community are invited to apply for a grant from the money raised at the 2019 Brands Hatch Residents/Villagers Day. The exact date of this event is still to be confirmed, but is likely to be early February 2019.

Applications should be submitted via e-mail to Brands Hatch at [brandshatch@msv.com](mailto:brandshatch@msv.com). The deadline for applications is Friday 2 November 2018.

The total sum raised in 2018 was in excess of £5,000.

If the total requested exceeds the sum raised then in the first instance priority will be given to those who have not previously had a grant or did not have a grant in 2018.

An application for a grant from the same organisation will not be considered if they are still holding the previous grant.

A decision as to the distribution of grants will be made by the Brands Hatch Liaison Group prior to the Christmas holiday.

If the total of the grants approved exceeds the sum raised each grant will be reduced proportionately, the opposite will apply if the sum raised exceeds the total requested.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend the Residents Day.

This had been circulated to local groups wishing to be considered for a grant.

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**18/20 Remembrance parade:** Notification had been received that road closures in West Kingsdown as applied for have been approved for the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 11th November. **RECEIVED**

**Burial ground seats:**

Amended version for Members to consider and to be added to the burial ground rules and regulations. It was proposed by Cllr Christie and seconded by Cllr Codling that this be formally adopted as part of the rules and regulations of the burial ground. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Burial ground Works:**

Members are to note that tree works are due to start on Friday 5th October. **RECEIVED**

**Grounds contracts:**

Invitations to tender for the Grounds Contract for 2019-2022 will be going out from 16th October and are due back on 20 December 2018. **NOTED**

**Village Hall Management Committee:**

Hall continued to be well used. Replacement lights for roadway had been purchased. Boxing club had almost finished alterations.

**Memorial Garden, School Lane**

KCC plan to tidy up the boundary hedge on their land cutting off the low branches overhanging the grass and the pavement by the bus stop. They will also remove an old tree stump and a dead hawthorn. They are happy with the post and rail that we have put in the hedge line and had also noted the gate that had been created. KCC will do this work and they may do more work later between the hedge and the boundary fence which belong to the neighbour. It was noted that when the formal transfer of land is made from Highways England to KCC that the Parish Council like to take over ownership as they had maintained that land for many years. **RECEIVED**

**Tree Next to Innsdale, School Lane :**

A resident voiced concern and at the July meeting it was agreed that the Clerk should contact SL Treecare and ask them to take a look.

**SL Treecare report:**

We have looked at the Oak tree next door to Innsdale, from the road only.

The tree in question is on the roadside and pressed up against the boundary with Innsdale. The tree is a full mature Oak tree with a crown that extends well over the front corner of the property, which includes a carport or similar.

There would appear to be only a tiny smattering of relatively small dead wood within the crown of the tree.

From the ground, no defects were seen that would be a cause for concern.

It is normal for Oak trees to continually shed material, acorns, leaves, twigs and occasionally slightly larger but in general non harming larger bits of branch.

What can't be ruled out is rarely, an Oak tree can drop an apparently health branch (called 'Oak branch drop'). The preventative measures for this are too lightly reduce the affected portions of the crown, though if this is not proved to be necessary it could be argued that it shouldn't be done.

A reduction of this sort will not stop the tree in any case dropping the bits as mentioned above so in this instance would not be worth doing.

Other options would include cutting back to the boundary. This would be unacceptable visually for tree health and would set an unacceptable (in my eyes) precedent. Likewise, felling the tree.

Quote to carry out these works is as follows

**Oak on Roadside by Innsdale, School Lane, West Kingsdown**

Remove significant dead wood from the tree, particularly over Innsdale and the highway.

Climb check the crown for any defects that would affect the highway or Innsdale and

make a recommendation for any further works for safety.

Stack arisings within the woodland.

SN CW

Roadside works, Hi Viz, signs, cones

access to Innsdale required.

£195.00

**Subtotal £195.00**

VAT £39.00

**Total £234.00**

It was proposed from the Chair that the Council proceed with this work.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Finance** It was noted that an income of £11,280.00 had been received and it proposed through the chair that cheques to the total of £8,636.21 be paid **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**Audit:**

The external audit had been completed by PKF little John LLP: There was only one comment and that related to the Sevenoaks Authority giving the wrong precept figure to the auditors which resulted in the Clerk confirming the amount and sending evidence that the Parish Councils precept figure was correct on the form. **RECEIVED**

**Defibrillator:**

The Clerk applied and has recently received an email stating that the Council had been successful in obtaining a Defibrillator, the Clerk is now in discussion with the area Co op team regarding having this placed inside the Co Op ( the Co op has been first choice to locate it in due to the long hours it remains open and daily ) but it appears at this stage the Co op regional office have slowed the process down and to date have not made a firm agreement to place one in their store.

The Nursery had been contact about using their wall to mount an outside case containing the defibrillator, this was thought unsuitable. Cllr Christie suggested the BT box, which Members thought was a good option. The Clerk was asked when she returned from annual leave to contact BT to see if this would be possible. **AGREED**

**Bus shelter:** A quote had been received to replace the panels with plywood and Perspex tops for the sum of £116 from Mr Evans. It was proposed through the chair that this quote be accepted. **ALL IN NFAVOUR**

**70 Millfield Road Site:**

The Following quote has been received from SL Tree care following concerns raised by the resident of 70 Millfield Road Oak:

Reduce back from building.

Chip and stack on site.

£165.00

**Or**

Reduce crown by approx. 30%.

Chip and stack on site.

£396.00

**Or**

Dismantle/fell to near ground level.

Chip and stack on site.

Grind out the stump by approx. 250mm below ground level.

Leave grindings tidy.

£528.00

Members agreed that SL Treecare should speak to Les Jones the SDC tree officer and if he agreed it would be felled. The Clerk would write to 68 and 70 and explain what was proposed before the work started. **AGREED**

**Newsletter items.**

Audit

Bus shelter

**Matters arising:** There were no matters arising

Members are reminded the office will be closed from Monday 1st October and will reopen on Tuesday 16th October.

**Dates of Next meetings**

**General Purpose Committee Meeting: Monday 8th October : 7.30pm Old School Hall, School Lane.**

**Parish Council Committee Meeting: Wednesday 24th October : 7.30pm Old School Hall, School Lane.**

**Meeting close at 8.55pm**