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WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**

The Pavilion  
London Road  
West Kingsdown  
TN15 6BZ  
21st November 2018

I hereby summon you to attend the Parish Council Meeting of West Kingsdown Parish Council to be held in the Main Hall, Old School, School Lane, West Kingsdown commencing at 7.45pm on **Wednesday 28th November 2018** to transact the following business.

Clerk to the Council.

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr M Stoneham (Chairman, Cllr Yarnold (Vice-chairman), Cllr I Bosley, Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr V Codling, Cllr G Christie, Cllr Miss J Holdstock, Cllr A Illingworth, Cllr D Land, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr Mrs J Watchorn.

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

**Planning Agenda**

1. Apologies for Absence:

2. Declarations of Interest:

**3. Plans:**

**SE/18/02790/Ful: Land east of 30 Ashen Grove Road: Knatts Valley:** Conversion of existing building to create 1 no dwelling and associated works. Retention of existing building for ancillary residential use. ( amended Plans)

**West Kingsdown Parish Council Wednesday 28th November 2018  
Parish Council Meeting  
Agenda**

1. Apologies for absence.

**2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda**

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th October 2018, as attached.

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To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018, as attached

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018, as attached

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018, as attached

**4. Any Urgent Business**

The Chairman to rule 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.

**5. Diary Item:**

**6. Footpaths:**

**7. Correspondence:**

**8. Report from the Old School Management Committee:**

### **9. Car park rear of the Co op and Nursey Car park in Hever Road:**

Since the Council considered whether or not to litter pick land that it doesn't own all reports of flytipping and dumping of furniture is being reported to Sevenoaks District Council for the rear of the co op and the Land owner for the car park in Hever Road.

David Dibol is paid weekly to carry out 3 hours of litter clearing - his time is spread between the Gamecocks site/ Recreation and Hever Road

### **10. Remembrance Sunday Parade.**

To record our thanks to the volunteers who helped on Remembrance Sunday and to express our appreciation to well over 200 parishioners who attended the War Memorial. Also to note the thanks of the Royal British Legion for the support received for the Poppy Appeal which has raised in excess of £5,600.

To note the comments received by the Chairman from Lady Nelson on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant:

*Can I thank you and everyone involved with the Services yesterday for your welcome to me as the Lord Lieutenant's representative. I thought West Kingsdown did itself proud and produced a most impressive day of Remembrance. I will remember the silhouettes and the stories of the soldiers, the huge number of poppies both in the cascade and inside the church, the priest's address and the candles relighted after being extinguished at the 100 year anniversary of the beginning of the first World War. It was good to see around 250 people standing in the sunshine and shower at the War Memorial and the involvement of the children and all the societies and associations in the Parish.*

### **11. Finance** Details to be tabled

**11a.** An internal audit was carried out Cllr Illingworth on 26/10/18 no areas of concerns were identified.

### **12. Youth services:**

The club has been going well with engagements varying but we are regularly seeing 12 young people. Sessional workers are working closely with them and are also working hard to engage with new and more young people in the area as our cohort of young people seem to be the same most weeks. Even though this is a positive it would be nice to gain new engagements so we are putting a plan of action in place to achieve this. The extension of the service has added some energy to the project as both the staff and young people are seeing a long term vision for the youth activities in the area.

Our vision of having a much more engaged and proactive youth forum is being organised which will bring about ideas for change, support funding bids and work with the local area to improve.

Young people are starting to really show ownership over the project and want to make positive changes.

Sessions have included sports, games and pool competitions, outdoor games, relationship building, team building, drug and alcohol awareness and sexual health talks.

We are excited at the extension and feel in this period we will be able to develop an engaged and proactive youth group that can help support themselves and the local area.

### **13. Telephone box:**

The adoption of the telephone box has been completed

**14. Burial Ground:** A working party is required Members are asked to arrange a date.

### **15. KCC Bus consultation: Bus Service 404 and 405 Changes Public Consultation**

A bus consultation have been proposed for two services, the one that affects West Kingsdown is the 405, currently running Two proposals; from Stagecoach (services 42/42A, 56 and 39/39A) in Thanet and from Go-coach (services 404 and 405) in Sevenoaks are being considered. These would save KCC approximately £410k per year (£360k from Thanet proposals and £50k from Sevenoaks proposals). This note focuses on proposals for services 404 and 405 consultation will run from 22 November to 19 December 2018

Reduction in the overall number of journeys, removal of the Plaxtol to Borough Green section and the withdrawal of the Wednesday only 405 service.

Service 222 will continue to offer a link to Borough Green and Tonbridge whilst service 429 provides West Kingsdown with a link to Dartford and Swanley.

In addition, a new Taxi Bus service is being introduced as a Big Conversation pilot scheme and this will provide new journeys linking West Kingsdown, Fairseat, Otford, Stansted and East Hill with Sevenoaks.

**16. Land at Millfield Road:**

A letter has been received regarding some land in Millfield Road the new owner was originally led to believe from the seller that the space in front of garages belonged to the resident the solicitor then claimed it was not part of the house and believed it to belong to the Parish Council. The sale and move has been completed and the owner has requested the Council considers selling the land to them. A letter is attached for Members.

**17. Line marking of Roads:**

KCC have repainted the lines along the main A20, The Clerk has spoken to KCC and it has been confirmed that when all signs are erected highlighting the cycle lane the parking problem become enforceable by the District Council parking enforcement Officers.

**18. Oak Tree Burial Ground:**

**Previously Council had agreed the following works to take place at the Burial ground**

**Two Oaks in the Burial ground (new section by the compost area)**

Raise the crowns on both Oaks to approx 5m by removal of complete branches where applicable.

Arisings to be chipped for use in the burial ground  
£390.00

**Oak behind William Ellard grave**

Remove the bulk of the dead wood.

(note; the tree is showing stress most likely due to graves being dug below the tree damaging roots)

Arisings to be chipped for use in the burial ground  
£390.00

**Stump in the area by the Compost bin and two oaks**

Grind out to approx 250mm below ground level

Leave arisings tidy £130.00

**To remove the oak tree nearest the compost bin the quote is as follows:****Burial ground Oak by Compost Bins**

Dismantle /Fell to near ground level

Remove all arisings from site. Note, if this option is taken, quote 208629 cost for raising the crowns on two Oaks will be amended accordingly £528.00

**Grinding if required**

Grind out the stump to below the bole (ie, separates all the roots from the stump)Leave all arisings tidy to settle £195.00

**Subtotal £723.00**

VAT £144.60     **Total £867.60**

**19. Land at School Lane:**

It has been noted that all the hedges along the side of the John Fordham Memorial have been cut back to 6ft. It is not clear if this is the landowner next the Parish Council Plot of Highways England. The Clerk has confirmed the works have not been carried out by the Contractor the Parish Employers.

**20. Newsletter items.****21. Matters arising:****22. Dates of Next meetings**

**Parish Council Committee Meeting: Monday 10th December : 7.30pm Old School Hall, School Lane.**

**2019**

7 January - General Purposes Committee

14 January – Finance [Precept] [No Planning Committee]

23 January - Parish Council

**23. Ancillary Post for Members**