



BROOMFIELD AND KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood.
Monday 15th February 2016, 7.30pm

Present:

CLlr Mike O'Neill (Chair)
CLlr Tom Hoy
CLlr Peter Page

CLlr Tina Clark
CLlr Mike Lovell
CLlr Janet Tandy

CLlr Annette Friend

Mrs Gail Gosden – Parish Clerk
Mrs Christine King - Deputy Clerk
CLlr Jenny Whittle KCC

There was one member of the public in attendance
There were no declarations of intent to record the Meeting

CLlr O'Neill opened the meeting at 7.45pm

Apologies for Absence:

CLlr T. Baker
CLlr Mike Darling
PCSO Thomas Maybank

Public Forum: Ms Parker requested that the new footpath fence which has mistakenly been attached to her fence post be removed, see item 252.

Minute	Action
242	
Councillors' Declarations (Regarding Agenda Items)	
242.1 Lobbying - None	
242.2 Personal Interest - None	
242.3 Prejudicial Interest - None	
243	
Approval of Minutes:	
The Minutes of the following meetings, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by CLlr O'Neill as a correct record:	
243.1 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 18 th January 2016	
243.2 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18 th January 2016	
243.3 Minutes of the Staff Committee Meeting held 25 th January 2016	
243.4 Minutes of the Sports Field Committee held 9 th February 2016.	
244	
Actions & Outcomes	
Items to be completed:	
211 – Photos of permissive footpath to KCC	
217 – Register PC with Kent Police	
221.1 - Copy of home insurance to Clerk	
- Clerk to write to JPG and get on their Agenda	Clerk
245	
Kent County Council - County Councillor - Maidstone Rural East - CLlr Jenny Whittle	
HGV signage – a group of local parishes have joined together to purchase signs. Signed _____	

The meeting at Maidstone Studio was very well attended and there was much anger over the Local Plan and housing numbers. It is important that the Regulation 19 Consultation be responded to and meetings and the enquiry be attended.

She has had an approach from Preschool for funding.

At its 8-hour long budget meeting last Thursday KCC agreed to increase Council Tax by 3.99 per cent. The demands of Adult Social Care demands mean that half is for that. A 1 per cent increase raises 11 million pounds, and 80 million pounds' worth of savings is required. For the year 2017/18, 57 million pounds will need to be found and is a great concern.

Mobile Library Consultation- the average number of people at each stop is 2.

246 **Maidstone Borough Council – Ward Councillor - Gill Fort – no report**

247 **Policing**

247.1 Crime figures and Police report – from PCSO Maybank

11th January - 13th February 2016

2 Crimes reported- 30/01/2016 – Burglary Dwelling – Charlesford Avenue & Burglary Dwelling – Gravelly Bottom Road

1 Non-crime incidents were reported

11/02/2016 – Suspicious Person – Charlesford Avenue

248 **Finances**

248.1 -Responsible Finance Officer's report

248.2 -Cheque £2,369.94 to Paul Waring to sign

248.3 -Pensioners' Outing – Councillors agreed that the Attendees contribute same as last year: £15 (37 tickets and smaller coach)

248.4 -Budget v precept table

248.5 Bank reconciliation –January 2016. Viewed and signed by Cllr Lovell

249 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Should the inspector of the NP not require any amendments to the plan the earliest a referendum could take place would be 6-8 weeks after 22nd February

250 **MBC Local Plan Consultation and Parish Response**

Councillors agreed to discuss their response to the Local Plan Consultation at Planning Meeting on 7th March, after the JPG meeting on 2nd March.

251 **National Planning Policy Framework Consultation and Parish Response**

This was discussed.

252 **Sports Field**

The Parish Council had previously agreed the purchase of two inhibitors for the ends of the footpath, however, 3 were required. Council resolved to purchase 3 inhibitors:

Cllr Page proposed the purchase of three inhibitors; Cllr Clark seconded; unanimous agreement.

A letter of response has been received from Ms Parker re the boundary fence.

This was discussed in the Public Session. Council resolved to remove the fencing.

Cllr Page proposed removing the fencing; Cllr Lovell seconded; unanimous agreement. The Clerk will arrange with the Handyman to get this done.

253 **Village Hall**

253.1 Letter Received from Village Hall Committee(VHC)

Signed _____

Clerk

A letter received by Cllr Baker from the Chairman of the VHC wishing clarification on certain issues relating to the NP was noted.

253.2 Response to request for donation to Village Hall

In order to properly consider a request from the Village Hall for a donation, the Parish Council asked to see the Village Hall Business Plan and Accounts. As yet, nothing has been forthcoming.

253.3 Footpath in Village Hall grounds

There is concern that there is no pedestrian route into the village hall through the car park for safeguarding pedestrians accessing the village hall. Various options were discussed.

Also discussed was the recent treatment of Cllr O'Neill at a Village Hall Meeting when he was asked to leave; Village Hall Constitution; the Village Hall Accounts, and that the Clerk is not receiving adequate invoices. Council resolved to write a letter: Cllr Hoy proposed the Clerk write a letter to the Village Hall Chair; seconded by Cllr Page; one abstention; motion carried.

Clerk

253.4 Broadband & telephone at Village Hall

Would the PC be prepared to contribute to the installation of a telephone & broadband service to the VH if other users do? It's vital for day to day running of the Pre-school. Costs to be investigated and put on the Agenda for next meeting.

Clerk

254 Mobile Library Services Consultation and Parish Response

The Clerk has reviewed this consultation and has had confirmation that the service will continue on a Saturday when the changes are implemented and stops will increase from 15 to 30 minutes.

Apparently it does 85 weekly stops around Maidstone and costs would be cut by reducing to fortnightly, and longer, stops. After discussion Council resolved to respond: Cllr Hoy proposed weekly Saturday stops of half-an-hour; Cllr Clark seconded; unanimous agreement.

Clerk

255 Reports

255.1 Village Hall Committee Meeting – 26th January 2016- Cllr O'Neill, discussed at 253.3

256 Any Other Information

256.1 The road closure at Workhouse Lane, due to carriageway collapsing, continues indefinitely until issues surrounding service supplies are sorted out. The work when it commences will take 4-5 weeks.

256.2 Broomfield Road closed 24th and 25th Feb

256.3 There is a meeting of the JPG at the Tudor Park Hotel on 2nd March, 2016 to discuss the Local Plan. Cllrs Mike Lovell and Mike O'Neill will be attending.

256.4 Electoral Boundary Review recommendations show that we are in Maidstone Rural East.

256.5 Police Forum Meeting, Maidstone Police Station – 18th February Cllr Lovell attending.

256.6 KALC Branch meeting, Town Hall – Monday, 22nd February, Cllr O'Neill is unable to attend so Cllr Lovell will attend in his place.

256.7 Lower Thames Crossing Route Consultation – Highways England are asking for any interested parties to take part in the consultation which ends on 24 March 2016 at www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk

256.8 Speed Watch-Practitioners Conference 2016 – 23 April, Police Training School, Maidstone: No interest as B&KPC has no equipment

257 Items for next Meeting's Agenda: Telephone and Broadband in Village Hall

258 Parish Council Meetings

The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21st March 2016 at The Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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