



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 21st October 2013.

Present:

Clr Terry Baker Clr Paul Beaney Clr Christina Clark Clr Peter Forster
Clr Mike Lovell Clr Mike O’Niell Clr Peter Page Clr Janet Tandy (8)

Mrs G Gosden – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

There were two members of the public present.

Clr Baker opened the meeting at 7.50pm

Apologies for Absence:

Clr Justin West – Family Commitments

Min No

Action

Due to other appointments it was agreed that agenda items:-
Clr Whittle – Kent County Council and,
PCSO Kirby – Kent Police should be allowed to move up the agenda.

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Kent County Council - County Councillor, Jenny Whittle, Maidstone Rural East

Clr Whittle advised that after discussion with KCC Highways the price for speed indicator signs had been reconsidered with the supplier and would be a more realistic £4,500 thanks to the information obtained by Clr Baker.

KCC were continuing to look into Rural Broadband facilities that had not been improved despite significant monies being spent by KCC and Central Government.

The Clerk advised Clr Whittle of the recent JPG meeting regarding the Waterside Park proposal currently under construction by Maidstone Borough Council. Clr Whittle stated that KCC was opposed to this development and she was happy to support the Broomfield & Kingswood Parish Council objection to the planning application.

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Policing

133.1 PCSO Kirby reported that someone had been arrested for some of the burglaries in the parish and had been remanded in custody.

Kingswood - 20/10/13, Burglary other than dwelling, Upper Street, 12-13/10/13, Burglary, Bushy Grove, 30/09/13 (Detected), Attempted Burglary, Lenham Road, 24/09/13 (Detected), Burglary, Gravelly Bottom Road, 24/09/13 (Detected), Burglary, Gravelly Bottom Road, 18/09/13, Burglary, Copperfield Close.

Ulcombe - Criminal damage 6, Theft 1; **Sutton Valence** - Burglary other than dwelling 2, Theft of motor vehicle 1, Arson 2, Burglary 1, Criminal damage 3, Theft 1; **Langley** - Criminal 1, Burglary 1.

The Clerk advised PCSO Kirby that complaints had been received about the parking on footpaths, causing an obstruction in and around Wildwood Close.

133.2 NHW Report – Mike Evans has reported another burglary in Broomfield on 20/10

133.3 Email Alerts from NHW – Mike Evans will now forward to the Clerk trading standard and police alert messages which can be forwarded to residents on the Parish Councils contact list.

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Cllr Baker then closed the meeting at 8.25pm and invited Chris Wheal – Volunteer Fire Safety Officer and Steve Lewis, Water Service Manager to speak on behalf of Kent Fire Service.

Cllr Baker extended apologies that he had to leave the meeting and Cllr O'Neill took the chair and reopened the meeting at 9.00pm.

134 Councillors Declarations (Regarding Agenda Items)

There were no declarations

135 Minutes of PC Meeting held 16th September 2013

Councillors resolved to accept the minutes as a true record, signed by Cllr O'Neill

136 Actions & Outcomes

Items outstanding:- Reports from KALC meeting 24/09 Twinning Group meeting 18/09

Cllr Clark reported that she had attended the Twinning Meeting but was unsure why the Parish Council needed to be involved and requested that this item be included in the F & GP meeting.

Cllr O'Neill has forwarded the minutes from the KALC meeting.

Cllr Clark &
Clerk

137 Maidstone Borough Council - Leeds Ward Councillor, Peter Parvin

No Apologies or report received.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Parvin had responded to her letter regarding Maidstone Planning Departments' refusal to incorporate windfall sites in the LDF and requesting his opinion on the queries that had been raised. He responded that he felt MBC Planning had done everything correctly and that any challenge to this decision is very unlikely to succeed and would be very costly to those concerned; however he would support the Parish Council.

138 Finances

138.1 Responsible Finance Officer's report was read to councillors; payments were agreed and the gift of a potted miniature rose received by the Clerk was acknowledged.

138.2 Bank reconciliation – September 2013 was agreed and signed by Cllr O'Neill

138.3 The Village Hall committee has requested a donation towards the cost of external Christmas Lights – Councillor Forster proposed a donation of £200.00, seconded by Cllr Page and agreed by all.

138.4 A meeting of the F & GP Committee to discuss the Precept 2014/15 was provisionally agreed for the 11th November.

138.5 Other –

(i) The Parish Service Scheme Funding Agreement has been amended and is ready for signature.

Councillors agreed to sign the agreement and ratify the decision at the next meeting.

(ii) The Unity Trust Bank account is now open, Councillors agreed to transfer half the balance to this account.

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139 Sports Field

139.1 Levercrest Play equipment – Clerk has received an estimate of £950 for the cost of removing the Levercrest play equipment, rubber tiles and surrounding fencing.

139.2 Car Parking – an initial estimate for resurfacing the Levercrest play area is £18,975.00 but there are some crossover figures from 139.1

139.3 Portacabin – The Clerk emailed both Maidstone Mavericks and the Scout Group

It was agreed these figures should be discussed at a Sports Field Committee meeting which was provisionally agreed for the 11th November, prior to the F & GP meeting.

139.4 Other

(i) Several large mole holes opened up in the field and were quite dangerous the Clerk requested Phil Tweddell to fill them which he has done.

(ii) The goal nets are very shabby already. The Clerk requested Phil Tweddell to change the positions of the goal posts to preserve the grass, the goal nets will remain.

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- (iii) The new bin has been ordered and was expected before now
- (iv) The Playdale repairs have been completed
- (v) The replacement seats for the leg press have been ordered. But the latest MBC inspection has advised that a footpad on the hip twister has also split.
- (vi) There is another discount offer available if booked before end October from Playdale for next year's safety inspection.

140 Neighbourhood Plan

The next public consultation will be on Saturday 23rd November at the Village Hall, from 2-5pm.

141 Handy Man

Phil Tweddell has announced that he is retiring at Christmas and will no longer be able to undertake odd jobs for the parish council.

Due to the absence of Cllr Baker it was agreed that this item should be carried over.

142 CCTV

The police have suggested that the PC erect posts around the parish that could take CCTV cameras if and when necessary. This item has been discussed and dismissed 3 years ago in 2010. However the project proposed by the police would be far more economical, dependant on position and local supply of electricity. After discussion Cllr Forster proposed that the PC did not go ahead with erecting CCTV cameras, this was seconded by Cllr O'Neill and agreed by all.

143 Road Signs/Traffic Calming

Due to holiday commitments the meeting between KCC Highways and Cllr Whittle and this PC will now happen on 31st October.

144 Mini Bus Service

Clerk is still awaiting further details from Ulcombe PC

145 Reports

- 145.1 Police forum – 19th September – Mike O'Neill
- 145.2 KCC Highways Seminar – 10th October
- 145.3 JPG Meeting – 17th October – Clerk
- 145.4 Rural Transport Forum – 21st October – Cllr O'Neill

Reports received and retained on file

146 Items for next Meeting's Agenda

None

147 Any Other Information

- 147.1 Emails received regarding poor network reception in parish.
- 147.2 KALC – AGM, 23rd November
- 147.3 The Rochester Bridge Trust Annual Review for 2012-13 has been received
- 147.4 Spot Travel- an invitation has been received for a Councillor and guest.
- 147.5 KCC Highways Survey to be completed by Councillors and returned to Clerk

148 Parish Council Meetings

The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th November 2013 at The Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood at 7:30pm.

There was not further business; Cllr O'Neill closed the meeting at 10.25pm.

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