



BROOMFIELD AND KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.30pm In the Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood

Present: Cllrs M Darling (Chair); Tina Clark; A. Friend; T. Hoy; M. Lovell;
M. O'Neill; P. Page; J. Tandy.

Clerk: Mrs G. Gosden
Deputy Clerk: Mrs C. King.
MBC Cllr Mrs G Fort
PCSOs Tom Maybank and John Boyd
No members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr J. Whittle KCC

Minute		Action
296	<p>Councillors Declarations (Regarding Agenda Items)</p> <p>296.1 Lobbying – None 296.2 Personal Interest - None 296.3 Prejudicial Interest - None</p>	
297	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>297.1 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 21st March 2016 – having been previously circulated were approved and signed.</p> <p>297.2 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 21st March 2016 – having been previously circulated were approved and signed.</p> <p>297.3 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 4th April 2016 – having been previously circulated were approved and signed.</p>	
298	<p>Actions & Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tall Trees will go on the June Agenda. Deputy Clerk to precis and circulate history - As a result of recent activity in the Parish it was considered useful that contact details, and particularly 101, be included very visually in the Newsletter. Ongoing. - Southend noise disturbance – SID website not working. 	<p>CK</p> <p>CK</p>
299	<p>KCC Cllr Jenny Whittle, Maidstone Rural East sent the following report:</p> <p>I've just spoken with the KCC Area Education Officer to ask about the outcome of applications for primary school places in Kingswood, which parents will find out about from 4.00pm today (anxious times). I have been told that all 20 available places have been filled for Reception in September, of which 18 were first choices. This means that all local families will have been offered a place for their child, unless for some reason they put the school as a lower choice on their application form. Two other children who did not put Kingswood as their first</p>	

	<p>choice have been allocated a place.</p> <p>I wrote to MBC to oppose the level of housing growth proposed for the Borough. I represent three of the five Rural Service Centres and each is under severe strain already in relation to school places and other infrastructure. There is serious risk of housing growth at the volume specified in the draft Local Plan leading to creeping urbanisation of our villages and rural areas. KCC will play a major role when the Local Plan goes to Public Inquiry.</p>	
300	<p>Maidstone Borough Council – Ward Councillor - Gill Fort</p> <p>The Local Plan Consultations are all back, there are transport issues south and east of Maidstone. It will go to the Inspector who will make the final decision. There are 2 new directors – William Cornell for Regeneration, and Mike Green for Finance. The project to redevelop Maidstone East station area is in draft form, and the possibility of the building of a 5 star boutique hotel behind ‘Mumus’. – signs of regeneration in Maidstone.</p>	
301	<p>Policing</p> <p>301.1 Crime figures and Police report – March 18th – April 18th three crimes reported: 25/3 Charlesford Avenue – Criminal Damage (less than £5000) 20/3 Cayser Drive – Criminal Damage (less than £5000) 16/3 – Bell Day – Burglary other than dwelling 1 case of anti-social behaviour reported 30/3 – Gravelly Bottom Road – nuisance youths Langley– 2 x theft; 1 x nuisance youths; 1 x nuisance; vehicle Ulcombe – nothing of note</p>	
302	<p>Chairman & Election</p> <p>Acceptance of Office forms were signed by Cllrs Darling and O’Neill</p>	
303	<p>Finances – Clerk</p> <p>303.1 Responsible Finance Officer’s report was presented by the RFO Pensioners’ Outing to be further publicised</p> <p>303.2 Bank reconciliation –February & March 2016 - Signed by Cllr Darling</p> <p>303.3 MBC Funding Agreement 2016/17 – was signed by Cllr Darling.</p> <p>303.4 Cllrs resolved to make the following changes to Signatories: 1) Terry Baker and Paul Beaney be removed from accounts as signatories – signed by Cllr Darling. 2) New signatories added: Cllrs Darling; Friend and Hoy. 3) Existing signatories signed acceptance to new signatories – signed by Cllrs O’Neill and Lovell. 4) Existing signatories signed to confirm they’re still signatories: Cllrs Clark; Lovell; O’Neill and Tandy</p> <p>303.5 Change to Unity Trust Bank charges – UTB are going to charge £6pcm for the use of the bank and will no longer pay any interest on the balances. Alternative banks are being considered.</p> <p>303.6 The Precept payment for 2016/17 for a total of £58,597.00 (which includes £1,987.00 Local Council Tax Support Payments (LCTS)) has been received.</p>	

<p>304</p>	<p>Sports Field – Clerk</p> <p>304.1 CCTV – A company is offering a two week trial of a CCTV camera at the sports field as CSU have been unable to supply one at the current time, this company also supplies Kent Police and MBC with cameras. The Deputy Clerk will be dealing.</p> <p>304.2 Line Marking – the football club have remarked the pitch and will be moving the PC goal posts and nets for us. They now request permission to permanently mark out the lines by using weed killer. Mike Lovell to contact Council to check out line marking.</p> <p>304.3 The motorbike inhibitors have been ordered and are scheduled to be delivered to the handyman on the 25th April</p> <p>304.4 The wooden bollards have been ordered and are awaiting delivery when the handyman will install them. 75cm gap between bollards and if more required get them.</p> <p>304.5 The rubbish bin has been ordered and delivery is scheduled for the middle of May.</p> <p>304.5 Damage by senior scouts on Thursday night 14th April– large, well organised clearance beside the Scout Hut, trees cut down, benches made and big bonfire had. Trees were protected by TPO. Also tried to break the gate, removed wire which was found near the bonfire. Councillors wish to write to Alan Poulton and report to MBC – the Parish Council is a legal entity and can't be seen to be responsible. Also the Scouts are in breach of contract. The way forward was discussed, the Clerk will write to the Scout Leader.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>GG</p>
	<p>8.45- Break for Tea Mike Lovell left the meeting at 8.50pm Meeting resumed at 9pm</p>	
<p>305</p>	<p>Bridleway Improvements</p> <p>The Clerk has now spoken with the landowner, Mr Morgan, and PRoW who have both agreed to allow the Parish Council to make improvements to the bridleway to bring it up to the standard of the permissive footpath. The Clerk has requested quotes accordingly. WTS 6.500, McDonalds £29,000, J. Baker's quote was prohibitive. Cllrs resolved to go with the cheapest – probably WTS. This was proposed by Cllr Darling; seconded by Cllr Tandy; all in favour.</p>	
<p>306</p>	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>306.1 Meeting on 4th April – no Minutes yet, the Treasurer was absent.</p> <p>306.2 There is a Village Hall Trustee Training Workshop being run by ACRK on 16th May 1.30 – 4pm. Cllr Tandy is booked to attend.</p>	

307	Sub Committees – Cllr Hoy It was decided to continue with the same format; the Deputy Clerk to provide further information re Terms of Reference. Positions will be formalised at the APCM.	CK
308	Finance Committee – Cllr Hoy The Finance Committee has Regulations in place, Terms of Reference as above.	CK
309	Celebration and Official Opening of Permissive Footpath – Cllr Clark Some ideas were put forward. It was decided to wait until the other section is completed and will be discussed at the June PC Meeting	
310	Additional Councillors – Cllr Darling There is currently one vacancy, and it is hoped B&KPC will be allowed two additional Councillors to cover various committees. (Based on Electoral Role numbers, the Council is allowed 11 members.) The Clerk to write to MBC requesting more.	GG
311	Reports - Report on a Planning Meeting with Rob Jarman of MBC on Monday 11 th April given by the Clerk. - After discussion Councillors decided to write to JPG about the MBC Planning Committee. Cllr Hoy proposed; Cllr Tandy seconded; unanimous in favour.	
312	Further Information - There is a meeting at MBC on the 28 th April to discuss the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Designscape, Cllr Hoy, Alan Dan and the Clerk will be attending. - Oaklands is apparently due to be before the Planning Committee on April 28 th . Deputy Clerk to watch out for Agenda. - The Annual Internal Audit will be carried out on the 28 th April. - The defibrillator has arrived and the village store owner has requested that the PC provide an authorised electrician to install it. Cllr Friend will pass details of an electrician she knows to the Clerk.	CK AF
313	Items for next Meeting's Agenda (June) – Footpath Opening Celebration	
314	Parish Council Meetings The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the APM and AGM held on Monday 16 th May 2016 at The Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood from 7.30pm.	
	<p>The Meeting closed 10.05pm</p> <p>Signed</p>	