



BROOMFIELD AND KINGSWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee held at 7.30pm,
1st September 2014 at the Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood.

Present:

Cllr T Baker (Chairman)
Cllr M O'Neill

Cllr M Darling
Cllr Peter Page

Cllr M Lovell
Cllr Janet Tandy
(6)

Gail Gosden – Parish Clerk

There were 5 members of the public present.

Cllr Baker asked if there were any questions or comments from members of the public.
Comments were received regarding item 96.1 and acknowledged by Councillors

Cllr Baker opened the meeting at 7.45pm

Apologies received:

Cllr T Clark

Min No		Action
PL 95	Councillors Declarations None declared	
PL 96	Planning applications 96.1 MA/14/0668 – Oaklands, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood. Amended Plan and additional information. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application states that the applicant is claiming gypsy status with no evidence to support the statement. 2. There has been no robust evidence base to establish need for a traveller site in this location. 3. Ecology report states that the site is considered to be of moderate to high ecological value based on the habitats on site and the wooded areas in close proximity. Recent works have created disturbance with the creation of hard standings etc., which will prevent the return of indigenous species. 4. MBC has recently reviewed planning policy for gypsy and traveller sites as part of their emerging Local Plan and with agreement with this parish MBC has already 	

	<p>concluded that there are too many traveller sites within the parish and in the immediate vicinity, therefore no more sites would be required or needed. MBC have currently identified appropriate sites for development for travellers which has not included Broomfield & Kingswood</p> <p>5. Broomfield & Kingwood’s emerging Neighbourhood Plan has also recognized that there are sufficient traveller sites within the parish and in the immediate surrounding parishes and has therefore not included additional traveller sites within the plan. Nine sites already been identified in situ which are all of significant sizes</p> <p>6. “Planning decisions must be made in accordance with the development plan.... Identifies (allocates) sites for development.... aims to protect landscape areas” Maidstone Borough Local Plan training workshop - 27/08/2014</p> <p>7. Government’s policy aim – to ensure fair and effective provision of authorized sites for travellers to facilitate the traditional and nomadic way of life..... <u>whilst respecting the interests of the settled community.</u></p> <p>8. Planning policy for traveller sites – makes an assessment of <u>needs</u>, work collaboratively, identification of land for sites, protect the green belt, <u>reduce unauthorized development & encampments whilst protecting local amenities and environment.</u></p> <p>9. The Parish Council wish to see the site returned to its prior condition</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Refuse</p> <p><i>Councillors require this application to be reported to the Planning Committee</i></p> <p>96.2 14/502302/FULL/JAMO – Averydene, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Erection of a domestic tennis court at rear of garden</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Approve</p> <p><i>Councillors do not require this application to be reported to the Planning Committee</i></p>	
<p>PL 97</p>	<p>MBC Planning Outcomes</p> <p>No outcomes reported currently</p>	
<p>PL 98</p>	<p>Other Information</p> <p>98.1 Application MA/121829 – Kwana, Cross Drive, Kingswood – application for change of use of land to mixed use for agriculture and as a residential caravan site and erection of wooden amenity building, is to be heard by MBC Planning Committee on Thursday 4th September at the town hall. There were no councillors available at short notice the Clerk will attend on the Parish Councils behalf.</p> <p>98.2 Councillors requested the Clerk to determine the timeline for appeals on refused planning applications.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p>
	<p>There was no further business; Cllr Baker closed the meeting at 8.15pm</p>	

Signed _____