

# KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- 25<sup>TH</sup> November 2020



Ordinary Meeting of the above Council being held via Zoom,  
on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**227/20** To note those present and record any apologies.

**Members:** Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair), Cllr Alan Dean, Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Christie Haggis, Cllr Eleanor Crook, Cllr Jane Martin, Cllr John Seaton, Cllr Justin Armitage, Cllr Mark Silvester, Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Shafi Khan, Cllr Sue Huntley

**Apologies:** Cllr Nathan Iliffe and Cllr Carole White

**Also Present:** Cllr Diccon Spain (Bockhanger), 1 member of the Public and the Clerk

*Public Open Session omitted from meeting in error so this will take place before Knife Crime*

**Action:** Borough members to have item on future agendas

**228/20** To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllr Jane Martin declared a voluntary interest as she has had past business dealing with some companies who had submitted quotations re War Memorial Arch replacement, Cllr Chris Morley due to work with NHS will be unable to comment on item 232/20

**229/20** To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Amendment re wording Vexatious policy, Clerk to change to Kennington logo from Chilham's and to incorporate Environment information rules – Chair amended and signed.

**230/20** Finance and General Purposes -

a) Payments – Council to authorise payments as per document (circulated).

Payments Authorised	
Reason	Gross
Staff Costs	£2599.63
Staff Expenses expenses	£50.24
Homeworking allowance	£26.00
Ink Cartridges	£56.40

Payments previously agreed	
Name	Gross
Ashford Hockey Club – Grant	£4800.00

**Action:** AHC payment – reference this payment it was also agreed now this is to be paid to transfer the monies currently held in ear marked reserves as required.

**Proposed:** by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Dean for request for discussion on Clerks salary and overtime at next suitable meeting.

**Action:** Closed session to be added to agenda December reference Clerk Salary and Overtime procedure and an information note for discussion.

**First vote: 7 in favour** (Cllr Alan Cooper, Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Ellie Crook, Cllr Justin Armitage, Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Sue Huntley) in favour, **Against 1** (Cllr John Seaton), **Abstain 6** (Cllr Jane Martin, Cllr Shafi Khan, Cllr Ellie Crook, Cllr Alan Dean, Cllr Mark Silvester and Cllr Haggis) – (14 votes, 13 Councillors present)

*A request was made by Cllr Jane Martin after this for a roll call vote on agreement of Payments, so this was then carried out and both votes recorded as so.*

**Second vote: 6 in favour** (Cllr Alan Cooper, Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Justin Armitage, Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Sue Huntley) in favour, **Against 1** (Cllr John Seaton), **Abstain 6** (Cllr Jane

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Martin, Cllr Shafi Khan, Cllr Ellie Crook, Cllr Alan Dean, Cllr Mark Silvester and Cllr Haggis) (13 votes, 13 Councillors present)

**b) Internal Audit**

i) Council to note the report of the Internal Auditor (circulated) Noted

ii) Proposed by FGP: Council to reappoint Lionel Robbins as Internal Auditor for 2020-21.

**First Vote:** 7 in favour, 6 abstentions, however as Chair recorded and 7 and 5 (12 votes, 13 Councillors present) a second vote was taken

**Second vote:** 6 in favour, 7 abstentions (13 votes, 13 Councillors present)

**Action:** Clerk to action reappointment

**c) Reserves Policy – Council to consider and agree the adoption of revisions on the current policy.**

**Vote:** 12 in favour, 1 abstention

**d) Mid-year budget revision: Proposed: Council to adopt the amendments recommended by FGP Committee set out in the spreadsheet (circulated and the notes to accompany).**

**Vote:** 12 in favour, 1 abstention

**e) Proposed: Council resolves to be bound by decision FS50564246 of the Information Commissioner's Office dated 21 April 2015 (circulated) on publication of employment costs.**

**Action:** FGP to check current provisions in Standing Orders and bring back to Council.

Cllr Paul Bartlett left the meeting at 19.20.

**f) Budget and Precept 2021-2022 – Council to consider scenarios put forward by FGP and make recommendations to the RFO for finalising the budget and precept proposals in advance of December Council.**

**Agreed:** RFO to bring formal proposal to December Council based on central scenario.

**g) Data Privacy and Freedom of Information - to note a requirement of the replacement of the adopted Data Protection Policy by separate policies for "General Privacy Notice" and "Privacy Notice for Councillors" following NALC guidance; the drafts circulated will be brought to December Council for approval.**

**Action:** These items will be brought to Council in December for decision.

**A public session was taken**

Open spaces and Play areas: request for Community Council to review these in Kennington– A response was given and Environment and Open Spaces Committee will bring a strategic plan to future Council

**231/20 Knife Crime Prevention and Awareness - Council to agree to Clerk working in conjunction with the Councillors for Bybrook and ABC with regard to a knife bin being installed in the Bockhanger area; to give views on where the best place to install the bin; and to invite the Clerk to bring update back to Council in due course.**

**Action:** Justification and statistics required as to why Bockhanger area highlighted, Clerk to seek details from ABC and bring back to Council.

**232/20 Planning** (this item was discussed after item 217/20 and after public were permitted back to meeting)

- Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council draft Neighbourhood Plan Planning update report to Council. Due to internet issues the Chair of Planning lost connection and this item was not discussed.
- Council to consider and agree draft letter to be sent on its behalf to Kent County Council to complain about its handling of the S2 site, mostly relating to Highways and Environment, the impact on the A2070 and the Hospital, as well as the impact of J10a on Kennington.

**Agreed:** Letter to be written; finalisation of text delegated to Planning Committee at their meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December to incorporate suggestions from all councillors.

**Action:** Email to be sent to all Cllrs asking for comment by Monday 5pm and item added to Planning Committee agenda as necessary

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**233/20 Schedule of Meetings - Council to agree a schedule of meetings for each committee up to the next Annual Parish Meeting which must be held by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. (unless further Government regulations supersede this).**

**Action:** Agreed for Clerk to update and recirculate

**234/20 The Role of the Clerk, the Council & Committees. Council notes the role & responsibilities of the Clerk under its various legal instruments & policies & invites all councillors & committees to respect Council's decisions.**

Proposed by Cllr Alan Cooper and seconded by Cllr Chris Morley.

Cllr Dean asked for it to be minuted that he would like a copy of the recording and that the introduction of this paper was disgraceful and the motion should therefore not have been brought to Council.

(to note at the start of the meeting it was announced that it would be recorded only for the benefit of the Clerk).

Cllr Cooper withdrew the motion after exercising his right to respond under Standing Orders.

Cllr Martin left the meeting at 20:24

Cllr Dean left the meeting at 20:24

Cllr Diccon Spain and the resident left the meeting at 20:25

Cllr Seaton also requested a recording and it was announced this would be for personal review only but for that sole purpose only and no legal right to use it in another way or for any further purpose.

Cllr Seaton left the meeting at 20:25

Cllr Mark Silvester left the meeting at 20:25

Cllr Christie Haggis left the meeting at 20:26

**235/20 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.** Closed Session re Clerks salary, Knife Crime, GDPR, Data Privacy and Freedom on Information, Vexatious policy with inclusion of environment information rules.

**236/20 Date of next meeting** – 9<sup>th</sup> December. Deadline for agenda items 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**237/20 To exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and sections 100 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.**

Public were excluded and left the meeting at 20.25

**238/20 Memorial Arch Post replacement - Council is invited to consider and agree to accept one quote for this work (all documents circulated).**

**Agreed:** company 3 represented best value for money and would be appointed

**Action:** Clerk to progress contract.

**239/20 Close of Meeting. The meeting closed at 20.44**

Signed: 

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