

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**An Ordinary Meeting of the above Council
was held on Wednesday 13th September at 6.30pm,
in the St Marys Community Centre**

- 181/23 To note those, present and record apologies and those not present.**
Present: Cllr Charles Ellis (Vice Chair), Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Trish Cornish, Cllr Diccon Spain, Cllr John Seaton, Cllr Chacko Jacob, , Cllr Brian Varney, Cllr Shafi Khan, Cllr Ellie Crook, Cllr Nathan Iliffe (arrived 18:35), Cllr Chris Morley (arrived at 18:41) and Cllr Katy Pauley (arrived at 18:41).
Also Present: The Clerk and 1 member of the public, Peter New Neighbourhood Watch
Apologies: Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair) Personal, Cllr Matt Bridger Work, Cllr Jac Wood
- 182/23 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**
 None were declared.
- 183/23 Public Open Session for members of the public who may make representations, give evidence, ask and answer questions regarding items on the agenda or to suggest issues for discussion at a future meeting.**
This item included reports from
 1) Neighbourhood Watch and the
 2) PC
Noted: By all reports circulated.
Action: Agreed Peter New could send details to Cllr Paul Bartlett on Escoter fires around chargers.
Noted: Cllr Bartlett reported the schools are being targeted for education on and around the use of Escoters.
- 184/23 To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th August 2023.**
Resolved: Agreed the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th June 2023 were accepted as a true record.
Action: Agreed Clerk to publish signed minutes on the website

- 185/23 Finance:**
- 1) **Payments – Council to authorise and note expenditure and payments to be made as per document circulated**
Resolved: Agreed by all present payments noted and verified already agreed and paid under delegated authority. Additional payments were also agreed and sanctioned for the Clerk to make payment.
Action: Agreed Clerk to make payments as appropriate as soon as possible.

Reason	Net	Gross
Staff Costs	n/a	£2175.68
Mobile phone – Clerk	£5.00	£6.00
Mobile phone – Allotments Officer/Assistant	£5.00	£6.00
Bank Fees	n/a	£30.00
MS365 licences	£100.42	£120.50
Printing	£13.74	£16.49
Website	£45.00	£54.00
Monthly internet	£27.50	£33.00
Storage unit	£146.67	£170.00
Room Hire for Council – St Marys Community Centre	n/a	£40.00
Room Hire for Committees – United Church	n/a	£120.00
Room Hire – Freedom August Kennington Coffee & Chat	n/a	£50.00
KALC Chairmans Conference – Cllr Alan Cooper	£70.00	£84.00
KALC Conference – Cllr Chacko Jacob 20.09.23	£70.00	£84.00
SLCC Safeguarding - Clerk	£145.00	£174.00
Internal Audit	£n/a	£150.00
Email fees	£n/a	£16.60

- 2) **Bank Reconciliation- Council to note draft bank reconciliation as at 31st August**
Noted: by all present.

Signed:

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Dated: 11.10.23



3) Receipts and Payments - Council to note receipts and payments as at 31st August

Noted: by all present.

186/23 Casual Vacancy: Council to note all applications for the casual vacancies in the Little Burton Farm ward, agree any actions and vote to co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Resolved: Agreed by all present to co-opt a new Councillor Greg Faulkner to the position of Councillor for Little Burton Farm ward.

Action: Agreed Clerk complete papers with Councillor and register with ABC

Action: Agreed Clerk to set up email address and advise all Councillors.

Action: Agreed Clerk to update website with photo and bio as soon as received.

187/23 Bybrook-Bockhanger Community Facility: Council to receive an oral update and agree any next step/actions.

Noted: By all present

Action: Agreed Cllr Nathan Iliffe to investigate grants for deprived areas, but believes this is more than likely be within general funds, but to report back at next suitable meeting.

188/23 Youth Assembly and Youth Council: Council

1. endorses the draft terms of reference for a Youth Assembly and Youth Council as a basis for consultation with local educational establishments and relevant youth-oriented organisations.

2. invites the Clerk to conduct that consultation as soon as time permits.

3. establishes a non-paid position of Youth Liaison for a member of Council.

4. invites the Clerk to conduct enhanced DBS checks for the person elected as Youth Liaison on the understanding that, should the councillor fail those checks or later have their status withdrawn, they will step down from the position.

5. invites the Personnel and Development Committee to plan for up to half a day per month of Clerk time to be committed to work in relation to the Youth Assembly and Youth Council.

Resolved: Agreed by all present with though this starting from a steering group position initially, letter to be sent and Clerk to send out to all schools previously identified.

Action: Agreed Clerk to amend letter and send to schools

Resolved: Agreed Cllr Crook appointed to position of Youth Liaison.

Resolved: Agreed Clerk to bring this back to Council once engagement has commenced.

Action: Agreed Clerk to add to a future agenda.

189/23 Bus Service- Withdrawal of bus service to Little Burton Farm: Council to discuss and agree any next step/actions

Resolved: Agreed Clerk to write to Cllr Bernard Heyes and Steve Campkin and bring response back to next Council if not able to circulate beforehand.

Action: Agreed Clerk to write to Councillors Bernard Hayes and Steve Campkin and report to Councillors as soon as possible.

190/23 Catapults: Council to consider the presentation and discuss next steps/actions with the aim to eradicate the issue of catapults in Kennington

Resolved: Agreed unanimously, the Clerk to look at Public Protection orders for Goat Lees, Bybrook and Bockhanger and seek advice from Great Chart and Singleton Parish Council.

Action: Agreed Clerk to investigate and arrange for Public Protection orders to be put in place.

191/23 Committee Membership: Council to consider current committee memberships to ensure quoracy for all meetings and agree any next step/actions accordingly to achieve this

Resolved: Agreed Committee membership for Planning, Finance and General Polices and Events & Places to be increased by two each. Personnel and Development Committee agreed to remain unchanged. Planning is now 9, Environment & Places is 7, and Finance is 6 members.

Resolved: Agreed Councillors happy to be substitute on committees to advise the Clerk, a list to be drawn up and shared.

Noted: Cllr Ellie Crook resigned from Planning Committee.

Noted: Vacancies on committee are now 3 for Planning, 2 for Finance and General Polices, and 2 for Environment & Places.

Action: Agreed the Clerk will need to bring amended Terms of Reference for each committee to next Council meeting for adoption along with appointment for vacancies.



Action: Agreed Clerk will need to review and amend Standing Orders and bring suggested changes following this decision, to next Council for adoption.

Action: Agreed Councillors to send interest for committee membership vacancies to Clerk

Action: Agreed Clerk to add committee membership and appointment to vacancies as well as substitute list for each of those committee to next Council meeting.

192/23 Planning application PA/2023/1490, 1 East Mountain Cottage, East Mountain Lane, Kennington, TN25 4EA for a two-storey side & rear extension (deadline 24/09) : Council to consider the application and discuss should a comment be agreed to be submitted. Planning Application: PA/2023/1490 (site.com)

Noted: Ward Councillor has no reports of concerns for this application.

Resolved: Agreed by all those present no objections should be raised for this application.

193/23 Boot cleaning equipment at Spearpoint Pavilion: Council to consider and agree whether to purchase to sets of replacement brushes from the original equipment supplier and donate these to Ashford Borough Council.

Resolved: Agreed by all present that these brushes be ordered and the purchase and responsibility be delegated to the Clerk to work with Freedom to deliver as soon as is feasible.

Resolved: Agreed by all present that on completion a Facebook and blog good news story to be posted.

194/23 Application to register land at Kennington, Ashford as a village green (VGA684: Council to note there is a Regulation Committee Member Panel meeting at 10am on Wednesday 20 September 2023 to discuss and agree any next step/actions

Resolved: Noted by all present, Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Diccon Spain and Cllr Paul Bartlett attend to speak in support, the Clerk and Cllr Crook to spectate.

Action: Agreed the Clerk to advise Kent County of both those attending and speaking.

195/23 Monthly Reports: Council to consider/note information received relevant to the Council and agree to any action/s necessary.

1) Correspondence received.

2) Ward Councillor Reports

3) KALC Ashford.

4) Councillors Training attended

Noted: Concerns re the Ridge and Parking for the Spearpoint, Cllr Iliffe advised he has raised with ABC as has the Clerk following previous concerns received.

Action: Agreed the Clerk to chase through with ABC, Kent County Council and portfolio holders and report back to Councillors at earliest opportunity.

196/23 Action log: Council to review of action log, to discuss developments for items to then be considered for motion for next or future meeting or to note and be recorded as complete.

197/23 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

Resolved: Agreed for Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Events and Communications Committee before next Council to begin discussions and plans for the next Newsletter to be distributed in January.

198/23 Date of next meeting. (11th October to start at the Bockhanger Library and then meeting to take place 7/730pm)

Resolved: Agreed by all present the next meeting being on 11th October starting initially at 6pm at the Bockhanger Library followed by normal meeting procedures at 7:15 or as close to that time as can commence.

Noted: By Clerk, Cllr John Seaton and Cllr Trish Cornish apologies for Octobers meeting.

199/23 To exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and sections 100 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.

This item was not required.

200/23 Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:59.

Signed: