

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Agenda published 03 February 2023

An Ordinary Meeting of the above Council, was held on Wednesday, 8th February 2023, 6.30pm, at the St Mary's Community Centre

- 18/23** To note those present, to receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given.
Present: Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair), Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Shafi Khan, Cllr John Seaton, Cllr Ellie Crook, Cllr Justin Armitage, ~~Cllr Nathan Iliffe~~ and Cllr Paul Bartlett
Also Present: Cllr Diccon Spain (Bockhanger), Peter New (Neighbourhood Watch), 2 members of the public and the Clerk
Apologies: Cllr Carole White (Family Health), Cllr Matilda Barrow (Family Health), Cllr Chris Morley (Health) and Cllr Nathan Iliffe (Work).
- 19/23** To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Significant Interests (OSIs) or Voluntary Interests (VIs) relating to items on the agenda.
None were declared.
- 20/23** To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 January 2023
Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2022 as circulated were agreed and adopted as a true record by unanimous vote.
Action: Clerk to publish signed minutes on the website
- 21/23** 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.
Resolved: It was agreed by all, as the members of the public present wished to speak on item 23/23, the opportunity will be given then.
Peter New from Neighbourhood watch made a recommendation to the Planning committee that parking facilities at all new developments and major alterations of existing properties are assessed.
Noted: Planning committee do look at the parking arrangements & availability post alterations and on new developments but will continue to ensure always reviewed.
Action: Agreed the Planning committee will ensure they do review parking arrangements
Resolved: Agreed that the Police should be invited to a meeting once the reorganisation of PCSOs is finalised, to share the new structure.
Action: Clerk to diarise for June/July to send invitation

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22/23 Finance: Payments – Council to

- 1) **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 or those previously agreed. Additional payments were also agreed and sanctioned for the Clerk to make payment.

Action: Clerk to make payments as appropriate as soon as possible

Name	Reason	Net	Gross
Staff	Salaries/PAYE/Pension/Expenses/Homeworking	n/a	£1756.16
Giff Gaff	Mobile phone – Clerk	£5.00	£6.00
Giff Gaff	Mobile phone –Allotments Officer/Assistant	£5.00	£6.00
Metro	Bank Fees	n/a	£20.00
Metro	Bank Fees re Purchasing card top up	n/a	£10.00
Microsoft	MS365 licences	£63.80	£91.67
Epson	Printing	£13.74	£16.49
Itseeze	Website	£45.00	£54.00
BT	Monthly internet	£23.08	£28.85
Ashford churches	Hall Hire – 08/02 + winter warm usage charge	£45.00	£45.00
Ashford churches	Hall Hire – 22/02 (Consultation event)	£80.00	£80.00
Freedom Leisure	Hall Hire – Pop up 13 th February	£50.00	£50.00
Lok N Store	Storage unit	£146.67	£170.00
East Kent Leaflet Distributors	Print 6000 and distribution 4500 consultation	£1178.00	£1284.00
Magee Gammon	HR Services	£158.00	£189.60

- 2) **note draft bank reconciliation as of 31st January 2023**

Noted: By all present, Cllr Charles Ellis to verify bank reconciliation up until 31st January, once all bank statements are available.

Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting before March Council with Councillor Ellis to verify January draft reconciliation

- 3) **note income and expenditure as of 31st January 2023**

Noted: By all present, no concerns raised.

23/23 Bybrook-Bockhanger Community Facility:

- 1) **Consultation – Council to note the current position and arrangements for the events and agree any actions next steps/actions**

Noted: Oral update from the Clerk re leaflet distribution to all, including flats delivered by Ashford Borough Council, Posters, Additional leaflets and Response Drop off point and working with Sk8side.

Suggestion received re contact of the schools:

Noted by all Clerk had contacted all schools and colleges in Ashford and sent copy leaflets and offered to attend in person. Responses received from Highworth and Norton Knatchbull School who sent to students and parent mailboxes.

- 2) **Youth Investment Fund – Council to receive oral update of meeting with ABC officers.**

Noted: Oral update from Councillor Alan Cooper, Clerk and Councillor Crook who attended the meeting.

At this point of the meeting it was agreed by all present to move to agenda item 25/23 and then return to item 24/23 and use all time available left to discuss all outstanding actions.

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24/23 Action log: Council to review action log, to discuss developments for items to then to be considered for motion for the next or future meeting or to note and be recorded as complete.

Resolved: Agreed by all present, the following to be closed and removed from the action log

90/21 Tablets for all, agreed by all present to close this as not required.

233/21 Southern Water Task Group thank you from Chair of Committees, agreed to be closed as Cllr Seaton unaware of action.

238/21 Community Garden, agreed to be closed Councillor Seaton happy with ongoing works being carried out by Clerk, Cllr Alan Cooper and the Environment and Open Spaces Committee

239/21 Southern Water to plant trees near outfall, where there are currently brambles

25/23 Kennington Fayre: Council to agree to book two pitches at the Kennington Summer Fayre on 24th June 2023 at a cost of £22.50 each and to make one of these available to Speedwatch, Neighbourhood Watch, PCSO and similar public interest groups that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Communications Committee may invite.

Resolved: Agreed two pitches to be booked for Kennington Community Council

Action: Clerk to arrange payment and confirm booking of the two pitches

Resolved: Agreed Speedwatch and similar groups to be invited, Chair of Communication to let the Clerk know who should be invited for the additional pitch

Resolved: the Communications committee with the Clerk should look an additional interest be arranged for this year to win a prize for example guess the entire height of all the Councillors

Action: Chair of Communications to discuss with the Clerk next meeting should be held and for Kennington Fayre to be tabled on this agenda.

26/23 Monthly Reports: Council to consider/note information received relevant to the Council and agree any action/s necessary.

1) Correspondence received and details of upcoming local events

Noted: Oral update from Clerk

- Bybrook Nature Reserve - next opening 18th February 10-1
- Consultation responses - noted.
- Disabled parking bays applied for on Nine acres reviewed on receipt and no objection raised.
- Kent Highways looking into Advance Direction sign from the Faversham Road to the International Border site as a sign is visible a direction sign would be beneficial.
- Planning Department - Clearance week 6th -14th February
- School Crossing Patrol/Wig Wags at Kennington Juniors - Technology is now in place and these will hopefully be fitted in due course.

2) Clerk update on current ongoing

Noted: Oral update from Clerk

a) Defibrillators being now installed at One Stop Shop on Little Burton and New Hayesbank on Cemetery Lane and the Clerk will publish these on Facebook once confirmed and checked and accessories kit added.

3) Ward Councillor Reports

Noted: By all as circulated.

4) KALC Ashford

Noted: Oral update provided By Cllr Paul Bartlett

27/23 Items for inclusion on the forthcoming agenda/s. (Items currently include, Litter Bins Update, Grasmere Road Town Green, Beecholme Drive Town Green, Code of Conduct, Maximising IT Working/Task and Finish Group, Scheme of Delegation, Policy revision Planner, Addressing Poverty)

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Councillor Cooper asked for War Memorial update to one page summary to be included, Proposal re holiday scheme from the United Reformed Church and an update on the Village Green at the Pasture and circulate the current position of Village Green to date.

Councillor Bartlett asked for the developers for Conningbrook Park to attend as initials works started earlier this week.

Resolved: Agreed all agenda items suggested being added to next agenda or next suitable meeting

Action: Clerk to add agenda items to the next Council or next suitable Council meeting.

Action: Clerk to liaise with United Reformed Church for an update of Holiday scheme proposal

Action: Clerk to speak with developers for Conningbrook and invite them to present on how this project will progress

Action: Clerk to circulate current position of Town Green to all before next meeting

Action: Clerk also requested to provide an update on the Aldi development for the next Planning meeting.

28/23 **Date of next meeting.** The date of the next meeting will be **8th March 6.30pm** at the St Marys Community Centre.

29/23 **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.

30/23 **Close of meeting.**

The meeting closed at 20:20.

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Dated: 8.3.2023