

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

agenda published 04 July 2025



A meeting of the above Council  
was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July starting at 6.30pm,  
in the St Marys Community Centre.

**139/25 To note those, present and record any apologies.**

**Present:** Cllr Matthew Bridger (Chair), Cllr Alan Cooper (Vice Chair), Cllr John Seaton, Cllr Paul Bartlett, Cllr Chacko Jacob, Cllr Brian Vamey, Cllr Chris Morley and Cllr Charles Ellis.

**Also Present:** Peter New Neighbourhood Watch and the Clerk

**Apologies:** Education - Cllr Ellie Crook and Work - Cllr Greg Faulker

**Resolved:** Agreed by all present to accept apologies received.

**Not Present:** Cllr Payal Khandalaker and Cllr Jac Wood.

**140/25 Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest**

None were declared.

**141/25 To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 June.**

**Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Paul Bartlett and seconded by Cllr Alan Cooper and agreed by all to accept as a true record, the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June,

**Action:** Agreed Clerk to publish the signed minutes on the website.

**142/25 Public Open Session**

Cllr Matthew Bridger led the meeting in a minute silence in respect of the sad passing of Cllr Shafi Khan.

*This item then moved to a report from Peter New, Neighbourhood Watch.*

**Noted:** By all present the report circulated prior to the meeting and as presented by Peter New.

**143/25 Finance:**

**1) Payments - Council to authorise payments as per document (circulated).**

**Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Paul Bartlett and seconded by Cllr Chacko Jacob and agreed by all to authorise the payments as circulated.

**Action:** Agreed Clerk to make payments as soon as possible.

**2) Agree a date for an Extraordinary meeting to consider, discuss and agree year-end figures and the Annual External Review documents.**

**Resolved:** Agreed by all present a tentative date for the Extraordinary meeting to consider, discuss and agree year-end figures and the Annual External Review documents, subject to Internal Audit date being set and a room being available to hire as 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**Action:** Agreed Clerk to contact the Internal auditor to arrange a date and then set up Extraordinary meeting.

**144/25 Casual Vacancy: Council to note all applications for the casual vacancies, agree any actions and vote to co-opt to fill.**

**Resolved:** Agreed by all present that David Gordon-Young be co-opted to the Councillor position for Kennington ward. Declaration of acceptance and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to be signed.

**Action:** Agreed Clerk to do carry out all necessary arrangements.

*The agenda moved to agenda item 146/25 before returning to item 145/25*

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**145/25 Grant applications: Council to discuss, consider and to agree grant applications received and agree any further next steps/actions.**

The Council considered two grant applications.

**Bybrook Nature Reserve (BBNR): Council agreed** unanimously to the grant to pay for the Bybrook Natures Reserve's 12 Committee members to a one day First Emergency training course. Council agreed to offer up to an additional £100 for any resources that may also be required for the course.

**Downsview: Council agreed** unanimously to the grant to pay for the shed and base to hold OPAL resources.

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to make payments as soon as possible and confirmation of bank details and final amount.

**146/25 Planning applications: Council to**

- 1) **consider and agree to any comments or actions, on any applications received that need a response before the next Planning committee meeting is held.**

**PA/2025/1019 – 27 Crofton Close – Proposed by Cllr Alan Cooper and resolved and agreed by all.** Cllr Charles Ellis to write to Cllr Diocon Spain for this application to be called in, in order for this to be reviewed by the Ashford Borough Council Planning committee.

**Action: Agreed** Planning application to be called in.

- 2) **consider and agree to make comments on any developments in the area that may have an impact on our community.**

**Aldi – Resolved: Agreed** Clerk to invite Aldi to attend our next Planning meeting or next Council meeting.

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to contact and invite Aldi representatives to the Planning meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> or next Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

**AU17 and AU22 – Resolved: Agreed** to delegate this to the Planning committee for response.

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to add to Planning committee agenda.

**Applications for consideration: Resolved: Agreed** all other applications for consideration to be deferred to next Planning committee meeting.

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to add all applications to the next Planning committee agenda.

**147/25 Local Government Review: Council to discuss and consider in order to agree any further next steps/actions.**

**Noted:** Cllr Chris Morley and Cllr Chacko Jacob will be attending the KALC meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**Resolved: Agreed** Cllr John Seaton and Cllr Matthew Bridger be the substitutes if required.

**148/25 Action log: Council to review of action log, to discuss developments for items to then to be considered for motion for next or future meeting or to note and be recorded as complete.**

**Resolved: Agreed** to move this over to Microsoft lists

**Action: Agreed** Cllr Morley and the Clerk to work on transfer of this as soon as is achievable.

*Cllr Bridger left the meeting at 19.25*

**149/25 Monthly Reports: To consider/note information received relevant to the Council and agree any action necessary with regards to**

- 1) **Correspondences received.**

**Noted:** Bybrook Nature Reserve, next open day 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Noted:** New entry signs to Kennington

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to look into these and speak with Kent County Council, and update and future Council meeting.

**Noted:** Update on concerns raised in Randolph Gardens a particular property with overgrown vegetation which led with productive meeting with ABC to resolve

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to look into these

**Noted:** new grant application from Conningbrook Sailing club.

**Resolved: Agreed** following a brief discussion to ask whether the sailing club would like to expand their request bearing in mind limit of grant application being only 2 in 3years.

**Action: Agreed** Clerk to speak with applicant and bring back to next suitable Council meeting.

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### 2) Ongoing Projects and Events

**Noted:** Coffee and Chat 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Noted:** Litter Picks on Wednesdays Bockhanger 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> July in Rectory Way 6<sup>th</sup> at Kennington Recreation Field and 13<sup>th</sup> August at Little Burton Play Park all at 9.45-11 and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 starting in the Ridge.

**Noted:** WalknTalk update with working with One You and receiving training from them. Cllrs Morley, Crook, Cooper, Jacob, Bartlett as well as the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to attend.

**Action:** Agreed Clerk to talk to One You, first to see if training date can be brought forward, secondly to register interest of 7 attendees.

### 3) Ward Councillor Reports

**Noted:** Cllr Paul Bartlett's report received only and taken as circulated.

**Noted:** No additional ward reports received.

*Cllr Bartlett left the meeting at 19.45.*

### 4) KALC Ashford

**Noted:** KALC meeting 31<sup>st</sup> July.

### 5) Health and Wellbeing

**Noted:** Walking Football at Ashford Hockey Club for 50+ weekly Thursdays at noon

6) Councillors Training / Training/Courses attended Councillor/s to provide.

**Noted:** This item to be added to next Council meeting

### 150/25 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

**Resolved:** Agreed to add Community Engagement training, vacancies on committees to next Council and Councillor vacancies

**Resolved:** Agreed Parking restrictions on the Ridge to be added to next Environment and Planning committee as well as Head of Housing to be invited to

### 151/25 Date of next meeting.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm

### 152/25 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.

### 153/25 Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 19.54.

Signed:

Dated: 13/08/25