



**An Ordinary Meeting of the above Council, was held on
Wednesday, 08 January 2025 at 6.30pm,
at the St Mary's Community Centre.**

- 1/25 To note those, present and record any apologies.**
Present: Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair), Cllr John Seaton, Cllr Chacko Jacob, Cllr Shafi Khan, Cllr Chris Morley
Apologies: Health – Cllr Brian Varney Cllr Trish Cornish, ABC – Cllr Paul Bartlett, Personal Cllr Ellie Crook, Cllr Matthew Bridger, Work – Cllr Jac Wood, Cllr Greg Faulkner and Cllr Charles Ellis
Not Present: Cllr Nathan Iliffe and Cllr Payal Khandaker
Also Present: The Clerk and Peter New Neighbourhood Watch
Resolved: Agreed by all present to accept the apologies that were sent and received prior to the meeting.
- 2/25 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**
Cllr Morley declared a voluntary interest for his roles on both the Standards committee, and KALC Ashford.
- 3/25 To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 November 2024**
Resolved: Agreed the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on August 14th 2024 were accepted as a true record.
Action: Agreed Clerk to publish signed minutes on the website.
- 4/25 To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 December 2024**
Resolved: Agreed the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th December 2024 were accepted as a true record.
Action: Agreed Clerk to publish signed minutes on the website.
- 5/25 Public Open Session** This item include reports and presentations from Peter New, Neighbourhood Watch
Noted: report as circulated by all present .
- 6/25 Finance Payments**
1) Council to **authorise** and **note** expenditure and payments for December expenditure to be made as per documents circulated.
Resolved: Agreed by all present payments noted and verified already agreed and paid under delegated authority. All additional payments were also agreed and sanctioned for the Clerk to make payment.
Action: Agreed Clerk to make payments as soon as possible.
2) Bank Reconciliation - Council to **note** draft bank reconciliation
Noted: By all present bank positions of account held
3) Receipts and Payments - Council to **note** receipts and payments as at 31st December
Noted: By all present receipt and payments as circulated.



- 7/25 Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England** : Council is invited to **consider** the current Government consultation "Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England" and to **note** the proposed draft response.
Council **resolves** to:
1. submit a response on behalf of the Council
- Resolved: Agreed** to Kennington Community Council to submit a response
2. delegate preparation of a consolidated response to the Clerk, in collaboration with the Chair and Chair of the Personnel and Development Committee for consideration and approval at the February meeting of Council
- Resolved: Agreed** Councillors to send comments to Clerk, Chair and Cllr Morley, with those comments being then considered consolidated and then this draft to be brought back to February Council for final agreement before submitting.
- 8/25 Crime:** Council to **discuss** and **agree** any concerns re recent crime in Kennington and how we can encourage reporting.
Resolved: Agreed the Community Council need to continue Report it! Message, all Councillors and staff to where possible on social media to suggest when social media posts detailing thefts, anti-social behaviour etc
Resolved: Agreed to consider the response once received back from the Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott. Clerk to add to next suitable meeting.
Resolved: Agreed to aim for a formal proposal on Report It! To be developed for consideration at the March Council meeting.
Resolved: Agreed that a Kennington Community Councillor KALC Ashford representative to ask at their next meeting what is the criteria for Task Force Engagement and feedback to Council.
- 9/25 Village Sign:** Council to **discuss** and **consider** proposal re a village sign.
Resolved: Agreed by all present that a village style sign would be a great addition to Kennington.
Resolved: Agreed that the Spearpoint Roundabout would be the preferred location.
Resolved: Agreed that a formal proposal to be brought back to February Council that can consider all designs, quotes, installation and maintenance costs so as a provider and the style can be agreed.
Resolved: Agreed the Clerk to start liaising with both Kent and Ashford Borough Council with preferred location (Spearpoint Roundabout) to understand process and agreement to install.
Resolved: Agreed that in addition to the village sign all signage such as entry signs and direction signs to be considered in the near future.
- 10/25 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.
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Resolved: By all present to support this application
 - 2) **consider** and **agree** to make comments on any developments in the area that may have an impact on our community
- Noted:** By all present this item was not required but will be a standing item to ensure these applications can be considered timely application and comment deadlines.



11/25 Reports: Council to **consider/note** information received relevant to the Council and **agree** to any action/s then necessary.

- 1) Correspondences received and sent
- 2) Clerk update on ongoing projects
- 3) Ward Councillor Reports
- 4) KALC Ashford
- 5) Councillors Training / Training attended
- 6) Health and Wellbeing

Resolved: Agreed to Clerk to write to the ward Councillors to ask them to submit a report or similar either monthly, quarterly or at significant times they feel appropriate.

Resolved; Agreed to look at the national cycle routes that still remain temporary through Little Burton.

Noted: By all present, KALC Ashford meeting will be discussing devolution paper on January 29th

Noted: By all present, Cllr Alan Cooper and Cllr Chacko Jacob attended flood training and now are flood wardens for Kennington.

12/25 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.

Noted: By all present.

13/25 Items for inclusion on the forthcoming agenda/s.

Resolved: Agreed the Devolution paper to be added to agenda for next Council and considered as a standing item.

14/25 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 for items discussed at this meeting.

15/25 Date of next meeting.

Noted: By all present that the next meeting will be held on 12th February at 6.30pm at St Marys Community Centre.

Noted: Items/motions for agenda to be sent to Clerk by February 5th and all papers by no later than 7th.

16/25 Close of meeting.

The meeting closed at 8pm.