

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND PLACES MINUTES



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A meeting of the Environment and Places Committee was held on Tuesday, 20 June 2023 at 7pm in the United Reformed Church

1/23EP

To note those present, to receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given.

Present: Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Chacko Jacob

Apologies: Cllr Shafi Khan (Health)

Also Present: Justin Armitage, The Clerk and Cllr Cooper (ex officio)

Not Present: Cllr Ellie Crook

2/23EP

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Significant Interests (OSIs) or Voluntary Interests (VIs) relating to items on the agenda.
None declared.

3/23EP

To elect a Committee member to the vacant position of Chair for this committee until 2024 Annual Council Meeting.

Nominations: Cllr Chris Morley proposed by Cllr Charles Ellis and seconded by Cllr Chacko Jacob.

Vote: Unanimously in favour

Resolved: Agreed Cllr Chris Morley elected to the position of Chair of the Environment and Places committee and until the first meeting following the annual Council meeting.

4/23EP

To elect a Committee member to the vacant position of Vice Chair for this committee until the 2024 Annual Council Meeting.

Nominations: Cllr Charles Ellis proposed by Cllr Chris Morley and seconded by Cllr Chacko Jacob.

Vote: Unanimously in favour

Resolved: Agreed Cllr Charles Ellis elected to the position of Vice- Chair of the Environment and Places committee and until the first meeting following the annual Council meeting.

5/23EP

To agree a Committee member to the Communication and Events Working Group

Nominations: Cllr Charles Ellis proposed by Cllr Chris Morley and seconded by Cllr Chacko Jacob.

Vote: Unanimously in favour.

Resolved: Agreed Cllr Charles Ellis elected to the position of Communications and Events Working Group on behalf of the Environment and Places Committee.

6/23EP

To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2023

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2023 as circulated were agreed and adopted as a true record by unanimous vote.

Action: Agreed Clerk to publish signed minutes on the website

7/23EP

Public Open Session for members of the public who may make representations, ask and answer questions and give evidence regarding items on the agenda or to suggest issues for discussion at a future meeting.
No public were present.

8/23EP

Bybrook Bockhanger Community Facility – Council to
1) receive an oral update on the letter sent to the Leader of ABC and agree any next/step/actions

Noted: Letter to Cllr Noel Ovenden has been sent following comments from Ward Councillors that wished to do so. Cllr Alan Cooper to advise Council once response received.

2) note, agree and discuss the current business plan and agree any next/step/actions

Signed: *Chacko Jacob*

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Action: Agreed Cllr Alan Cooper will look to rewrite as now a lot has become outdated but this will take some considerable time and will bring back to committee or Council at next suitable meeting.

9/23EP **Newsletter: Committee to discuss and agree any next/step/actions contributions in relation to the July Newsletter.**

Noted: Current plan for newsletter to issue as soon as possible following the Summer Fayre. Current distribution deadline target between 14th and 19th July to land on doormats.

Action: Cllr Cooper, Cllr Morley and the Clerk delegated to facilitate.

10/23EP **Community Garden: Committee to receive and oral update and agree any next/step/actions**

Noted: Ashford Borough Councillors meeting scheduled now with Clerk, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Morley for 23rd June.

Action: Update to be provided at the next suitable meeting Council or next committee.

11/23EP **Garden of Remembrance: Committee to receive and oral update and agree any next/step/actions**

Noted: Resident working with Clerk and looking to present at next suitable meeting of the committee.

Action: Agreed Clerk to liaise with the resident and invite along and bring some suggestions for the Committee to consider for recommendation to Council.

12/23EP **War Memorial Restoration: Committee to receive an oral update and agree any next/step/actions**

Noted: Clerk liaising with architects and looking to present at next suitable meeting of the committee tender outcome for onward recommendation to Council. Completion of tender process expected by cob 5th July.

Action: Clerk to arrange additional committee meeting if tenders arrive in time pre next Council meeting, in order process can move to next phase and potentially works carried out in time for next remembrance Sunday.

13/23EP **Allotments: Committee to propose dates for next Allotments subcommittee**

Action: Clerk to find a date before the end of August.

14/23EP **Playgrounds: Committee to**

- 1) **note an update in relation to the play area equipment at Little Burton Farm**
- 2) **note an update in relation to the play area at Beecholme/Oak Tree House**
- 3) **note an update in relation to the play area at Spearpoint / The Ridge**
- 4) **note an update in relation to the play area equipment at Rylands Road**

Noted: updates on all, need to add for future Ulley Road, Kennington Recreation Ground play park.

Little Burton Farm - Meeting to be arranged with Justin Armitage, Katy Pauley and the Clerk to look at current quotation options, review in order to bring to a future meeting.

Beecholme / Oaks Tree House - Cllr Alan Cooper and Clerk meeting with Ashford Borough Council officers 23rd June.

Rylands Road - Clerk tracking completion of MUGA and cycle racks

Spearpoint/ The Ridge - Clerk tracking completion of cycle racks and Autumn tree planting.

15/23EP **Highway Improvement Plan: Committee to**

1) **receive an update on the arrangements for traffic survey in The Street, Ulley Road and adjacent roads as advised by Kent Highways.**

Noted: Kent Highways presentation via Teams re findings and suggestions of ways forward, Monday 3rd July 1pm, all Councillors are welcome

Action: Clerk to forward invitation of Teams meetings to all those interested.

Signed: *CAF*

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2) receive an update on purchase of Speed Spy traffic recording device.

Noted: Speed Spy ready for dispatch to identify where and set date and time for delivery, installation and training.

Action: Clerk to identify with Cllr Morley location and convenient time.

Additional items:

Wig Wags at Upper Vicarage Road - Clerk to chase position and funding, update at next suitable meeting

Speed signs on Faversham Road (near Bellas and near Towers, could there be any additional?)

16/23EP

Community Events: Committee to consider

- 1) **Bockhanger Square Litter pick / Concrete Ball painting a date to complete what we started last year and were unable to complete in August for both the weeding, litter picking and completing the painting of the concrete balls**

Action: Clerk to look to ABC to see if we can have a litter pick event and permission to paint the concrete ball.

Action: Clerk to liaise re artistry on the concrete balls once painted, and where possible if we could engage local groups to paint.

2) Next Seasonal Event – agree and recommend ideas to the Communications and Events Working Group along with approximate delivery time

Action: Clerk to arrange the first Communications and Events working group once permission received re litter pick and paint the balls so as plans can be scheduled and date set.

Noted: Bockhanger library would like to work alongside us and be open at same time and for those engaged with litter pick, painting etc be also introduced to the library.

17/23EP

Projects for Development: Committee to consider current list and agree to any additional, scheduling those of priority.

Action: Clerk to send round list as soon as possible, Councillors to then add their thoughts of priority in order of priority 5.4.3.2.1.

18/23EP

Date of next meeting.

The next meeting to be early August before August Council, Clerk to set a date.

19/23EP

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.

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Close of meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed: 

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