

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND PLACES MINUTES



Agenda published 03th April 2024

A meeting of the Environment and Places Committee, on Monday 8th April starting at 6.30pm, at the United Reformed Church

NOTE: THE MEETING BEING INQUORATE NO DECISIONS WERE OR COULD BE MADE BUT DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD

- 1/24F **To note those present, to receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given.**
Present: Cllr Chris Morley and Cllr Alan Cooper.
Apologies: Cllr Charles Ellis
- 2/24F **To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Significant Interests (OSIs) or Voluntary Interests (VIs) relating to items on the agenda.**
A working Group discussion took place only and none were declared.
- 3/24F **To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 30th October 2023.**
A working Group discussion could take place only and so this will be deferred to next suitable meeting.
- 4/24F **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 present.
- 5/24F **Bybrook-Bockhanger Community Facility Discussion with architects for Concept phase: Committee to note oral update and agree next step/actions.**
- 6/24F **Highway Improvement: Committee to discuss current projects ongoing and agree any next step/actions in order to make recommendations to Council**
1) **Ulley Road Crossing Patrol and Wig-Wags**
Noted: Clerk had contacted schools but had not received any response
2) **20-is-plenty Ulley Road/Nettlefield consultation**
Noted: Clerk to contact KCC highways to see if happy with draft consultation leaflet before Council to approve
Noted: Clerk to speak with Bella re drop of point for consultation returns
3) **Footways**
Noted: Resident feedback on Rothbrook drive / Lower Vicarage / Hurst Road etc to be considered for next 20 mph restrictions.
- 7/24F **Allotments: Committee to discuss and agree any next step/actions in order to make recommendations to Council**
1) **Cuckow Project**
Noted: Community Council to continue to liaise with ABC on this and chase if do not hear back, however a plan for engagement to ABC needs to be considered.
2) **Bybrook site improvement**
Noted: Awaiting completion
3) **Burton Farm site improvements**

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Noted: Complete re drive way, however improved does still need to be considered long term resolution or ongoing consideration to build up the levels.

- 8/24F Kennington Community Council Allotment Plot: Committee to discuss and agree any next step/actions in order to make recommendations to Council**
Noted: Next step actions is to liaise with surgeries, build up raised beds with top soil, tend grass area around and look to lay some weed matting to keep down, look at lock box and shed/storage options, with the aim to get in use as soon as is possible. Consider a weekend rally of Councillors and staff to now get kick started/ready for next season to open as from early March or if possible this season.
- 9/24F Garden of Remembrance: Committee to receive an oral update, discuss and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Hedging to be completed in Autumn
Noted: Clerk to reengage with gardeners re planting programme and bring costing to the next suitable Committee or Council meeting around planting season.
- 10/24F Jubilee Pump House: Committee to receive an oral update, discuss and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Clear up/around taken place and trees and overgrowth currently not resting and increasing the deterioration rate.
Noted: Costing estimated currently at approximately £30k - £50k and engagement with school and Church continue re ownership.
- 11/24F Litter Picking: Committee to receive an oral update, discuss and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Cllr Ellie Crook looking at litter picks going forward
- 12/24F Bins in Kennington: Committee to receive an oral update, discuss and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: New bin has been installed at Nettlefield
Noted: Deferred to future meeting
- 13/24F Handrail on steps Faversham Road (Road level to Shops: Committee to receive an oral update, discuss and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Progress and excellent engagement with Kent County Council
- 14/24F Kennington Summer Fayre: Committee to receive an oral update, discuss and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Limited engagement of Councillors, Clerk to resend attendance on stall again to Councillors and raise at next Council meetings.
- 15/24F Burial Ground at St Marys: Committee to discuss and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Meeting in place to discuss the needs of the Burial ground down at the bottom of Bull Lane near the hockey club.
Noted: Clerk liaising with ABC to see if there are any funds that may be available.
- 16/24F Arts and Entertainment: Committee to discuss and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Clerk to liaise with ABC.
- 17/24F Everyday Active Champion for Ashford: Committee to receive an oral update, discuss and agree any next step/actions.**

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Noted: Clerk has met with the Active Champion and looking at ways can work together, currently invited to attend stall with Sk8side, Walking Football, Connect and Uprising.

18/24F Daffodil Bulb Planting 2024: Committee to discuss and agree any next step/actions for this year.

Noted: Clerk to ask whether can plant round trees at Spearpoint

Noted: Clerk to ask whether the area that the works have been carried out on Spearpoint and where a lot of bulbs were before being dug up could be looked at and whether we can ensure that when contractors come in an dig up roads that perhaps more car can be given to the landscape being returned to its former state.

Noted: Corner of George Williams way along to roundabout would be a prime location for next year. Clerk to ask for ABC approval, but wait for roadworks to be completed first.

19/24F S106: Committee to discuss and to consider any s106 potential submissions for our current or potential future projects.

Noted: to defer this to the next suitable meeting.

20/24F Noticeboards: Committee to receive an oral update on the noticeboard at Spearpoint Pavilion and agree any next step/actions.

Noted: Clerk to continue to liaise with Quinn re a noticeboard at Conningbrook

Noted: Little Burton to consider re a noticeboard

21/24F Save or Buses Invitation [Save our buses](#): Committee to discuss and agree any next step/actions.

Noted: Clerk to write to the group and see whether they can share their aims and objectives.

22/24F Date of next meeting.

Noted: Date to be set after annual meeting of the Council.

23/24F To exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and

sections 100 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

24/24F Meeting close.

The meeting closed at 8pm.