

Minutes of Kingston Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 3rd April 2017 in the Barn, Kingston.

Present:-

Cllr Martin - Chairman
Cllr Osborn – Vice- Chair
Cllr Arter
Cllr Spencer
Cllr Pearson
Cllr McCord
Valerie McWilliams, Clerk

There were four members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting after which she asked for any comments from the public.

The new owners of 20 The Street, attended the meeting and went through their plans for the proposed alterations to the bungalow with Councillors. Councillors felt that there were no major problems with the plans. The owners had also discussed their plans with the neighbours.

County Cllr Michael Northey attended the meeting and reported that Social Care had cost KCC £266 million pounds last year and would rise again this year. £364 million this year was spent on Health and Social care in hospital.

He had recently attended a Skills Conference, which was designed to give a more comprehensive vocational offer for young people at all levels who did not want to attend university but wished to get recognizable apprenticeship training. KCC were doing a lot to support the scheme with many firms taking part

He reported that the government allowance for schools in London was £7,000.00 per child compared with £3,000.00 in Kent.

1. APOLOGIES

City Cllr Simon Cook sent his apologies as he was away on holiday

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no notifications by members given of any pecuniary or discretionary interest in items on the Agenda.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 6th March 2017, were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance of the minutes; proposed by Cllr Pearson & seconded by Cllr Spencer.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The camper van parked outside the Barn has now been removed.

Cllr Spencer reported that the Litter Pick which took place took place in Kingston on 11 March had been a success. Sincere thanks to the fourteen volunteers (and one dog!) that helped with the clean up. Eleven sacks were filled with litter gathered from roads in and around the village.

Sadly, Canterbury City Council was unable to support this event as our country lanes are deemed too hazardous for official permission to be sanctioned. Therefore, the Parish Council had to buy its own litter picks at a cost of £50. These have been added to the asset register for the future. It is hoped to do a clean up regularly.

All action items had been executed.

5. FINANCE

Lloyds Bank £6,366.07

Payments Due

For 16 Hours worked in March at SCP2 per hour £10.50 = £168 + Office Maintenance £40.00. Total £208.00

Litter Pickers (£29.03 + VAT £5.83) Serco £25.00 Total £34.96 Total £59.96

Total £267.96

KALC Subscription (£193.98 +VAT £38.80) **Total £232.78**

Davina Martin Ink Cartridges Total £27.58

Materials for Notice Board (£52.70 +VAT £13.17)Total **£65.87**

Materials B&Q £42.85

Total £122.85

KALC Audit Work Shop £30+VAT £6 = **£36.00**

TOTAL £659.59

These figures were accepted for payment; proposed by Cllr Osborn and seconded by Cllr Arter.

Cllr Martin reported that she had cleaned up the notice board alongside Greenacre. Some repair work to replace rotten wood has been done. The notice board is believed to officially belong to the Village Society and Cllr Martin will pass the cost of the repairs onto them.

6. PLANNING

CA/17/00453: 20 The Street, CT4 6JB. Proposed two-storey rear extension, loft conversion and remodeling of existing building to include three dormers to front elevation, Juliette balcony to rear and roof lights. There were no objections raised to the plans. The Clerk will inform CCC

CA/1700538: Mulberry House, Marley Lane, CT4 6JJ. Retrospective application for ancillary accommodation over garage together with alterations to roof and dormer windows. The Parish Council feels that they cannot support the above retrospective application. The application (CA/13/01127/FUL) was put in to Canterbury City Council for the construction of a new oak framed open bay "cart shed" type garage. It specifically stated that no windows would be installed. Internal and external stairs along with a bathroom, were not on the original plans. It now appears to be a dwelling where the owners reside whilst Mulberry House is let out. There was never any mention of a commercial business attached to the house, as it now appears to have become.

Marley Lane is a very narrow lane with a poor road surface with no passing places. The Council has received complaints about the increased number of large motor vehicles visiting the house. This is putting a lot more strain on the lane, which it is ill equipped to deal with.

CA/17/00236 Application for listed building consent for signage to external elevations, The Black Robin Inn, Covet Lane, Kingston, CT4 6HS. This was refused.

CA/17/00324 Proposed single-storey rear extension with single side porch following the demolition of existing conservatory. Owls Hatch, 1 Rectory Orchard, Church Lane, Kingston CT4 6HY. Awaiting decision.

CA/17/00325 Single- storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory and open fronted store. Broadfield, Cover Lane, Kingston CT4 6HU. Awaiting decision.

7. TREES

Railway Embankment Update

Arrangements are in hand for two working parties to take place one on Thursday 20 April and the other on Saturday 29 April 2017. Following advice from the Forestry Commission the Tree Surgeon will burn the debris on the Embankment. from the last clean up.

Following the vote by the public for the winners of the Tesco Bags for Life grant awards, the Parish Council came second, and we have been awarded £2,000.00

towards further work on the trees.

8. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Numerous potholes have been reported in Church Lane, which the Clerk will report.

The edge of Bonny Bush Hill is being worn down due to the increased size of vehicles using the road. Cars are forced to go over the white line on the edge of the road and it is becoming quite dangerous and causing damage to cars. The Clerk will write to Highways to enquire if anything could be done to improve things.

9 KALC

Following an enquiry regarding access to the KALC Website Members section, Councillors felt that they would like to find out more about the section before making a decision about seeking permission to access it.

Parish Charter

At the Rural Area Member Panel meeting held on Monday March 13 there was a Review of the Canterbury District Parish Charter. Members were being invited to accept the revised charter and implement recommendations, City Councillors felt that they had not had enough time to consider the suggested changes. It will be discussed at the next RAMP meeting at Littlebourne Village Hall on 11 April at 7.00pm. Councillors are encouraged to attend.

10. KPC APPOINTED TRUSTEE TO KVHT

As yet, there has been no volunteer to act as a nominated trustee to Kingston Village Hall Trust. Therefore, the position remains vacant.

11. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Council is still looking for a councillor to be co-opted onto the Council. It is hoped to have some volunteers by the time of the Annual Village Meeting.

12 FACE BOOK UPDATE

Cllr Osborn had looked into the opportunities of getting onto Face Book. Councillors were not too keen on having just a Parish Council page. There is already a Barham and Kingston Parish Community page. Cllr Osborn will explore and report at the next meeting.

13. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Kent Voice

Emails sent to all

Great Britain Spring Clean – Thank you.
Notes on Neighbourhood Planning

All correspondence has been circulated amongst Councillors.

14. ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th May at 7.00pm in The Barn. It was agreed that the hall would be set up at 3.00pm. Cllr Arter agreed to purchase the drinks from Morrisons. Councillors have volunteered to help with food. Glasses and projector are available in The Barn.

The Clerk will collect and collate all the reports from the village societies

Cllr Martin will give a talk with the title 'Kingston Embankment: the History beneath our feet.'

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Martin reported that the Odyssey Charity had booked three dates one in May, July and September for the group to abseil down from the Railway Bridge in Covet Lane.

Cllr Pearson had written to Sir Julian Brazier regarding the foreign lorries parking on British roads blocking all the lay-bys often all over the weekend. Sir Julian's reply was sympathetic to her letter and said he received many similar complaints. He felt that the problem could be reduced when the lorry park is opened in Stanford. Failing that, he felt there should be a push to ban lorries from parking on roadsides. He felt it might be worthwhile logging number plates on offending vehicles and reporting them to the police in the hope that they might come out and carry out some enforcement.

The Clerk was asked to write on behalf of the Council to Sir Julian expressing the concern of the parish.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Will take place on **Monday May 8th 2017** at 7.30pm in The Barn.