

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.00pm
In the Village Hall**Present:**

Parish Cllrs: Cllrs. S. McIntyre (SMc), B. Hedley (BH), J Whittington (JW)
Borough Cllr: 0
KCC Cllr: 0
Neighbourhood Watch: 1
Members of Public: 1
PC: 0
Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
1280	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr Shilton	
1281	Declaration of Councillor' Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To approve or reject any application put to the meeting by the Chairman in respect of Members seeking a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011, section 33. b. Request that Councillors' or any other persons' present declare if they intend to record any of the proceedings using any video or audio recording device or camera <p>Non declared</p>	
1282	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November 2025 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	
1283	Public Session At this point the Meeting will be adjourned. This session is for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda. Mr Peter New, Neighbourhood Watch, attended and presented his vision to improve community safety in 2026, the main areas are, Prevention, Community Safety and Communication. Follow this link to view the full report. ..\Full Neighbourhood Report Jan 26.docx	

1284	<p>Village Survey Results</p> <p>The full results are detailed on attached APPENDIX 2601-1, although only a small number of completed forms were returned, the percentage of 18.26% falls within the numbers expected by NALC.</p> <p>The prize hamper was independently drawn and won by a lucky family in The Wish.</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre confirmed that despite the number of replies, most were positive, the areas that need improvement are: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current traffic calming measures by KPC - The footpath to Nursery End needs maintenance and some trees alongside the B2067 should be inspected. Details of the work previously carried out by KPC to rectify the situation to be sent to Cllr Chapman. - Crime in the village, Cllr Whittington was asked to PC Darren Laker on the subject 	
1285	<p>Borough Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Shilton was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting.</p>	
1286	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Chapman attended and his abridged monthly report shows the following relevant points for Kenardington, the report can be viewed on the following link Cllr Chapman Report Jan 2026.docx</p>	
1287	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Payments</u></p> <p><i>Direct Debits</i></p> <p>Hugofox – Website December - £11.99</p> <p><i>BACS – approved at last meeting</i></p> <p>A Beach – October – December Salary - £669.54</p> <p><i>BACS for approval</i></p> <p>A Beach – Repayment for Prize Hamper - £49.05</p> <p>b. <u>Receipts</u></p> <p>Deposit account interest – November & December - £24.49</p> <p>Following the above, the current account has a balance of £5777.74 and the business reserve a balance of £15442.19 giving a working balance of £21219.93 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 24th December 2025</p>	

1288	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Caretaker Scheme</u></p> <p>Despite the Caretaker willingness to undertake the work on his non-working days Wittersham are still unwilling to allow us to hire equipment from them, therefore we shall unfortunately, have to look at other options. Recently we have been contacted by Cherished Services who provide Ground and Facilities Management using, primarily ex-service personnel, providing a varied list of tasks.</p> <p>Councillors suggested suitable contractors and will contact them for quotations for the work going forward. The Clerk will contact Aspire and obtain a quotation from them.</p> <p><u>Proposed Pond Wood Solar Farm – S106 Proposals</u></p> <p>The consultation deadline is expected to finish on 27th February 2026, but this estimated and can alter.</p> <p><u>Parking on The Wish</u></p> <p>Claire Poile from ABC contacted Cllr Whittington on 24th November confirming that an officer was looking at the problem and she would update us asap.</p> <p><u>Community Awards Update</u></p> <p>The application will be completed and sent prior to 30th January</p>	
1289	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>None received</p>	

1290	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><u>HIP & Highway Improvements</u></p> <p>Keiran Doble has updated our HIP and moved all completed items into 'Previous History'</p> <p>The recent notification from a resident regarding 3 accidents on Bench Hill between 11th November – 18th December 2025 requesting the erection of a sign to warn traffic of the corner, Cllr Whittington has asked for any photos and advised him to also discuss the matter with Keiran Doble.</p> <p><u>Designated Green Space & Play Area</u></p> <p>We have received confirmation that our application has been included in the draft of Local Plan, the Draft is going to consultation and providing there are no objections we just have to wait for it to be ratified.</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter Repairs</u></p> <p>Our grant application for £1,785 has been agreed and the work can be arranged with Tenterden Roofing for The Wish Shelter and Dolman's for the Millennium shelter.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact Tenterden Roofing and confirm the work on The Wish bus shelter and Cllr Hedley was asked to contact Dolman's to confirm the work on the Millennium shelter.</p>	
1291	<p>Village Hall</p> <p><u>News</u></p> <p>A Children's Special Needs therapist is now hiring the hall on regular basis and feels it is an ideal size for the children.</p> <p>Cllr Hedley will look into promoting it as a location for children's party.</p>	
1292	<p>Sustainable Energy & Environment</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
1293	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Items previously emailed.</p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – December Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins <p>KALC – Ashford Branch</p> <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins <p>Katie Lam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – December & January in The Weald <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Draft Local Plan 	

1294	Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 rd February 2026 at 7pm	
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Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

Proposed Dates for 2026

3rd March 2026

7th April 2026

5th May 2026

2nd June 2026

7th July 2026

1st September 2026

6th October 2026

3rd November 2026

1st December 2026

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting (April) to be agreed

APPENDIX 2601-1

Kenardington Village Survey Results

Transport	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you need to use public transport	2	17	0
Do you have adequate parking	14	5	0
Which Area do you live in?			
The Wish - 3			
Appledore Road - 6			
B2067 - 3			
Church Lane - 2			
Snargate Road - 3			
Do current traffic calming measures make you feel safer	5	14	
Are roads regularly maintained	4	14	1
Comments			
Cars using Church Lane, normally locals, travel too fast. We are at both the starting and finishing line. I have no idea how to slow them down but it's only a matter of time before a dog walker, rambler or family is injured.			
There should be further speed restrictions in The Wish & where the road narrows at Hornes Place.			

The roads have been a disgrace this past year, especially Church Lane & Snargate Road, they have improved in the past month but still not good enough. Nearly £2k spent on damaged tyres, rims and shock absorbers etc.			
Buses terminate at the Rare Breeds, why can't they go through to Hamstreet and give more access to Kenardington			
Reduce the speed limit in The Wish			
Parking in The Wish is a problem, I only have one car, most other houses have 2-3 vehicles, and another resident is making me feel uncomfortable when I park although allocated parking spaces are not provided			
Natural Environment	Yes	No	Unsure
Does Kenardington have enough green space for leisure/play	13	5	1
Does KPC adequately protect trees, hedges, grass & woodland	16	2	1
Are trees & hedges maintained	13	5	1
Does the council do enough to support alternative energy	8	7	4
Comments			
Trees & hedges are maintained but not sufficiently, twice trees on B2067 have come down into garden, breaking fence and residents had to clear the pathway but do not have the equipment to complete the job so more is required			
Any energy saving/production methods to avoid solar farms would be welcomed. Crops grow without sunlight and feed the nation! Trees reduce carbon emissions!			
More EV chargers – believe this is relevant to High House Business Park			
Footpath in front of Nursery End not maintained			
Leisure	Yes	No	Unsure
Does Kenardington need a play park	7	10	2
Are there sufficient local cycling/walking routes	15	3	1
Does Kenardington require youth facilities	7	5	7
Does Kenardington require more groups for all ages	10	5	4
Groups suggested – Pilates, Yoga, Fitness, Crafts, Film Club, Toddler, Clubs for older people, Chess for teenagers, Walking, Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea, Bingo			

Comments			
Young people should be surveyed regarding Youth Facilities			
Crime & Safety	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you feel safe in Kenardington	17	2	
Is there good communication between residents & police	9	8	2
Do you believe police will respond to village crime	10	7	2
Comments			
Our experience of a burglary, the police were very good, but they did inform us that our area is covered by Folkestone, therefore it took an hour for them to respond.			
It would be nice to see more police			
	Yes	No	Unsure
Housing			
Does Kenardington require more housing	2	17	
If yes, what type			
Affordable			
Rental			
Freehold/flats			
Houses – 1			
Other - 1			
Comments			
The infrastructure is not really there for more housing – we would need a shop & pub ideally; these would help the community you are trying to build			
No, too much building everywhere & no infrastructure			
Housing should be provided for local requirements and on a small scale			
Parish Matters	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you feel informed to what is going on in the village	13	6	
Would you like improved communication with KPC, if so, which method would you prefer	11	7	1
WhatsApp – 0			
Email – 2			

KPC Website – 0			
Monthly Newsletter – 7	Other – 1 (6-monthly newsletter)		

We had a total of 19 responses, a total of 18.26% of the current years precept tax base; the number of properties in the village; provided by Ashford BC.

The National Association of Local Councils suggest that parish questionnaires commonly receive 15-20%.