# KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 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: 1 Members of Public: 0

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
1144	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr Shilton – work commitments	
1145	Declaration of Councillor' Interests  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	
1146	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	
1147	Recruitment New Councillors Ongoing	All
1148	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. Nothing to report.	
1149	Borough Councillor Report Cllr Shilton was unable to attend.	

#### 1150 County Councillor Report

Cllr Hill reported that KCC were very disappointed not to have been accepted onto the devolution fast track scheme despite having fulfilled the Governments requirements, currently they have not been given a reason why they were excluded.

Once the Unitary Councils have been set up it is expected that the number of councillors will be halved and Parish Council powers could increase once devolution is complete.

Cllr Hill confirmed that the Council elections will definitely take place in May, and that he will not be standing.

Mike confirmed elections will take place in May and he will not be standing He left the meeting at 7.20pm

#### 1151 Finance

#### a. Payments

**Direct Debits** 

HugoFox - February Website fee - £11.99

BACS - Approved at January Meeting

Foreground Tree - Hedge, height reduction - £250

RBLI – VE Day Signs & Flag - £43.97

Cheques

Chq No 460 – A Beach, salary Jan-Mar 2025 - £648.66

Chq No 461 – A Beach, expenses Apr 24-Mar 2025 - £132.80

#### b. Receipts

February Interest £14.66

Following the above, the current account has a balance of £4,766.18 and the business reserve a balance of £15,303.58 giving a working balance of £20.069.76 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.

#### c. Approval for Future BACS Payments

iDNET Annual Broadband Rental due 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 £330.00 Litter Picking signage – Triangular sign £239.54, excluding delivery.

1142	Matters Arising	
	Gov.uk Addresses	Clerk
	There has been a delay in setting these up as another form needed	
	completion, which has now been sent.	
	<u>Litter Picking Signage</u>	
	Two different signs have been identified as shown on Appendix 2503-1,	
	one mounted on a road warning cone costing £53.94 including VAT and a	
	folding, triangular, warning sign with a clip-on litter picking sign costing £119.27 including VAT.	
	Councillors discussed the items and agreed to purchase two of the folding triangular signs at a cost of £119.27 each from Groundsmen.	
	If unable to get these items invoiced, Councillors agreed the Clerk should	
	pay via BACS.	
	Combining Annual Meetings	
	Cllr Whittington asked why the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual	
	Parish Council Meeting cannot be held together, although this is possible;	
	providing there is a set interval between them.	
	In principle, Councillors agreed to trial this in 2026.	
1143	2025/26 Priorities	
	Cllr McIntyre confirmed this matter was not relevant to KPC and no further	
	discussion is required.	
1144	Planning	
	<u>Planning Applications</u>	
	None received	

#### 1145 **Village Matters**

**Complaints** 

None to report

<u>Designated Green Space – The Wish</u>

The following reply has been received: -

As part of the Local Plan process, the council intends to hold a Regulation 18 consultation in the coming months which will provide the opportunity for Parish Councils and residents to formally submit land for consideration as Local Green Spaces.

It is kindly requested that you re-submit this land formally as part of that process in the coming months (likely to be an 8-week consultation) so that we can consider it through the Local Plan process. (The Parish Council will be notified directly when the consultation goes live).

You may already be aware, for land to be allocated as Local Green Space it must meet several criteria. The criteria are copied below for reference.

## Local Green Space designation criteria (as set out in Paragraph 107 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2025)

The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:

- a. In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- b. Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquility or richness of its wildlife; and
- c. Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

Following the Regulation 18 consultation in the coming months, the council will then formally assess all requests for Local Green Space designation, and where appropriate, progress through the Local Plan.

Should you have any further questions about the Local Plan please do not hesitate to get in touch via <u>planning.policy@ashford.gov.uk</u>

Although this is an ongoing matter, we can be assured that we meet all the requirements for a designated space.

#### Speedwatch & Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) update

The agreed work has been completed, with the exception of the junction repainting, Cllr McIntyre will contact Keiran Doble and thank him for his assistance.

#### <u>Planning Application to Re-position the Lamppost at Village Hall</u>

Following Cllr McIntyre's suggestion to finance this item, the Clerk suggested three alternatives, KCC, Kent Community Foundation or the Lottery Fund. KCC are match funded, KCF a maximum of £6,000 and Lottery funds a maximum of £20,000.

The Clerk suggested that the Village Hall applied for any grant and go for the maximum amount, highlighting the need to improve access for disabled and less mobile members of the community by providing dedicated parking and upgrade of the toilet area. ALL

JW/SMc

BH/All

1146	Village Hall	
	Annual Running Costs	
	Cllr Hedley updated the PC on the cost of running the hall over the past year, income £1,348.94 (NB this includes a £350 grant and £256 from ABC,	
	without this the income would be reduced to £742.94) expenditure £1,295.41 excluding supplies and maintenance, this totalled £860.81	
	After discussion members agreed to pay the annual running costs, this will	
	be reviewed annually.	
	Proposed SMc Seconded by JW	
	Cheque number 462 for £900 was raised and passed to Cllr Hedley.	
	Patio Area Development To romain on agenda	
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1147	Sustainable Energy & the Environment	
	Nothing to report	All
1148	Correspondence	
	Items previously emailed.	
	KALC	
	Chief Executive Bulletin	
	- February Newsletter	
	- Training & Weekly Bulletins	
	<ul> <li>Parish Council Code of Conduct training on 10<sup>th</sup> June at Appledore</li> <li>Village Hall, cost £75 per attendee</li> </ul>	
	KALC – Ashford Branch	
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	NALC	
	Chief Executive Bulletins	
	Kent Police	
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	Ashford BC	
	<ul> <li>Agenda for Planning Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025</li> </ul>	
1149	Future Agenda Items/Items for Information	
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Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8pm

### 2025/26 Meeting Dates Starting at 7pm

April Tuesday 1st

Wednesday 9th - Annual Parish Meeting

May Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Parish Council AM

June	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
July	Tuesday 1st
August	No Meeting
September	Tuesday 2nd
October	Tuesday 7th
November	Tuesday 4th
December	Tuesday 2nd

Please note, if necessary, these may alter at short notice