

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 <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 	
1146	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th 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	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cllr Hill confirmed that the Council elections will definitely take place in May, and that he will not be standing.</p> <p>Mike confirmed elections will take place in May and he will not be standing</p> <p>He left the meeting at 7.20pm</p>	
1151	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Payments</u></p> <p><i>Direct Debits</i></p> <p>HugoFox – February Website fee - £11.99</p> <p><i>BACS – Approved at January Meeting</i></p> <p>Foreground Tree – Hedge, height reduction - £250</p> <p>RBLI – VE Day Signs & Flag - £43.97</p> <p><i>Cheques</i></p> <p>Chq No 460 – A Beach, salary Jan-Mar 2025 - £648.66</p> <p>Chq No 461 – A Beach, expenses Apr 24-Mar 2025 - £132.80</p> <p>b. <u>Receipts</u></p> <p>February Interest £14.66</p> <p>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 3rd March 2025.</p> <p>c. <u>Approval for Future BACS Payments</u></p> <p>iDNET Annual Broadband Rental due 22nd March 2025 £330.00</p> <p>Litter Picking signage – Triangular sign £239.54, excluding delivery.</p>	

1142	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Gov.uk Addresses</u></p> <p>There has been a delay in setting these up as another form needed completion, which has now been sent.</p> <p><u>Litter Picking Signage</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the items and agreed to purchase two of the folding triangular signs at a cost of £119.27 each from Groundsmen.</p> <p>If unable to get these items invoiced, Councillors agreed the Clerk should pay via BACS.</p> <p><u>Combining Annual Meetings</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>In principle, Councillors agreed to trial this in 2026.</p>	Clerk
1143	<p>2025/26 Priorities</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre confirmed this matter was not relevant to KPC and no further discussion is required.</p>	
1144	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>None received</p>	

1146	Village Hall <u>Annual Running Costs</u> 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. <u>Patio Area Development</u> To remain on agenda	
1147	Sustainable Energy & the Environment Nothing to report	All
1148	Correspondence Items previously emailed. KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – February Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins – Parish Council Code of Conduct training on 10th June at Appledore Village Hall, cost £75 per attendee KALC – Ashford Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins Kent Police <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ashford BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agenda for Planning Meeting on 19th February 2025 	
1149	Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The next meeting is on 1 st April 2025	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8pm

2025/26 Meeting Dates Starting at 7pm

April	Tuesday 1 st	
	Wednesday 9 th	- Annual Parish Meeting
May	Tuesday 6 th	- Parish Council AM

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

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