

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 7.00pm
In the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Cllrs. S. McIntyre (SMc), B. Hedley (BH), J Whittington (JW)

Borough Cllr: Cllr J Shilton

KCC Cllr: Cllr W Chapman

Members of Public: 8

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
1221	Apologies & Reasons for Absence None received	
1222	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 	
1223	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2025 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	

1224	<p>Public Session</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Proposed Solar Farm – PA/2025/1201</i></p> <p>Cllr McIntyre gave a brief update of the current 68 objections on the ABC Planning Portal and then opened it up to the public</p> <p>Resident 1 - Legge Farm run an established tourist business within a rural location, where visitors enjoy peaceful walks in an idyllic location and are very concerned that the construction traffic will cause a lot of disruption 6 days a week for at least a year.</p> <p>Resident 2 – Has concerns of flooding which has been raised by a number of people.</p> <p>Hamstreet Resident – has major concerns about the increased traffic along Warehorne Road, as the road is very narrow, in places, and not designed for large HGV vehicles.</p> <p>Resident 3 - Lives on Appledore Road and will have an access road built by her property where flooding already occurs.</p> <p>Cllr Shilton – Suggested that anybody wishing to comment on the application should read the recent appeal review of the refused solar farm in Aldington</p> <p>SMc – Having heard all comments he proposed that the PC object to the application, this was seconded by BH, JW abstained.</p>	
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1225	<p>Borough Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Shilton</p> <p>Confirmed that Park Mall will be demolished and converted into a car park The Public consultation on the next Local Plan begins on 18th August which will be available to view online or in person at one of the ‘drop-in’ events.</p> <p>To view the draft Local Plan and evidence documents online at: Ashford Local Plan</p> <p>Hard copies of the documents are also available to view at: International House, Dover Place, Ashford TN23 1HU Ashford Gateway, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, Tenterden, TN30 6HP Charing Library, Market Place, Charing, TN27 0LR Wye Library, 6 Upper Bridge Street, Wye, TN25 5AF</p> <p>‘Drop-in’ events will be held at: - Ashford Cinema on Thursday 11th September from 3-7pm Tenterden Leisure Centre on Tuesday 16th September from 3-7pm Kingsnorth Village Hall on Friday 19th September from 4-8pm Sandyacres Sports & Social Club on Tuesday 23rd September from 3-7pm Mersham Village Hall on Thursday 25th September from 3-7pm Wye Village Hall on Monday 29th September from 3-7pm Virtual Event via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 2nd October from 5-6.15pm</p> <p>Comment forms (also known as a representation form) will also be available at all our drop-in events.</p> <p>All comments must be provided by 5pm on Monday 13 October 2025.</p>	
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1226	<p>County Councillor Report Cllr Chapman</p> <p>Highways Update Kenardington Road, Appledore – Programmed works have been scheduled with KCC Street works for the repairs from Sly Corner to Snargate Rd</p> <p>Wednesday 30th July KCC Highways and Reform UKs Peter Osborne Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport at KCC announced an incredible investment of £67 million in the county’s 5,400-mile road network, reforming Kents roads, so far, we have repaired over 12,000 pot holes and with this investment will be able to carry out a lot more work.</p> <p>For Kent County Council issues such as highways, street lighting, and footpaths, please first report via: https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement</p> <p>Proposed Solar Farm I joined a community walk from Legge Farm, Woodchurch to Kenardington in June to highlight the use of “A” Grade arable farm land into a possible Solar farm, the planning application for this is now available on the Ashford Borough Council Planning Portal https://abcportal.ashford.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0hTw000002XxGHIA0/pa20251201?c_r=Arcus_BE_Public_Register</p> <p>Food Voucher Support Scheme If you or someone you know is struggling to pay the bills, help could be available from the Household Support Fund (HSF) through Kent County Council (KCC). Eligible Kent residents for the summer food voucher support scheme will receive a one-off £90 voucher for use towards their food shopping costs. Applications are open now until 26 August - or when this funding pot has been spent. It is on a first come, first served basis with one voucher per qualifying household.</p> <p>KCC Committee Appointments I have been appointed to several committees at Kent County Council, including Scrutiny, Planning, Economic Growth & Development, and Environment & Transport, and I am honoured to have been named Chairman of the Kent Flood Risk & Water Management Committee.</p>	
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1227	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Payments</u></p> <p><i>Direct Debits</i></p> <p>HugoFox – July Website fee - £11.99</p> <p><i>BACS – for approval</i></p> <p>KALC – Clerks Conference £84.00 (Cost shared with Warehorne & Stone-cum-Ebony PC repaying Kenardington £28.00 each)</p> <p>b. <u>Receipts</u></p> <p>Deposit account interest £14.34</p> <p>Following the above, the current account has a balance of £5,088.47 and the business reserve a balance of £15,363.39 giving a working balance of £20,451.86 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 25th July 2025</p>	
1228	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u><i>Proposed Pond Wood Solar Farm – S106 Proposals</i></u></p> <p>Cllr McIntyre has contacted Ian Bailey at Ashford BC for advice whether our following suggestions would be accepted for S106 funding: -</p> <p>Play area, including outdoor gym equipment</p> <p>Village Hall Toilet facilities for the disabled</p> <p>Parking area on Village Hall patio</p> <p>Solar Panels for Village Hall</p> <p>Storage Facility at Village Hall</p> <p>EV charging points</p> <p><u><i>Parking on The Wish</i></u></p> <p>ABC confirmed they had identified the department responsible for the land and will identify what permissions will be required to utilize the area to the side of the garages as a car park. Contact details Robert Perfitt, Neighbourhood Housing Officer.</p>	Clerk
1229	<p>Planning</p> <p><u><i>Planning Applications</i></u></p> <p>PA/2025/1201 Pondwood – Full planning for the construction and operation of a Solar Farm (35MW) with all associated works, equipment, enclosures and biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>PC Comments</p> <p>See minute number 1224</p>	

1230	Village Matters <u>HIP & Highway Improvements</u> <u>Designated Green Space & Play Area</u> Nothing to report.	
1231	Village Hall <u>News</u>	
1232	Sustainable Energy & Environment Nothing to report	
1233	Correspondence Items previously emailed. KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – July Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins – Local Government Reorganisation Survey KALC – Ashford Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agenda for the meeting on 30th July 2025 NALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins KCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Details of Capital Grant for Sport – ActiveKent – Details of Parish Bus Stop/Shelter Grant Ashford BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agenda for the Planning Meeting on 21st July 2025 – Updated Section S106 Handbook 	
1234	Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 nd September	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

2025/26 Meeting Dates Starting at 7.00pm

September Tuesday 2nd

October Tuesday 7th

November Tuesday 4th

December Tuesday 2nd

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

