

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 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: 0

Members of Public: 21

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
1150	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllrs Hill & Shilton	
1151	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 	
1152	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2025 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	

1153	<p>Presentation by Pegasus Group and Quintas Cleantech on Proposed Solar Farm</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre welcomed them to the meeting and a representative from Pegasus/Quintas explained they run over 200 sites across the country, they will build and remain as a part owner of the proposed site and want to engage with the Community.</p> <p>Currently they are taking 8 projects through the planning process, the national grid is hoping to make connections earlier than 2030. Together with this meeting a public consultation will be held on 23rd April at Woodchurch Memorial Hall from 4-7pm</p> <p>The visit to the proposed site has highlighted some issues particularly the impact to properties close to it and these need careful consideration.</p> <p>The submission of the planning application is hoped to be made by early May.</p> <p>The Community will be offered part ownership with the opportunity to purchase a percentage of shares.</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p> <p>Q - How will you ascertain who will suffer the main impact and how will you resolve this?</p> <p>A – The site is currently being photographed and discuss the best screening use and we are happy to listen to views</p> <p>Q – How are you dealing with wildlife?</p> <p>A – Ecological surveys are underway and measures will be put in place to protect and enhance local habitats. A minimum 10% biodiversity net gain will be delivered across the site.</p> <p>Q – Where will the panels be obtained and how will they be disposed when the site is decommissioned?</p> <p>A – The provider will be fully audited to ensure they meet requirements and we will remove all panels when decommissioned.</p> <p>Q – Will there be any S106 payments?</p> <p>A – Yes, at £400-£450 per megawatt annually.</p> <p>Q – Are the local internal drainage board being consulted?</p> <p>A – Yes</p> <p>Q – During the construction period, how will you restrict the disruption?</p> <p>A –The construction delivery routes will be agreed with Kent Highways and if necessary, a holding area will be located elsewhere to avoid obstructing the local roads, the construction time is expected to last for 7-9 months.</p> <p>Q – Legge Farm will be surrounded on 3 sides is a home and a business, and one seasons income from the business lost, how will you compensate?</p> <p>A – The property has already been highlighted and we suggest a separate one to one meeting is held to discuss this matter further.</p> <p>Q – Will the whole area be covered in panels?</p> <p>A – It is unlikely, as there will be areas where allowances have to made for planting, drainage, water courses etc.</p> <p>Q – What information will be available on 23rd April?</p>	
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1154	Recruitment New Councillors The matter was discussed at the March meeting of KALC – Ashford, the KALC CEO offered to include an article in the next edition of the Parish News to provide tips and advice on recruitment	All
1155	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.	
1156	Borough Councillor Report Cllr Shilton was unable to attend.	
1157	County Councillor Report Cllr Hill was unable to attend	
1158	Finance a. <u>Payments</u> <i>Direct Debits</i> HugoFox – March Website fee - £11.99 <i>BACS – Approved by Chair via email</i> Kenardington VH – transfer of ABC Grant received in Jan 24 - £500.00 <i>Cheques</i> Chq No 462 – Kenardington VH, Annual Running Costs - £900.00 Approved and paid at March meeting. <i>BACS – for approval</i> KALC – Annual Subscription - £194.66 IDNet – Annual Internet Connection - £330.00 Groundsman – Litter Warning Sign - £238.53 All approved b. <u>Receipts</u> Following the above, the current account has a balance of £2,591.00 and the business reserve a balance of £15,303.58 giving a working balance of £17,894.58 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 31 st March 2025	

1159	<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 and receipt confirmed.</p> <p><u>Litter Picking</u></p> <p>A successful picking session was carried out and the bags collected by ABC</p> <p><u>Parking on The Wish</u></p> <p>Cllr McIntyre was approached by a resident regarding lack of parking. KPC are investigating how improvements can be made, this includes asking ABC to clear the area to the side and rear of the garages, surface it and allow it to be utilised for parking. This would improve safety to residents, alleviate parking on verges or the Green, double parking and importantly ensure emergency vehicles can access all properties without obstruction.</p>	Clerk
1160	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>None received</p>	
1161	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><u>Complaints</u></p> <p>None to report</p> <p><u>Designated Green Space – The Wish</u></p> <p>Following ABC's acknowledgement of our application we await details of when to make our formal application allowing it to be considered during the Local Plan consultation later in the year.</p> <p><u>Speedwatch & Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) update</u></p> <p>The work has been completed and we should consider the next HIP application.</p> <p><u>Planning Application to Re-position the Lamppost at Village Hall</u></p> <p>Cllr Hedley agreed to obtain a minimum of two quotations for the work to improve access for disabled and less mobile members of the community by providing dedicated parking and upgrade of the toilet area. To enable a Lottery Fund grant to be applied for.</p> <p><u>Play Area</u></p> <p>No reply has been received from ABC regarding the lease for the ground. Cllr Shilton advised that it may be worth concentrating on registering the area as a Village Green, which if successful we would be able to install the play area.</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted the importance of obtaining written quotations and agree future projects particularly with the prospect of S106 funds if planning permission is given to the proposed solar farm.</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre asked the Clerk to make a plan.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JW/SMc</p> <p>BH/All</p>

1162	Village Hall <u>Patio Area Development</u> To remain on agenda	
1163	Sustainable Energy & the Environment Nothing to report	All
1164	Correspondence Items previously emailed. KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – March Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins KALC – Ashford Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agenda and draft minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2025 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 March 2025 	
1165	Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The May meeting will take place on Wednesday 30 th April – note the change of date.	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8pm

2025/26 Meeting Dates Starting at 7pm

May	Wednesday 30 th April - Parish Council AM (<i>Note change of date</i>)
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