

**KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm**  
**In the Village Hall**

**Present:**

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

**Borough Cllr:** 0

**KCC Cllr:** 0

**Neighbourhood Watch:** 0

**Members of Public:****PC:**

**Clerk:** A Beach

Item No		ACTION
1312	<p><b>Apologies &amp; Reasons for Absence</b>  Cllr Chapman &amp; Shilton  Peter New – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator</p>	
1313	<p><b>Declaration of Councillor' Interests</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <p>Cllr Hedley declared an interest in minute number 1324</p>	
1314	<p><b>Co-option of New Councillor</b></p> <p>Following the introduction of Shirley Tooke at the previous meeting, a brief update was given to Cllr Hedley.</p> <p>Cllr McIntyre nominated her for co-option onto KPC, this was seconded by Cllr Whittington and the co-option agreed by all.</p> <p>The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest forms were signed to be forwarded to Ashford BC after the meeting.</p>	
1315	<p><b>Approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.</b></p> <p>Agreed and signed by Cllr McIntyre</p>	

1316	<p><b>Public Session</b></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. In his absence Mr Peter New, the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator sent a report, available to view by following this link. <a href="#">NHW Report - KPC March 2026</a></p>	
1317	<p><b>Borough Councillor Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Shilton was unable to attend due to conflicting meetings</p>	
1318	<p><b>County Councillor Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Chapman was unable to attend and sent his monthly report for Kenardington, to view follow this link, <a href="#">Cllr Chapman Report March 2026</a></p>	
1319	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>a. <u>Payments</u></b></p> <p><i>Direct Debits</i></p> <p>Hugofox – Website February - £11.99</p> <p><i>BACS for approval</i></p> <p><b>b. <u>Receipts</u></b></p> <p>Deposit account interest - Nil</p> <p>Following the above, the current account has a balance of £5,765.76 and the business reserve a balance of £15,454.25 giving a working balance of £21,194.01 including £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.</p>	

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**Matters Arising***Drainage Issues – Appledore Road*

Following a complaint from a resident regarding the flooding of their driveway and outside the property, this is being caused by the blockage and suspected collapse of the drainage pipe, under Appledore Road, from the bus stop to Church Lane. The problem was reported to KCC Highways, fault number 944150, details of the report were also sent to the KCC Highway Manager, Jamie Cunningham and copied to Cllr Chapman explaining the problem and highlighting that the problem was being exacerbated by the blocked drains further up Appledore Road therefore the water is running down the road, furthermore if this freezes the danger to road users is significant.

*UKPN Planned Roadworks*

UK Power Networks are planning to upgrade the cabling between Kenardington and Ruckinge these are expected to start in April/May 2026.

Two briefing meetings for Councillors are being held on: -

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 9pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 1pm

In Ruckinge Village Hall

There will also be two briefing meetings for residents on: -

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm – 9pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 6pm – 9pm

In Ruckinge Village Hall

*Lorden Cottages – Litter & Hedge Cutting*

West Kent HA have been contacted twice, regarding some fly-tipping outside the properties and the lack of hedge cutting.

Their Neighbourhood Housing Officer replied on 24<sup>th</sup> February stating she would visit within two weeks and remind residents of their responsibilities

*Tree Cutting – Overhanging Millenium Shelter*

Following Ashby Farms stating that, for safety, they would be unable to do the work and a tree surgeon should be used.

Cllr Whittington produced a plan of the area showing that there are 4 trees on the boundary line between Ashby Farms and the unregistered section, 2 of Ashby's trees and 2 on the unregistered land are of particular interest. And recommends a 50:50 share of the costs for tree surgery work if the trees are to be cut.

The brambles behind the shelter are about 1-1.4M in height

Cllr Hedley has received a quotation to cut the overhanging branches and the brambles of £350; this will allow the repairs to the shelter to be carried out. The cost was agreed unanimously

*Replacement Service for Village Caretaker*

Cllr McIntyre has compiled details of the work required and is awaiting quotations.

*Defibrillator*

Cllr McIntyre reported that over the past couple of weeks the alarm has

1321	<p><b>Planning</b>  <u>Planning Applications</u>  <b>PA/2026/0274</b> – Legge Farm  Retrospective, lawful development certificate.  <u>KPC Decision</u>  No Comment  <b>OTH/2026/0172</b> – Land west of Greenways  Construction management plan  <u>ABC Decision - Permitted</u></p>	
1322	<p><b>Village Matters</b>  <u>Parking on The Wish</u>  Nothing to report  <u>HIP &amp; Highway Improvements</u>  The new Community Engagement Officer will begin from April 2026.  A request for a ‘village walkabout’ with Jamie Cunningham, KCC Highways Manager at the Ashford Depot has been made  <u>Designated Green Space &amp; Play Area</u>  Nothing to report  <u>Bus Shelter Repairs</u>  Millenium Shelter repairs will begin once the overhanging branches have been removed and those on The Wish shelter will take place in mid-May, to ensure the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 is met to obtain the grant.  <u>Proposed Pond Wood Solar Farm – S106 Proposals</u>  The consultation deadline has been extended once again to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026, but this is estimated and can alter.</p>	
1323	<p><b>Village Survey Precis &amp; Actions Required</b></p>	
1324	<p><b>Village Hall</b>  <u>Finance</u>  The renewal notice, for the annual insurance; due 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026; for £599.27 has been received from CAS Insurance (brokers) actual insurers Salvation Army General Insurance Company (SAGIC).  Cllr McIntyre proposed that donating £900 to the village hall to cover this and other running costs, the same figure as 2025, this was agreed by Cllrs Whittington and Tooke; Cllr Hedley was excluded from the decision as she had declared an interest in the item  <u>News</u>  Nothing to report</p>	

1325	<b>Sustainable Energy &amp; Environment</b> Nothing to report	
1326	<b>Correspondence</b> Items previously emailed. KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chief Executive Bulletin</li> <li>– February Newsletter</li> <li>– Training &amp; Weekly Bulletins</li> <li>– Community Awards Celebration Evening 8<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul> KALC – Ashford Branch NALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chief Executive Bulletins</li> </ul> Katie Lam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– February in The Weald</li> </ul> Ashford BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Local Government Reorganisation Assets</li> <li>– 2026 Great British Spring Clean 13<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026</li> </ul> UKPN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Details of proposed roadworks</li> </ul> KCC Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Road Safety &amp; Active Travel Group Seminar</li> <li>–</li> </ul>	
1327	<b>Future Agenda Items/Items for Information</b> The next meeting will take place on 14 <sup>th</sup> April from 6pm-6.30pm this will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7pm	

CLlr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

#### Proposed Dates for 2026

14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Shortened meeting starting at 6pm

14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7pm

5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

7<sup>th</sup> July 2026

1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

6<sup>th</sup> October 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026

1<sup>st</sup> December 2026