

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 7.00pm
In the Village Hall

Present:

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

Borough Cllr:

KCC Cllr:

Members of Public:

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No		ACTION
1250	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllrs Shilton, Chapman and Mr New (Neighbourhood Watch)	
1251	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 	
1252	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September 2025 The minutes were approved by Councillors' and were signed by Cllr McIntyre.	
1253	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.	
1254	Village Survey & Recruitment of New Councillors Councillors discussed a revised version of a village survey and decided hopefully finalise by 31 st October, to allow for printing and distribution to residents.	
1255	Borough Councillor Report Cllr Shilton was unable to attend the meeting	

1256	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Chapman was unable to attend the meeting but his monthly report showed the following points for Kenardington: -</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Westminster, London</p> <p>I was invited to a meeting at the Houses of Commons with my Reform UK Leader Nigel Farage MP, Deputy Leader Richard Tice MP, Sarah Pochin MP, and Chairman Dr David Bull, alongside the Association of Reform Councillors. It was a pleasure to meet councillors from across the country, hear speeches, and discuss both local and national issues.</p> <p>Memorandum of Understanding was signed at Ebbsfleet, calling for the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) to end Eurostar’s monopoly and allow competing operators to run through the Channel Tunnel. Eurostar has committed to review the position in 2026. The councils’ agreement shows a united commitment to putting Kent back on the international rail map. If you also support the return of international services to Kent, please sign the petition: https://loom.ly/sxkpeDc</p> <p>Local Government Reorganisation & Devolution (LGR&D)</p> <p>The LGR&D process has been initiated by central government, not by KCC. It requires all councils in Kent to review their structures — without any funding from government to support the transition. This will inevitably bring additional costs that are likely to be reflected in future council tax bills.</p> <p>As a member of the KCC LGR&D Committee, I have been part of discussions on the options being put forward. Some councils are exploring their own ideas, while KCC has developed a “Hybrid 1A Model”: a single unitary authority with three local assemblies beneath it. This option maintains the resilience and efficiency of KCC while devolving greater powers to local assemblies.</p> <p>You can read the full KCC report pack here: https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=979&MIId=9845&Ver=4</p> <p>I can be contacted at: wayne.chapman@kent.gov.uk</p> <p>Prior to the meeting Cllr Whittington had asked Cllr Chapman to investigate the bus service for the village, he replied stating that he appreciates and understands the issues and concerns, unfortunately services rurally have been for a number of years restricted due to the business financial viability and coupled with lack of use, means some routes and services have been amalgamated to keep some services rather than nothing at all.</p> <p>I have emailed our cabinet member for a comment also on the raised concerns regarding the services available / times</p>	
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1257	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. <u>Payments</u></p> <p><i>Direct Debits</i></p> <p>TV Licence – Annual Fee - £174.50</p> <p>HugoFox – September Website fee - £11.99</p> <p><i>BACS – for approval</i></p> <p>Wittersham PC - Caretaker Scheme - £650.00</p> <p>b. <u>Receipts</u></p> <p>Deposit account interest</p> <p>Following the above, the current account has a balance of £3,570.75 and the business reserve a balance of £15,390.26 giving a working balance of £18961.01 which includes £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 25th September 2025</p>	
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Matters Arising**Road Signage at The Wish/Appledore Road Junction**

Further to a request from a resident at the September meeting to have warning signs installed to identify the exit from The Wish on a 'blind corner' together with one for Children Crossing to make drivers aware of the hazards.

Cllr Whittington contacted Keiran Doble at KCC Highways to request these, and received the following reply: -

Unfortunately, we don't have any signage approved by the Department for Transport that we can use for concealed entrances onto private property. Residents are however able to install their own signage onto *private land* if there is an appropriate place to do so here.

Caretaker Scheme

Wittersham PC have confirmed that the areas of work carried out on behalf of ABC will cease from April 2026 when ABC contractors will mow The Wish green 12 times a year and hedges once a year; areas done on behalf of KCC will continue. The extra jobs also carried out by the Caretaker that we will have to obtain quotes for are: -

- Strimming the banking and clearing the ingress from the steps to The Wish
- Cutting the verges in front of the houses
- Blowing the paths and roads after each cut
- Cut and strim the area around the church notice board
- Strim the grass on the bend near the sub-station
- Cut, strim and blow the area from the notice board to the new houses
- Cut and strim the triangle at the B2057/Appledore Road junction
- Cutting and collecting the grass at the top end of The Wish
- Cutting the hedge in front of the top end of The Wish
- Cleaning the Gateway signs and area strimmed
- Emptying the Parish owned litter and dog bins
- Cutting the grass for special events

For these extra jobs we pay a voluntary annual donation, currently paying £650

Cllr McIntyre suggested we obtain quotations from at least three contractors, including the current Caretaker. He also highlighted that the cost would be more than we are currently donating and requested the Clerk to ensure this is included in the 2026/27 budget proposal

Proposed Pond Wood Solar Farm – S106 Proposals

Nothing to report

Parking on The Wish

Cllr Whittington has followed up the Clerk's email to Robert Perfitt for an update on the utilisation of the land to the side of the garages, neither have received a reply.

1259	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>NOT/2025/1465 – Horsemarsh Farm</p> <p>Prior approval for the change of use of 2 agricultural buildings and land within their curtilage to 8 dwelling houses and associated operational development.</p> <p>ABC Decision - Refused</p>	
1260	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><u>HIP & Highway Improvements</u></p> <p>Two quotations have been received to undertake the clearing of the pavements on Appledore Road</p> <p>All Seasons Gardening - £150 plus VAT per visit, and estimate 3 visits annually.</p> <p>Foreground Tree Surgery - £480 for the initial clearance, then £200 for 'as required' future visits, he felt that it would be unnecessary for 3 visits annually</p> <p>Councillors discussed the quotations and decided to accept the one from Foreground Tree Surgery due to the standard of work he has previously carried out on behalf of KPC.</p> <p><u>Designated Green Space & Play Area</u></p> <p>Details of how we proceed have been received and our application has to be submitted by 17th October 2025</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter Repairs</u></p> <p>The first quotation has been received for the shelter at the High House junction and two others have been requested for both shelters.</p> <p>The one received from Dolmans to replace the whole roof with oak shingles including the scaffolding cost totals £2,250</p> <p>Once all quotations have been received and a decision made on the chosen contractor an application will be made to obtain a grant before the closing date of 31st October.</p> <p>Regardless of any repairs Ashby Farms have agreed to either pollard or prune the trees at High House as soon as possible to avoid further damage to the roof.</p>	
1261	<p>Village Hall</p> <p><u>News</u></p> <p>The fence has been repaired at a cost £150.</p>	
1262	<p>Sustainable Energy & Environment</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	

1263	Correspondence Items previously emailed. KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – September Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins – Nominations for the KALC Community Awards are now open – Ashford Local Plan Presentation Locations KALC – Ashford Branch NALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins Ashford BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Details of Green Space, application made 	
1249	Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 th November and no meeting will take place in December.	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

2025/26 Meeting Dates Starting at 7.00p

November - Tuesday 20th

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