

KENARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
(Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)
meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 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: 1

Members of Public: 1

PC:

Clerk: A Beach

Item No		ACTION
1347	Apologies & Reasons for Absence Cllr Shilton – conflicting ABC meeting Cllr Chapman	
1348	Declaration of Councillor' Interests - 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. - 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	
1349	Nomination and Election of Chair & Vice Chair The Clerk asked for nominees for the role of Chair Cllr Hedley nominated Cllr McIntyre, seconded by Cllr Whittington, agreed unanimously and the role was accepted and Declaration of Acceptance signed. Cllr McIntyre asked for nominees for the role of Vice Chair Cllr Whittington nominated Cllr Hedley, seconded by Cllr Took, agreed unanimously and the role accepted.	

1350	Election of Representatives for Bodies or Committees Highways & Police Liaison – Cllr Whittington Village Hall & Church Liaison – Cllr Hedley Social Media Correspondent – Cllr Hedley Risk Assessments – Cllr Took Village Caretaking Liaison – Cllr McIntyre KALC – Cllr McIntyre	
1351	Appointment of Responsible Finance Officer Cllr McIntyre asked the Clerk if she would continue in this role, she accepted.	
1352	Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th April 2026. Cllr Whittington proposed these as accurate and Cllr Hedley seconded, unanimously agreed, signed by Cllr McIntyre	
1353	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. Mr Peter New gave a brief update for Neighbourhood Watch, to view the report please follow the following link Kenardington Neighbourhood Watch Report May 2026 A resident of The Wish attended and asked if there was any chance of KCC placing a junction warning sign, Cllr Whittington confirmed that they had refused and any sign would be the residents' responsibility. A request was also made to remove the wall in the small car park, and arrange for the fence panels installed by ABC could also be removed as they have blown down. Cllr McIntyre asked the Clerk to report these to Ashford BC.	
1354	Borough Councillor Report Cllr Shilton was unable to attend	
1355	County Councillor Report Cllr Chapman was unable to attend the meeting and send his monthly report is available to view by following this link Cllr Chapman Report for May 2026 Following the KPC request he confirmed that he would be able to offer a KCC Members Grant of £500 towards the cost of a replacement defibrillator and cabinet.	

1356	Finance a. <u>Payments</u> <i>Direct Debits</i> Hugofox – Website March - £11.99 <i>BACS for approval</i> Zurich Insurance - £241.00 (due 1st June, pay on 25th May) b. <u>Receipts</u> 1st Precept Payment - £4,200.00 Deposit account interest (April) - £10.81 Following the above, the current account has a balance of £7,107.36 and the business reserve a balance of £ 15,488.27 a working balance of £22,595.63 including £5,833 allocated to the proposed play area. Reconciled to the bank statement dated 5th May 2026	
1357	Matters Arising <u>Village Highway Inspection</u> Cllr Whittington gave an update of the inspection which took place on 29th April. He met with Jamie Cunningham and the local Highway Steward and found them both very helpful and happy to assist, going forward it was suggested that hopefully they would be able meet and discuss any issues at least twice a year. <u>Clearance of Dog Bin</u> As the waste company has not taken over the emptying of the bin in Church Lane, the Clerk has been in contact with ABC and due to the bin being the property of KPC they have said it is the responsibility of the PC, a quotation has been requested from ABC for an annual cost to undertake the role. As a temporary measure Alf Mahler agreed to continue emptying it. Cllr Whittington asked the Clerk to report the matter to Ms Jo Fox, the ABC Assistant Director for Environment, Property and Recreation and resolution of the issue. <i>The letter was sent post meeting on 7th May to Jo Fox; a response was received on 14th from her Executive Assistant stating Jo Fox was out of the office but in her absence the matter would be referred to the relevant team. As we had not received a reply the Clerk contacted her again on 26th May</i>	
1358	Planning <u>Planning Applications</u> None Received	

1359	Village Matters - Ongoing <u>Drainage Issues – Appledore Road</u> <u>Replacement Defibrillator</u> Cllr Whittington contacted the businesses on High House Business Park and CT Auctions have kindly offered us £250 towards the cost. Cllr Chapman a grant of £500 and Cllr Shilton up to £750 The Clerk has also made a grant application to the Police Property Act Fund Scheme for the full amount of £1245; applications closed on 30th April and applicants will be notified in June. As agreed at the April meeting the ideal replacement is an iPad SP1, suitable for both adult and paediatric use with an unlocked, heated cabinet as preferred by British Health Foundation (BHF) at a cost of £1245 excl. VAT via Defib4Life <u>Designated Green Space & Play Area</u> Ongoing <u>Bus Shelter Repairs</u> Dolman's have completed the repairs on the Millenium Shelter. Tenterden Roofing have confirmed that the work on The Wish shelter will be complete by the end of May. <u>Proposed Solar Farm – S106 Proposal (PA/2025/1201)</u> The anticipated date for the decision remains as 29th May 2026 and is designated to go to Committee <u>Lorden Cottages – Litter & Hedge Cutting</u> Nothing to report <u>Village Caretaking</u> Cllr McIntye is still waiting for the quotation from All Seasons but Pete's Gardening Services (Pete Gregory) has quoted £40 for the first session and £30 each session after that and carried out every 3 weeks. <u>Parking in The Wish</u> This item can be removed from the agenda.	
1360	Village Hall Cllr Hedley reported that a booking has been made to check the fire extinguishers to ensure they are compliant with current safety regulations.	
1361	Sustainable Energy & the Environment Nothing to report	

1362	Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC – Chief Executive Bulletin – April Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins KALC – Ashford Branch NALC – Chief Executive Bulletins Katie Lam – April in The Weald KCC Highways – Ashford BC – Ashford Town Council Consultation Kent Police – Spring Newsletter – Details for Police Property Act Fund grants English Rural Housing Association – Shared ownership property details in Woodchurch	
1363	Future Agenda Items/Items for Information The next meeting will be held on 2 nd June	

Cllr McIntyre closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Proposed Dates for 2026

7th July 2026

1st September 2026

6th October 2026

3rd November 2026

1st December 2026