



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Kirdford Village Hall, Kirdford on
Monday 18th September 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllr Mrs A Gillett
Cllr Mrs L Nutting
Cllr Mr S Ward
Cllr Mrs L Ketteridge
Cllr Mrs N Goddard

In attendance: Cllr Mrs J Dunton
One member of the public

61. **Apologies for Absence:** - Cllr T. Piedade
Cllr Mrs J Roberston
Cllr Mr J. Ransley
62. **Public Participation:** - The question presented to the Council was concerning the proposed replacement of Boxal Bridge which was to be discussed later in the meeting.
63. **Disclosures of Interest:** - To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interest from Councillors on matters considered at the meeting. – None
64. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** To resolve that the minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council Meeting and Planning Meetings be signed as a correct record. UNANIMOUSLY AGREED and duly signed.
65. **Reports from District and County Councillors:**

Cllr Mr J Ransley reported that he had received some clarification regarding the Weald School places capacity. He reassured us that no child would be placed at Midhurst Rother College unless it is parental choice.

Cllr Mr J Ransley confirmed from the administrator of Crouchlands Biogas Ltd that they had taken ownership of the appeal representation thereby looking to gain the potential benefit of a successful appeal or potential liability associated with a dismissal.

There was also confirmation that Crouchlands Biogas Ltd in administration has beneficial use of the land.

Cllr Mrs J Duncton reported that consultation is still in progress regarding the A27, A2300 and the A24. Highways has had a lot going on recently and the appointment of a new contractor will be confirmed next year.

A special school in Horsham has recently held a Fire Break which proved to be most successful.

Cllr Mrs J Duncton also confirmed that there is more Watershed money available if we wished to apply for any.

Cllr Mrs J Duncton left the meeting at 7:50pm

66. **Correspondence:** To consider all correspondence received.

Some residents had raised concerns that CDC had rented out some vacant properties privately. This confirmed our understanding that there was not a need for any more social housing to be built in the village; especially one and two bedroomed flats.

Ben Burt; Reparation Officer reported that both boys had completed all the hours and the works had been completed.

Garry Colligan; Think Villages requested a meeting with the Chairman. All agreed that at the present time the PC did not wish to consider and would not support another planning application until the Cala application had been resolved. All meetings need to be with the full council to in order the minutes to remain in the public domain.

It was agreed we would purchase 50 speed awareness stickers.

GACC subscription is due and KPC agreed to renew its membership.

67. **Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman advised that next year the village will hold an Open Gardens weekend on 9th/10th June. Funds raised will be divided between Kirdford Recreation Ground, Village Hall and replacement play equipment for Butts Common.

Bonfire Night celebrations will be on 4th November 2017. The Bonfire build will be on 29th October 2017. Offers of help will be much appreciated.

Loxwood Junior Football Club have appeared to have joined up with Kirdford Junior Football Club. The Clerk has written to the Chairman requesting to discuss their use of Great Common and Kirdford Recreation Ground. It was agreed to invite them to attend the October meeting.

KVHMC – the PC was not invited to attend the AGM. Clerk to contact KVHMC to confirm Cllr Mrs L Ketteridge is the representative of KPC.

It has been proposed that the saplings on the Cala site are removed and distributed around the village. Cllr J Nicolls to investigate and report back to the PC.

68. **Finance:** Grants: To consider grant applications received:

Kirdford Players to replace windows in the backroom of Kirdford Village Hall - £2000

St John the Baptist Church to contribute to the upkeep of the churchyard - £750

Proposed by Cllr Mrs L Nutting and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Ketteridge. All agreed.

Bank Reconciliation: Review of Bank statements and Reconciliation spreadsheet.

The bank statements and reconciliation duly signed as accurate.

Accounts to be Paid:

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September 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>ChqNo</u>	<u>To Whom Paid</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Net</u> £	<u>VAT</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
01.09.17	DD	In Touch	Website	34.99	7.00	41.99
18.09.17		JWS Landscapes	Aug Grass Cutting	690.30		690.30
18.09.17		S Dack	Sept Salary	1107.34		1107.34
18.09.17		HMRC	Mth 6 Contributions	309.17		309.17
18.09.17		S Dack	Mileage	40.50		40.50
18.09.17		S Dack	Office exp.	101.56		101.56
18.09.17		Kirdford Players	Grant	2000.00		2000.00
18.09.17		St John the Baptist Church	Grant	750.00		750.00
				<u>£ 5033.87</u>	<u>£7.00</u>	<u>£5026.87</u>

69. **River Works, Drains & Ditches Update:** Cllr Mr J Nicholls gave a report of the meeting held on 14th September 2017 with KPC, WGPC, KKWG and WSCC representatives. Which including the following points.
 WSCC will propose a bridge design in October 2017.
 WSCC will monitor the bridge for safety over the next few years.
 WSCC intend to rebuild a two way bridge 9.6M wide,
 WGPC and KKWG Object for the following reasons:
- a) They value its heritage
 - b) It is a natural pin point and slows traffic

They propose the bridge is repaired and strengthened as required and more suitable signage is positioned.

KPC agreed that they wish the bridge to remain as it stands, but understood the requirements of WSCC to consider safety issues. After discussion it was agreed that KPC would re visit the possibility of having Boxal Bridge listed for its historic interest. Cllr J Nicholls offered to undertake this action.

Bridgefoot: The clerk advised the council that work is to commence on 16th October on the planned repairs, including the removal of the fallen trees. It is scheduled for 3 weeks but expected to be complete within two weeks.

70. **Proposed Development on Plaistow Road:** Cllr Mr T Piedade had emailed an update to members. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs L Nutting, Cllr Mrs N Goddard and Cllr Mr Piedade would speak at the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 11th October 2017.
71. **Butts Common Play Equipment:** Cllr Mrs L Ketteridge distributed photographs of play equipment carved with chain saws. She will investigate where there are examples of such equipment so councillors can view work by the same two companies.
72. **Crouchlands:** Cllr Mrs L Nutting reported that both Farm Fuels and Crouchlands Biogas are in administration. The planning application for the mega dairy had been withdrawn and the farm land was being sold separately. The enquiry finished on 31st July and the ruling will be announced by the end of October. Plaistow Parish Council have raised a great deal of money but are still in need of more to pay their costs.
73. **Winter Plan:** Cllr Mrs L Nutting reported that the Winter Plan paperwork had been duly completed and returned to CDC. All the salt bins in the village had adequate amounts of salt for the coming winter, and the contract with Mr H Nichols was still in place should we need a snow plough.
'What If' training to be arranged by Cllr Ms L Nutting. Other local PCs to be invited.
74. **KPC website and Social Media:** All councillors to look at the new website and to be discussed at next meeting.
75. **Councillors to report any possible Health & Safety Matters:**
The following matters to be reported:
Man hole cover by New Barn.
Water leak on Butts Common
Poor condition of stiles and missing gate on Footpath 604.
Over grown hedge on the corner of Plaistow Road.
Fly tipping just before Isling Bridge.
Missing 'Kirdford' sign on Petworth Road.

76. **Public Participation:** A member of the public asked if the council had any information regarding the reapplication of oil exploration on land alongside Boxal Brook. KPC reported that they had not received any information regarding the applicant resubmitting a planning application on this site.
77. **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:** - Next Meeting to be held on 18th September 2017 in Kirdford Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm
78. **Matters for Next Meeting:** Loxwood Football Club, Play equipment on Butts Common
79. **Confidential Matters:** None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm