

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCILS PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2023 IN THE KINGS HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Barker, Colman, Petty, Sherlaw & Rush

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** K. Bell (Clerk) & D. Bayley (Assistant Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Falzon-Thomas

**ABSENTEES:** Cllrs. Kirk & Mclymont

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, it was agreed that the meeting would be chaired by the Deputy Committee Chairman, Cllr. Colman **Unanimous**

**P50/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Falzon-Thomas. It was proposed, seconded and:  
**RESOLVED:** That the apologies for absence and the reasons be approved **Unanimous**

**P51/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND / OR LOBBYING:** Cllrs. Barker and Colman declared that they had been lobbied in respect of the blast trials currently being undertaken at Blaise Farm. **Noted**

**P52/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION TO RECORD:** There were none.

**P53/2023 MINUTES:** It was proposed, seconded and:  
**RESOLVED:** That the minutes from the meeting held on 06 April 2023 be approved and signed by the Committee Deputy Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings. **Unanimous.**  
There were no matters arising not been included elsewhere on the agenda.

**P54/2023 PLANNING ISSUES**

**18/2023.1 Planning Applications:** It was proposed, seconded and:  
**RESOLVED:** That the following representations submitted to TMBC during the period 07.04.23 – 19.04.23 be approved: **Unanimous**

**KCC/TM/0040/2023** Construction of new storage bays and workshop building (Part retrospective) at In Vessel Composting Facility, Blaise Farm Quarry  
**NEUTRAL / NO COMMENT**

**TM/88/1002/R18A** Details of proposed trial blasts using 25kg maximum instantaneous charge (MIC) pursuant to condition 18 of planning permission TM/88/1002 at Blaise Farm Quarry

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KCC requested to consider the views / concerns expressed by residents in their determination.

- TM/23/00492/FL Proposed rear single storey / side first floor and roof extension to detached dwelling at 10 Lancaster Way, Kings Hill  
**NO OBJECTION**  
provided eco materials were used
- TM/23/00626/FL Construction of wrap around single storey extension, changes to rear fenestration, moving of garden wall at 11 Braeburn Way, Kings Hill  
**NO OBJECTION**  
provided eco materials were used.
- TM/23/00651/LDP Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Single storey side extension at 15 Crabtree Close, Kings Hill  
**NO OBJECTION**  
provided eco materials were used.
- TM/23/00655/FL Installation of roller shutter garage door (retrospective) at 7 Royal Crescent, Kings Hill  
**NO OBJECTION**  
provided eco materials were used.
- TM/23/00656/FL Single storey rear extension (renewal of application TM/19/01875/FL at 47 Mitchell Road, West Malling  
**NO OBJECTION**  
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TM/23/00659/FL

Demolition of existing garden sheds, hardstanding, and section of fence. Rebuild new brickwork, garden wall with single storey timber framed garden room concealed behind, adjacent to existing detached garage at 8 Cobham Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling

**NO OBJECTION**  
provided eco materials were used.

**P54/2023.2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED:** It was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** To comment as follows to TMBC

**Unanimous**

**TM/23/00777/FL** Single storey rear extension and associated works at 34 Dawn Lane, Kings Hill, West Malling  
**NO OBJECTION**

**P54/2023.3 Planning decisions** **Noted**

**TMBC had APPROVED the following:**

**TM/23/00394/FL** Single storey rear extension at 2 Russet Way, Kings Hill

**TM/23/00354/FL** Addition of a second floor to existing garage to create a habitable room at 6 Ruby Walk, Kings Hill

**P54/2023.4 Local Plan Update:** It was reported that the Regulation 18 outcomes had been delayed and that the Consultation would be re-run as Reg 18a and would include 57 additional sites. It was further reported that the likely timetable for Regulation 18a would be March 2024 followed by Reg 19. **Noted**

**P54/2023.5 Broadwater Farm Update:** TMBC had confirmed that the Planning Case Officer would liaise with KHPC on any new developments. **Noted**

**P54/2023.6 TMBC Planning Obligations – Parish Infrastructure Statement:** It was reported that TMBC had asked if KHPC wished to submit any amendments to the 2022 Parish Infrastructure Statement. It was noted that TMBC was happy to use the document submitted in August 2022 in the allocation of S106 monies and that submission deadline was 22 June 2023.

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It was further noted that TMBC had been asked to provide KHPC with a breakdown of S106 monies received from development in Kings Hill showing where money had and would be allocated.

**Noted**

Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the 2022 Parish Infrastructure Statement would be recirculated. **Unanimous**

**P54/2023.7 Blaise Farm Quarry:** Attention was drawn to the following:

- Information received from KCC on 31 March 2023 had been referred to members, it was noted that KCC had expected a response by 06 April 2023 and had since approved the trial blasts increasing the use of MIC from 10KG to 25KG.
- KCC had advised that blasting at Blaise Farm Quarry was controlled under the terms of planning permission TM/88/1002 and the schemes of blasting and blast monitoring approved by KCC. It was noted that all blasts were monitored by Gallagher Aggregates Ltd and the results submitted to KCC. It was further noted that KCC had also undertaken independent blast monitoring.
- KCC had advised that all of the blast monitoring results indicated that vibration associated with the blasting was well within the limits imposed by the planning permission and they did not anticipate that vibration experienced during the trial blasts would be significantly different to that associated with other blasts at the quarry.
- The purpose of the trial (up to 6 blasts over a two-month period) was to secure further information on the effects of vibration using a 25kg maximum instantaneous charge (MIC) as opposed to a 10kg MIC and that Gallagher Aggregates Ltd proposed that the results of the trial would be used to support a planning application to allow MIC's of up to 25kg in future blasting at the quarry.
- The operator does not have an outline plan for the blast schedule.
- The operator has been advised that KHPC would like a site visit.

**Noted**

Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerks would liaise with neighbouring parishes on the impact of the blasts

**Unanimous**

It was further.

**RESOLVED:** That in the consideration of any future planning application the impact on Blaise Chapel which is a listed building should be taken into account.

**Unanimous**

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**TRANSPORT ISSUES**

**P55/2023.1 KHS - Parish Fault Reports:** Attention was drawn to the following: **Noted**

- Reports for KH and WM had been copied to members.
- KCC was testing a new highways fault reporting tool called My Kent Highways which was being trialled for pothole reporting.
- The Clerk had requested a meeting with the Highway Steward

Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That KHEM would be asked when the remedial repairs to the potholes along Gibson Drive would be carried out. **Unanimous**

**P55/2023.2 Temporary Road Closure – The Street, Mereworth:** The Street, Mereworth was closed for through traffic on or after 12 April 2023 for up to 4 days to enable water mains repairs to be carried out by SE Water. A diversion was in operation.

**Noted**

**P55/2023.3 New Footpath, Kent Street (connecting Kent Street, Mereworth to the bridal path around Kings Hill in Lapins Lane).** KCC PROW had confirmed that the route was not recorded as a PROW, and it was their understanding that the route had been opened as a Permissive Footpath due to a development planning condition. It was noted that with the route being permissive KCC PROW had no power to instruct the landowner to make any changes and it was up to the landowner to determine what measures they wished to put in place regarding barriers etc.

**Noted**

Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That there would be review of the planning obligations in respective of permissive footpaths.

**Unanimous**

**P55/2023.4 2023 / 2024 Kings Hill Highways Improvement Plan:** Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the previous HIP from March 2020 would be reviewed and form the basis of the 2023 / 2024 HIP which would be considered at a future meeting. **Unanimous**

**P55/2023.5 Parking Update:** It was reported that no new information had been received and that TMBC had been asked to update KHPC on any developments for the next meeting. **Noted**

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**ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

**P56/2023.1 Open Spaces:** Attention was drawn to the following:

- An arboriculturist was in the process of being engaged to advise on the best use of the KHPC open spaces. Coblands had also been asked for suggestions.

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- Some of the coronation grant monies could be put towards benches and new planting schemes.
  - KHPC would be participating in the No Mow May campaign.
  - An application had been submitted to the "Great Big Green" project fund and if successful grant monies could be used towards an open spaces or allotment project involving children and Young People within Kings Hill
  - Kent Plan Tree was calling for expressions of interest for potential small woodland creation and community orchard sites.
- Noted**

**P56/2023.2 Kings Hill Tree Wardens:** It was reported that whilst no new information had been received the tree walk planned for June 2023 would be actively promoted. It was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That a meeting would be arranged between KHPC representatives and the Kent Tree and Pond Warden. **Unanimous.**

It was further:

**RESOLVED:** That Kings Hill required a Tree Warden Coordinator. **Unanimous**

**P56/2023.3 TMBC TPO:** It was reported that whilst no new information had been received. TMBC had been asked to consider applying TPO status to the trees along Gibson Avenue.

**Noted**

**P57/2023 CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES:** It was reported that a meeting of the Climate Change Working Group would be held on 04 May 2023. **Noted**

**P58/2023 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Confirmed as 18 May 2023.

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