

Kings Hill Parish Council

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PLANNING, TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

21st July 2022

MINUTES

Present: Cllr S Falzon-Thomas, Cllr T Petty, Cllr M Coleman, Cllr D Rush, Cllr F Mclymont

Officers: Democratic Services Officer – Barb Playfoot

Public Session:

**1 resident from Waterloo Walk,
1 resident from Townsend Square in attendance
1 resident from McArthur Drive
2 TMBC Councillors
1 KCC Councillor**

Two residents had submitted plans to TMBC to make changes to their respective properties and made a case for approving their proposed plans.

Cllr Sarah Hudson (KCC) gave an update on the success of preserving 502 bus Service (Kings Hill– Wrotham) which had been under threat of being stopped. All the KHPC councillors present congratulated her on her success and thanked her for all her hard work in securing the bus service though at times had been challenging.

Cllr Hudson also gave an update on the X1/X2 Bus Service which has now been withdrawn due to no developer funding. The consultation asking residents to comment on the X1/X2 bus service (TMBC & KHPC Facebook Feb – April 22) had received minimal comments so the decision was to withdraw the service. The service costs approx. £250,000 per year to run and the opinion was it was not used enough. Cllr Hudson added that she is negotiating with Arriva to add additional stops to their route to incorporate in part some of the X1/X2 routes.

Cllr Harman enquired if there had been any further reports regarding the blasts from Blaise Farm as he had received several and he was continuing to monitor the situation.

- 1. To receive Apologies for Absence**
Cllr S Barker, Cllr S Kirk
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest**
NONE
- 3. To approve as correct the last PTECC Minutes of the Meeting**
held on 30th June 2022
APPROVED

4. PLANNING

TM/22/01374/FL

21 Waterloo Walk Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4QS

Proposed roller shutter and dividing wall to cart barn

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/01374/FL>

COMMENT – The boundary of the property does not match the land title deeds and further investigation should be undertaken by TMBC planning

TM/22/01432/LDP

80 Pippin Way Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4FQ

Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Loft Conversion

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/01432/LDP>

COMMENT:

KHPC would strongly suggest solar hot water heaters as well as solar voltaics and the latest coated windows that can generate power almost as efficiently as traditional panel are used. Buildings should adopt up to date eco technology suitable for the 21st century.

In addition it would be ideal to use as high a percentage of recycled materials as is practicable, including such developments as Wood Polymer Composites. This does not mean materials which are sold as “Composite” but are filled with materials like brick dust, ensuring engineering grade materials conform to standards such as BS EN 15534-4:2014.

TM/22/01442/LDP

8 Ames Way Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4HU

Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Loft Conversion

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/01442/LDP>

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TM/22/01463/FL

4 Townsend Square Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4HE

Single storey rear extension

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/22/01463/FL>

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5. TREE WARDEN

To receive update since 30th June. To note any progress.

Cllr Falzon-Thomas confirmed the tree wardens will be embarking on a tree training walk with David Carey from Kent Tree & Pond Wardens in the next few weeks and will deliver an update at the next PTECC meeting in September.

6. LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR MEETING

To receive an update following PTECC chair's meeting with the contractor. Deferred from the last PTECC meeting.

Cllr Falzon-Thomas has received amended quotes from Coblands to incorporate greener implementations across parish council open spaces, which committee members were in receipt of. It was APPROVED to adopt the greener implementations and the additional cost of £354.70 be recommended to full council to at the next meeting.

The height of the hedges was discussed and they will be reviewed by Cllr Falzon-Thomas & Cllr Rush after the bird nesting season, late September. The use of Lapins Lane small space being used as a ball play area was also discussed; it was agreed the area posed a health & safety issue for such activity.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

To receive update on progress from the chair following the presentation on 19th May 2022. Cllr Barker to update Terms of Reference for Climate Change. Deferred from the last meeting of the PTECC. Agree any action if required.

Cllr Barker had emailed the updated Terms of Reference for Climate Change on the day of the meeting, which didn't allow enough time to compare the document with the proposed Climate Change Strategy created by Cllr Falzon-Thomas. It was agreed that the item will be carried forward to the next PTECC meeting for discussion and where a Climate change Working Group will be formed.

8. BUS SERVICE X1/X2

To receive an update following KCC cabinet meeting held on 6th July 22 where the KCC bus funding review was due to take place. Agree any action if required.

As per Cllr S Hudson's verbal report

Cllr Hudson also gave an update on the X1/X2 Bus Service which has now been withdrawn due to no funding. The consultation asked residents to comment on the X1/X2 bus service (TMBC & KHPC Facebook Feb – April 22) it had received minimal comments so the decision was to withdraw the service which is funded by developers. The service costs approx.£250,000 per year to run and the opinion was it was not used enough. Cllr Hudson added that she is negotiating with Arriva to add additional stops to their route to incorporate in part some of the X1/X2 routes.

RESOLVED

9. SPEEDWATCH

To receive any update on the progress of recruiting volunteers. Agree any action
Cllr Colman confirmed no volunteers had come forward. Cllr Mclymont & Cllr Rush offered to volunteer and accompany her, Cllr Colman is hoping to recruit a further two volunteers to make a healthy team pool in order to carry out a Speedwatch activity. As yet no dates have been coordinated, Cllr Barker will contact the Co-Ordinator of Speedwatch regarding the validity of the equipment, progress to be reported at the next PTECC meeting.

10. AREA 5.4 AMBER LANE FIELDS

To receive any further update on the formal application to TMBC for the area to be classified as an asset of Community value.

Agree any action

Cllr Petty to check if the formal application has been received by TMBC and provide an update at the next PTECC meeting

11. HOATH WOOD

To receive an update on any progress with regards to the unauthorised felling of trees.

Agree any action

Cllr Falzon-Thomas to further investigate and report back at the next PTECC meeting.

Next PTECC Meeting – 1st September 2022

Meeting closed at 21.01

PTECC COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cllr S Falzon-Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr S Barker

Cllr M Coleman (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr S Kirk

Cllr F Mclymont

Cllr A Petty

Cllr D Rush

Signed:

Date: