

**KINGSNORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, at Kingsnorth Sports Pavilion

PRESENT: Mr. T. Horsman (Chairman); Mrs. A. Hicks; Mr. R. Gardner; Mr. M. Ciccone;  
Mr. N. Shorter; Mr. S. Bates; Cllr. J. Wedgbury; Cllr. P. Davison

1. **Apologies** Mrs. L. Ross; Mr. J. Sheehan; Cllr. J. Holland (retrospective); Cllr. M. Angell; Cllr. P. Bartlett.
2. **Open Forum** There were no residents present.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**  
It was proposed by AH, seconded by NS and agreed that the minutes of the last meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May should be accepted as an accurate record.
4. **Matters arising**
  - (a) Westhawk dog bins JS had reported to the Clerk that the 3 bins are located on the foot/cycle path that runs through the estate. Two are on either side of Britannia Lane (one by the pill box and the other across the road), the third is by the playground. He has met the Dog Warden and they agreed that the two bins nearest the play area should be replaced with lockable ones, but that the bin near the pill box could be left at the moment. The Dog Warden had suggested that possibly the bins removed could be put near the scrubland where a lot of dog walking takes place.
  - (b) Basketball back-board NS has kindly agreed to try and make a more weather-proof board.
  - (c) Safety surfacing under swings RG, NS and TH had looked at the safety surfacing under the swings and had a site meeting with Mr. Kirby of Park Leisure who had promised to send a written quote for renewal. He said that the surfacing probably had up to 2 years life left, depending on winter weather. It would probably cost about £3,500 to replace. There is some soil erosion around some of surfacing edges that might need to be corrected. The annual safety inspection is likely to highlight this and indicate how urgently it needs attention. It was agreed that the replacement of the safety surfacing under the swings should be considered in the 2008/9 budget and that two more quotes would be required.
  - (d) Stones on Church Hill verges The Clerk had contacted Highways about the other properties with stones on the verge.
  - (e) Smoke-free legislation The Clerk had purchased a stick-on sign for the door of the pavilion. If this gets vandalised another type might have to be considered.
  - (f) Park Farm ponds and Entrance Park A copy of Mr. Spicer's reply about delays in clearing the ponds and installing the litter bins had been received. Subsequently, RG spoke to TH about the unacceptable state of the Park, and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr. David Hill about this, especially in view of the Tour de France passing nearby. Mr. Hill responded: "I'm sure that the Parish Council appreciates the challenge that the Borough Council faces in seeking to maintain standards within a very difficult resource situation. I have forwarded this email to Paul Jackson, the head of Environmental Services, with the request that he considers the Parish Council's concerns - particularly in the light of the date of the Tour de France - and responds direct." Mr.

Jackson's reply was awaited. RG confirmed that the grass had been cut recently but no other maintenance work had taken place.

- (g) Verge cutting, Cuckoo Lane Highways had now cut the verges.

## 5. Correspondence

- (a) PACT meeting PC King had asked if any Cllrs. will be attending this meeting which is in the pavilion at 19-00hrs on 3.7. He had put notices up in the parish. The meetings will be held every 3 months and he hoped that a member of the public would be willing to chair it. Ms Anne Martin, the Police Community Support Officer will also attend.
- (b) Ashford Astronomy Club The Club had written to ask if they can hire the pavilion for a 'star party' on 29.9. This is to promote the activities of the Club and invite new members. Mr. Blackmer had confirmed that the pavilion is free that evening and the Clerk had sent an agreement to be signed and requested a £50 deposit.
- (c) Graffiti Mr. Blackmer had reported to the Clerk that two doors and a window shutter had been covered with graffiti on 10.6. which he had cleaned off. PC King had been informed. NS said that stones had been thrown at Kingsnorth Primary School the previous week and some windows broken.
- (d) Code of conduct training ABC is holding a training session: 'Ethics & Probity – An introduction to the Code of Conduct on 17.7. at 6 p.m in the Council Chamber to which members of the ABC and PCs are invited. TH would attend and, if possible, the Clerk.
- (e) KAPC Ashford Area Committee The minutes had been received. One item suggested for action is to write to KCC to query the future of Community Wardens as the budget for these comes to an end in the next few months and to the Chairman of the Kent Police Authority about when they intend to deploy PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers). There may be a possibility that PCSOs will be employed instead of Community Wardens. A draft letter to each authority has been included with the minutes for the guidance of PCs. It was agreed that the Clerk should send the letters as suggested.
- (f) Also received: Letter of acknowledgement from Dr. Moorby for letter of thanks from PC; ABC Forward Plan of Key Decisions July– Nov; ABC Agenda for Parish Forum meeting on 11.7; notice of Ashford Youth Advisory Group Meeting 12.6.06; notice of Local Board meeting on 7.6; notes of Parish Forum meeting on 18.4; Open Space magazine; ACRK Rural News no. 83; Open Spaces Society Annual Accounts; KAPC Parish News no. 325; Highways Agency map of planned roadworks; ABC agenda for Standards Committee Meeting on 12.7; ACRK invitation to meeting on 9.7 and Oast to Coast Summer 07; information from Police on 'Safer Kent Awards'; Environment Agency 2<sup>nd</sup> SE River Basin Newsletter; letter from Mrs. Wickenden of Highways with contact information.

## 6. Finance (a) to approve payments and accounts since the last meeting:

1389 Mr. P. Cleave, salary from 5.5-1.6	359.11
1390 Kingsnorth Senior Citizens, donation towards coach for annual outing	300.00
1391 P.W. Judges & Son, restoration of goal mouths, etc. (VAT £133.98)	899.58
1392 HSBC Invoice Finance, Swift Security patrols for May	228.42
1393 EDF Energy Customers plc, supply to pavilion	48.47
1394 Mr. G. Blackmer, May salary	318.27
1395 KAPC, fee for Cllrs. Info. Day (SB) (VAT £9.62)	<u>64.62</u>
	2,218.47

Receipts

Bank of Ireland, interest for April	317.18
Park Farm Rangers FC, fee & deposit for hire of pavilion	100.00
Mrs. Hodnet (Southern Housing Group) fee for hire of pavilion	20.00

Transfers

30.5. From 30D to Treasurers account	1,000.00
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Reconciliation of bank balances with receipts and payments accounts – 1.4.07 to 21.6.07

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's account at 31.5.(plus deposits)	4,025.21
Lloyds TSB 30 day account at 30.4.07. (less transfer)	42,538.46
Bank of Ireland account at 1.5.07	<u>69,738.63</u>
	116,302.30
Less uncleared cheques nos. 1368, 1362, 13751389-1395	<u>3,556.97</u>
<b>Balance at 21.6.07</b>	<b>112,745.33</b>
Add expenditure 1.4.07 – 21.6.07	<u>24,546.49</u>
	<u>137,291.82</u>

Balance brought forward from 2006-2007	106,938.21
Add income 1.4.07 – 21.6.07	<u>30,353.61</u>
	<u>137,291.82</u>

Forthcoming commitments

Mr. G. Blackmer, June salary	318.27
Mr. P. Cleave, salary from 2.6 – 29.6.	359.11
HSBC Invoicing (Swift Security), June patrols	266.49
Park Leisure Ltd, repairs to safety surfacing (VAT £179.38)	1,204.38
Miss J. Mills, reimburse cost of 'no smoking' sign (VAT £0.70)	4.69
Miss J. Mills, salary April – June, tel. allowance and petty cash reimbursemt.	1,989.25
Gibbs & Son, 5 cuts to football pitch in May (VAT £12.25)	82.25
Siemens, quarterly rental for photocopier (VAT £29.66)	199.20
British Gas, supply to pavilion 9.3 – 14.6	242.49
J.S. Wilson, internal audit 2006-7	80.00
BT, quarterly line rental for alarm system	48.97
KAPC, fees Chairmanship Training Day & Cllrs. Info. day (VAT £19.24)	129.24
P.W. Judges & Son, pre-season lining of pitch (VAT £23.63)	158.63
Ashford Borough Council, two lockable dog waste bins (VAT £79.80)	535.80
Kingsnorth PCC, grant for felling tree in churchyard	580.00
Orlestone Oak, oak post for village sign (VAT £86.63)	581.63
Culligan, pavilion water softener service (VAT £20.48)	137.48

Income expected

Bank of Ireland interest for May	c400.00
HM Customs & Excise, VAT April-May	3,315.43

Change of bank account signatories. Lloyds TSB had sent a form for the new signatories to complete. They have to present their ID at the local branch unless they already have a Lloyds account. However, the Bank of Ireland has also sent a form and said that they no longer need to verify each individual signatory as there is now an exception available for local government accounts.

Reference the Business Account Mandate for changing the Bank of Ireland signatories, it was resolved that the Parish Council shall be bound by, and requires the Bank to act on,

the instructions contained in the Resolution, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, which incorporates an Authority and Indemnity relating to instructions made by telephone, facsimile or telex. TH, AH, and JW are the new signatories for this account.

Reference the British Gas invoice, it was agreed that there should be a review of the costs of heating the pavilion and hot water to see if another supplier would charge less. The charges for gas had increased and the pavilion was used more now that the Community Warden was using it as a base.

- (b) To approve renewal of insurance premium for 2007/8 The PC's premium had to be renewed by 21.7. The Village Sign had been added to the schedule. The Pavilion had been re-valued by a surveyor last year so only the automatic index-linking needed to be increased this year. Last year the premium was £2,073.67. £2,178 had been budgeted for this year. The renewal documents had been received; the new premium was £2,212.10. It was proposed by NS, seconded by AH and agreed that the premium be paid.
- (c) To decide whether to use ABC's services for pavilion fire risk assessment The Clerk had drafted a fire risk assessment for the pavilion based on information available on the internet and NS had agreed to look at this. Subsequently, ABC wrote to parishes saying that they could offer a service to carry out a Fire Risk Assessment and would have to charge £50 per hour to undertake the work, which they estimate would take between 4 to 5 hours. The other alternative offered is for ABC to look at our own assessment and comment on this which would take less chargeable time. It was proposed by AH, seconded by RG and agreed that since NS had experience in this area, he should review the Clerk's draft and make any amendments he considers necessary and that there would be no need to use ABC's services.
- (d) To approve order for annual play area safety inspection A professional safety inspection is carried each year and to date, the PC has used the services of Wicksteed Leisure. It was proposed by MC, seconded by NS and agreed that an unaccompanied inspection costing £40 + VAT should be ordered.
- (e) To approve purchase of filing cabinet for storage of KPC records The Clerk was storing large quantities of PC records at her house and had suggested that a filing cabinet be purchased and kept in the pavilion to store some of these. The existing metal cupboard in the pavilion is full. A basic 3-drawer cabinet from Kent County Supplies costs £66.50 and a four-drawer £67.60. There is no budget for office equipment, but there is a contingency budget (10% of total estimated expenditure budget) of £12,782. It was proposed by AH, seconded by MC and agreed that a 4-drawer cabinet be purchased. The cabinet could be put in the storeroom. NS kindly volunteered to dispose of the old tables and chairs stored there which had been given to the PC but never used. This offer was gratefully accepted. He would also take away the old goal-posts.
- (f) To approve cost of producing ID badges for Cllrs. ABC will charge £40 for producing the badges when we are able to let them have Cllrs' photos. There is no specific budget for these, but there are other headings under General Admin. such as Hall hire (£50) and publicity for the Annual Parish Meeting (£100) which may not be used. It was proposed by MC, seconded by JW and agreed that this expense should be incurred.
- (g) To discuss improvements to seating and landscaping in front of Village Hall There had been no recent Village Hall Committee Meeting at which this could be discussed.

- (h) To discuss purchase of seat for the new open space near Myrtle Court There was a budget of £1,000 for seats and picnic tables in 2007/8. Cllrs. Had looked at some street furniture catalogues. A seat made by Streetmaster was chosen. However, later in the meeting it was realized that there were two versions and that the heavy-duty version, which would be less liable to vandalism, was significantly more expensive than the one chosen. A decision whether to order this seat was therefore deferred to the next meeting. It was agreed that a plaque should also be purchased to read: In memory of Myrtle Sankey, benefactor of this Parish.
- (i) To discuss whether to purchase a dog waste bin for Dove Close/Blackthorn Way area So far in this financial year, 2 lockable bins for had been ordered for Westhawk costing approx. £456 from this year's budget of £1,000. There was some discussion on the need for more bins on Park Farm since there are already several situated in the area. JW agreed to talk to the Dog Warden before this was given further consideration.
- (j) To discuss whether to contribute to funding for surfacing in front of Court Lodge goal end SB agreed that the goal end/surfacing would be an asset to this open space. There had been no further information from Mrs. Davies on other sources of funding and JH was not present to discuss what progress had been made on this. On-going maintenance costs would have to be considered. It was agreed to defer further discussion on this to the July meeting.
- (k) To approve attendance of Cllrs. at KAPC training days TH wished to attend the Chairmanship training day on 14.7. The fee is £55 + VAT. RG wished to attend the Cllrs. Info. Day on Wed, 11.7; same fee. The training budget is £200. SB will now attend the Info. Day in Sept. KAPC have agreed to hold over the cheque for the fee. It was proposed by AH, seconded by MC and agreed that the fees should be paid.
- (l) To decide whether to give a donation to Ashford & Tenterden Citizens Advice Bureau The letter from Mr. Fleming asking PCs if they would make a donation to CAB and concerning a possible extension service had been circulated. MC confirmed that the Rec. Centre Lounge would be available on 3 afternoons a week if CAB wished to use it for its extension service. The PC would be willing to consider paying the hire charges to enable CAB to use the Centre, say, one afternoon a week. However, it first had to be established whether CAB was in a position to take up such an offer. It was agreed that Mr. Fleming should be invited to attend the next meeting.

## 7. Recreational matters

- (a) To report on progress with proposed new playing field/football pitch Mr. Mills had apologised that he had been on paternity leave for most of May which delayed his reply. He has read the Design and Access statement and has a few comments and queries to discuss but nothing major. Mr. Cole of KCC had looked at the statement and said that Kent Highways would have no objection, subject to the School car park being available for use. TH, AH and NS wished to attend if a convenient date can be found. However, Mr. Mills had been on sick leave so this would be delayed.
- (b) Sitting-out area near Park Farm entrance wall Mr. Mills had agreed that this could be dealt with as an amendment to the landscaping scheme and had given some design guidance. He asked for a finalised plan and covering letter to be sent to him in due course. The Clerk had checked with TH and AH and then informed Ms Stone of Barton Willmore and Mr. Heney of Persimmon about this and asked if Mr. Pyke could draw up

another plan using hard surfacing as Mr. Mills suggests. AH would also speak to Mr. Pyke about this if she met him at the Inspector's Enquiry.

## 8. Planning matters

- (a) To report planning applications dealt with under delegated powers  
*Land to west of Falcon Way* Vary condition re. EcoHomes rating. Courtesy consultation on a Wards development that has already been given planning consent and is currently being built. A 'no comment' response had been sent.
- (b) To consider new applications received since 31.5.  
*3 Willingdon (WF)* Two-storey side extension. (O, would impact on no. 4; not in character with area; would remove one off-road parking space)  
*Imagine Playcentre, Millbank Road (WF)* Continuation of outdoor children's play area, fencing & door to the building to provide access to outdoor play area (retrospective). (S)  
*Glen Cove, Steeds Lane (KV)* Single-storey rear extension and front porch. (S, but ditch will need piping)  
*3 Skylark Way (PFS)* Side extension to include two new dormer windows. (O, over-dominance to no. 5; loss of off-street parking space; would change character of area.)  
*Old Mumford, Bond Lane (KV)* Conversion of coach house to a two-bedroom dwelling with annexe. (S)  
*44 Washford Farm Rd (WF)* First-floor extension over existing garage. (Probably S, but refer to LR)  
*21 Primrose Drive (PFS)* First floor extension. New application after refusal of earlier one. (S)
- (c) To report decisions on applications by ABC received since 31.5.  
Granted:  
*Rose Cottage, Magpie Hall Rd.* Upvc conservatory at rear. (S)  
*47 Tally Ho Rd.* Erection of a two-storey side extension & 4 new dormer windows. (S)  
*20 Wood Lane* Single-storey rear extension and conservatory (S)  
*11 Collie Drive* T1 & T2 Oaks: trim back. T3 Oak: remove. (decision left to Tree Officer)  
*11 Merino Way* Reduce branches & dead-wooding 3 oaks. (decision left to Tree Officer)  
*9 Tally Ho Rd* Two-storey extn. for 2 extra bedrooms, dining room, kitchen extn, porch & front bay window. (S extn. but concerns about front extn. beyond building line)  
*Missenden, Kingsnorth Rd.* Construction of 8 new dwellings with associated new site access road and landscaping. (S, site OK, but needs archaeological evaluation. This was carried out in March 06.)
- Refused:  
*21 Primrose Drive* First floor extension. (O) The proposed extension by virtue of its mass, bulk, scale, siting and size, would represent an extension of a scale that would result in an over-dominance of the bungalow at 20 Primrose Drive in such a way that it would be harmful to the residential and visual amenity of that neighbouring property. It would also result in an overlooking of the the garden of 22 Primrose Drive to the detriment of the amenity of the occupiers.
- Notice of consent *Sialkot, Magpie Hall Rd* Demolition & removal of existing bungalow, etc; replacement by three-bedroom chalet bungalow. Details of landscaping scheme & parking layout approved.  
*Land at Ashford Rd* Approved: details of foul & surface water disposal, details of walls and fences within the development, except 1.8 close-boarded fence around pond 3, details of cut-off drains and treatment of two watercourses on north-east boundary.

### Request for Scoping Opinion

*Land between Court Lodge Farm and Little Court Lodge Farm, Pound Lane* Hallam Land Management had sent documents and requested a Scoping Opinion from ABC for a mixed-use development of residential, primary school and community centre, retail units, food store, B1 offices, restaurant, health centre; 'green' infrastructure and public transport system. The Clerk would send the PC's objections.

A letter had been received from Hallam Land Management regarding the submission of their Strategic Environmental Assessment/Sustainability Appraisal submitted to ABC. Representations had to be made to Mr. Doe by 9.8. The PC's response would be considered at the July meeting.

- (d) LDF Examination As reported at the Planning Meeting on 17.5., the PC had been invited to some of the sessions of the Inspector's hearing. TH, AH, MC, NS, JH and RG had attended a meeting at the Pavilion on 4.6. to discuss the PC's response to the Inspector's agendas. NS sent the notes of this to the Clerk and she produced statements to be sent to the Programmes Officer for the hearings on 20 and 21.6. Copies had been circulated to Cllrs. It was decided not to be represented in person at the session on Housing Needs on 27.6. It was understood that comments made previously by the PC on this topic would be given equal weight by the Inspector with what was said at the Hearing.

By virtue of the fact that the PC made comments on Core Structure policies regarding design and sustainability and infrastructure contributions, Kingsnorth was invited to the two sessions concerning these topics on 3 and 4.7. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had seen the agendas for these sessions, but did not feel that the PC needed to attend and that the PC's original written contributions should stand. KPC had also been invited to the formal hearing and round-table session on Cheeseman's Green/Waterbrook on which the following written comment had previously been made: "The relocation of a northern part of the industrial zone to Sevington could result in an extra area in the wetlands park. However, the statement that this could compensate for development of the Canal Area is disputed since the two areas are part of two distinct river catchments and are not connected." It was not certain that there will be a formal hearing because ABC and the CC's may sign a Statement of Common Ground about Cheeseman's Green North. However, there will still be a round-table discussion to take place on 5.7. The Clerk had sent copies of the agendas for this session to TH, AH and MC but it was not thought that KPC needed to attend the session.

AH, NS and Cllr. Davison reported on sessions that they had attended. Developers who wished to build on sites in Kingsnorth had been making strong representations about the sustainability of a third arm of SMARTLINK to Kingsnorth and the need for a third growth area at Kingsnorth before 2021. They were producing evidence to try and prove that ABC's arguments about the fact that only a two-arm route for SMARTLINK was viable were unsound. ABC were emphasising the adverse effects a third arm for SMARTLINK and major development at Kingsnorth would have on the existing community and the environmental concerns and saying that development in the two proposed major growth areas would have less impact than at Kingsnorth.

Cllr. Davidson said that in the debate at the hearing session on 27.6. he had said that local opinion and that of the PC were still against developing land in Kingsnorth before 2021. He asked for confirmation that the PC were still of the same mind. Cllrs. were

unanimously agreed that the PC was firmly against any further development in Kingsnorth prior to 2021.

- (e) Regulation 32 consultation – Court Lodge A submission objecting to this proposed development's inclusion in the Core Strategy was approved by TH, AH and SB and submitted to ABC by the due date.
- (f) Planning application for hotel south of Asda After approval by TH and AH, the Clerk had written to Mrs. Jarrett of ABC Planning about the PC's concerns about possible adverse effects on the Wetlands Park if amendments are not made to the Plan. The application had not yet been scheduled for an ABC Planning Committee meeting.
- (g) To report on progress re. Tesco application Mr. Mills and Mrs. Jarrett had asked the PC to suggest some possible dates for a meeting with residents and Tesco representatives. The Clerk was trying to organise this; 11.7. seemed the most suitable date.

## 9. Highway and footpath matters

- (a) Traffic calming The Clerk had sent a letter (approved by TH and SH, based on RG's submission and also including comments about Church Hill) to Mr. Corcoran with copies to Cllr. Ferrin, Cllr. Angell and Cllr. Bartlett, JW and Barton Willmore on 5.6. Mr. Corcoran had forward the letter to Mr. Holland as the matter was now with the Project Delivery Team which he managed. A reply was awaited. It was agreed that if no reply had been received a week before the next meeting, that Highways and Cllr. Ferrin should be contacted again and if no reply was still forthcoming, further action should be decided at the July meeting.
- (b) To discuss condition of footpath on playing field RG felt that the footpath around the playing field is not of an acceptable standard. The Clerk had explained to him the history of the path, which was put in by the Parish Council to try and re-direct pedestrians going to and from the School who had been using the PROW which crossed the playing pitches. RG, TH and NS had made a site visit. NS and TH felt that the path was fit for purpose and that a tarmac path would be out-of-keeping with the location. However, it was thought that some maintenance was required and that this should be considered when the budget for 2007/8 was being prepared.
- (c) Footbridges from Park Farm to playing field RG had reported that the condition of these bridges was unsatisfactory. The chicken wire was disintegrating and there were some gaps which were big enough for a child's foot to go through on one bridge. Mrs. Tobitt at ABC initially agreed to change the chicken wire but said that ABC had insufficient funds for more major repairs. However, she had then contacted the KCC PROW officer and it now seemed that KCC was responsible for the bridges. Mr. Ian Hayes of KCC had inspected them and said the chicken wire should be removed as it generally causes more problems than it's worth. The bridge with the small gap in the middle will be replaced with two new sleepers. He hoped to get the work completed in the next 4 weeks. A hand-rail had been vandalised on the bridge from the Country Way to the playing field. RG had showed this to Ms Marshall, the stand-in Community Warden and had also spoken to Mr. Hayes who said that this would be replaced on 27.6. The ditch was full of vegetation and needed clearance; the Clerk would report this to Ms Tobitt. It was suggested that it would be more practical in the long-term to pipe the ditch where the path crossed it and make a path on top. The Clerk would suggest this to Mr. Hayes.
- (d) Adoption of roads on Park Farm and Brisley Farm The Clerk had written to Mr. Mortimer at ABC with a query about this, but had not so far received a reply. However, Mrs.

Wickenden, the Highways Liaison Officer, had contacted Mr. Allen at Highways who responded with information about the timing of adoptions on Park Farm and Brisley Farm. This had been circulated to Cllrs.

10. **To decide when to adopt the new Model Code of Conduct**

All Councils must adopt the new code provisions on or before 1.10. Mr. Mortimer had requested that PC's inform him when they intend to adopt the new code. He will send copies of the new Declaration of Interests form that has to be filled in after that. The Clerk had given Cllrs. a copy of the Standards Board guide and pocket guide. It was agreed that the PC should adopt the new Model Code at the July meeting including the two optional paragraphs.

11. **County Councillor's report** Unfortunately, Cllr. Angell could not attend for medical reasons.

12. **Borough Councillors' reports**

(b) Weald South Cllr. Davison had nothing further to report.

(d) Park Farm South JW Mentioned the Transport Forum presentation about monorails. He thought the business case for this was better than SMARTLINK as it would be a cheaper system in the long run.

(e) Washford JH was not present but had asked that the PC contact KAPC concerning residents of one of the unadopted roads on Brisley Farm being required to pay a maintenance fee to a private company for work which was not being carried out. JH had spoken to KAPC who had agreed to request a legal opinion from NALC if the information was forwarded by the PC. This was agreed.

13. **Reports**

(a) Kingsnorth Recreation Centre A copy of the May report and accounts from 1.11.06 to 30.4.07 had been circulated. MC reported on the increase in Direct Debit customers which was encouraging. The question of whether the £10,000 remaining of the PC's subsidy from 1.11 to 30.4. should be kept by ABC to pay the current year's subsidy was discussed. It was agreed that ABC should taken the first payment for May & June of £3,273 from this sum and that the rest should be reimbursed so that the PC could receive some interest on this before the next payment is due at the end of Sept.

(b) Kingsnorth Village Hall Committee Nothing to report.

(c) Kingsnorth Primary School Governors' meeting NS reported that there would be an OFSTED inspection during the following week.

(d) Furley Park Primary School Governors' meeting TH reported that the School was the only one in the country so far to have been awarded a Gold Arts Mark.

(e) Village Sign Working Group Jarvis have been laying out the site. It was hoped to have the sign up before the Tour de France, but an official 'unveiling' would be arranged for a later date. The footpath across the open space had been joined up with the Church Hill footpath; this had involved taking out a piece of hedge.

(f) Information Book Working Group AH said that this had been put in abeyance while she had been organising the Tour de France fete.

- (g) Tour de France Working Group AH reported that everything had now been planned and publicity leaflets were being printed for distribution locally.
  - (h) Police Forum LR had forwarded notes on the meeting of 13.6. which had been circulated. There had been rumours that the police station in Ashford would be closing. When questioned by a parish councillor last week Chief Inspector Kehily had stated that this was not so.
  - (i) KAPC Ashford Area meeting of 6.6. The minutes had been received and a short report circulated to Cllrs.
  - (j) Willesborough Dykes meeting AH reported on the meeting. Proposals were being considered by the Policy Advisory Group on 5.7. The group is seeking donations for the wetlands park and AH asked whether the PC would be willing to discuss the possible future donation of a notice/information board. This would have to be considered at the budget meeting, but it was agreed to discuss at the July meeting whether to send a letter of intent prior to this.
14. **Village responsibilities**
- (a) Pot holes on Church Hill NS reported that debris a pothole beside a drain near Mumford Cottage and a rut beside the road near the Vicarage needed attention. The Clerk would report these to Highways.
  - (b) Verges, Park Farm RG had been asked to report a complaint about the lack of verge maintenance on Park Farm which was affecting sightlines. The Clerk would contact Ms Tobitt about this.
  - (c) Replacement of damaged lampposts on Park Farm JW had tried to expedite this. A new post had been ordered for Sheepfold Lane but the damaged post on Bluebell Rd. had not been reported. A post was now on order.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11 p.m.

Chairman