



THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL TOOK PLACE ON THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2024, STARTING AT 12PM. IT WAS HELD IN BEACON HILL COTTAGE DUE TO RINGWOULD PARISH OFFICE BEING OCCUPIED.

MINUTES.

144/24 To record those present and accept any apologies

Present: Cllr Hogben (Chair), Cllr Wilson, Cllr Deschamps (via zoom link), Cllr Hermer, Cllr Edwards (via zoom link), A Nigol (Parish Clerk)

145/24 To Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI) or any Voluntary Interests. None.

146/24 Open session for members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda

(Visitors are welcome to speak on any item on the agenda for up to 3 minutes. This item will last for a maximum of 15 minutes, unless the Chair extends the time allowed.)

None.

147/24 Signing and Approval of the Annual Return

- i) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (Part 2) made up of:
 1. Annual Internal Audit report. Completed by the internal auditor. To accept the report was proposed by the Chair seconded by Cllr Hermer and all members voted in favour.
 2. Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement. To approve the statement was proposed by the Chair seconded by Cllr Edwards and all members voted in favour. Signed by the Chair.
 3. Section 2 - Accounting Statements. To approve the statements was proposed by Cllr Hermer, seconded by Cllr Wilson and all members voted in favour. Signed by the Chair.

The Approval of the accounts was also signed by the Chair.

148/24 Finance

- a) To approve the payment schedule for June was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Deschamps and all members voted in favour.

To	Reason	Gross amount	How paid
BT	June bill	43.96	DD
MacCabe Ford Williams	Payroll annual fee	465.00	BACS
Hopkins	Kingsdown Village Hall 2024 AED Aftercare and ongoing Governance to your defibrillator.	249.48	BACS



	This covers your site from 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2024		
Hopkins	Ringwould with Kingsdown Primary school 2024 AED Aftercare and ongoing Governance to your defibrillator. This covers your site as above from March - 31st Dec 2024	207.96	BACS
Hopkins	Queens Rise. Ringwould 2024 AED Aftercare and ongoing Governance to your defibrillator. This covers your site from 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2024	249.48	BACS

149/24 Planning

a) To note the applications as listed, consider, and agree any comments to be sent to the District Council.

i) 24/00547 2 Manor Mews, Ringwould, CT14 8HT, Installation of solar panels to front elevation roof. The Parish had no objections to make.

ii) 24/00256 14 North Road, Kingsdown, CT14 8AG, Erection of a single storey rear extension, insertion of rear French doors, replacement first floor rear elevation window and replacement front porch (existing rear extension to be demolished) (amended details)

The Parish Council objects in the strongest terms to this application.

This is the 2nd time we have objected to this application and only by chance are we able to have our say. Were it not for the diligence of residents we would not have this opportunity – which as a consultee seems very wrong.

For some time now we have felt that planning officers of Dover District Council are not affording our Conservation area in Kingsdown the protection that it deserves.

Repeatedly we have objected to similar schemes which erode away at the character of this special area. We feel that it should not be necessary to repeatedly stave off applications which clearly flout regulations and should be rejected out of hand. A dangerous precedent was set in 2020 with the granting of the application to build a large extension at 15 North Road. This was a mistake, by DDC's own admission, which the Conservation Area continues to suffer from as a result. It is worth noting that a very small number of properties are owner occupied on a permanent basis in this road. The views of these long suffering residents are very important to the Parish Council.

Our original comments still stand – we see little change in these plans to suggest we should support them. The fenestration is not in keeping with the Victorian properties in the area. The extension is still far too big with a resulting loss of amenity for the neighbours. Indeed the previous comments when it was refused sum it up nicely



“unsympathetic, adversely affecting the simple form of the rear elevation” and “would not preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the designated conservation area”.

The planning team should refer to the Kingsdown Conservation Area Appraisal which was prepared by Kingsdown residents and adopted by DDC.

www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Policy/PDF/Kingsdown-Conservation-area.pdf

But most importantly the planning committee and team should ask for it to be significantly reduced to align with the Policy HE2 of the emerging Local Plan which states: All new development and alterations in Conservation Areas should:

- Respect the plan form, architectural features, materials, height, massing, building lines, roofscapes, scale, relationships between buildings and the spaces between them;
- Be appropriate in land use to the character, appearance and historic function of the Area,
- Not generate levels of traffic, parking or other environmental problems which would result in unacceptable harm to the character, appearance or significance of the Area.
- Not prejudice important views into or out of the Area.

As all of the above are not being adhered to we feel that this application should be rejected.

- iii) 24/00619 Crown reduction by a maximum of 2 metres in height and 3 metres laterally of one Cherry the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 12 of 2005
The Parish had no objections to make.

Clerk to send comments to DDC

150/24 Matters of General Interest

Cllr Hermer asked for an item on the next agenda regarding the beach wardens.

151/24 To note the date of the next meeting.

Next meeting is 8th July 2024 at 7.00pm in Ringwould Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 13:25

A Nigol
Parish Clerk