



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
2019 AT GOAT LEES COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips (Chairman)

Cllr Nigel Bunker

Cllr Adrian Coles

Cllr Jane Hart

Cllr Jane Hall

Cllr Ken Newman

Cllr Jenny Li

Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

Action
by:

PCSO Adam Brooks and two members of the public attended.

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Ellis sent apologies (late running work) via text message. Unfortunately, a mobile service issue meant that it was not delivered until after the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Phillips declared an interest in planning application 19/00862/AS, he is a tenant of the applicant.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th October 2019 be approved and confirmed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the last minutes

None

5. Adjournment for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

PCSO Adam Brooks addressed current concerns, including the recent damage to the green. The case has been referred to the PCSO tasking team which allocates resources, and he had patrolled the area on recent shifts. Police had recently

attended The Pheasant to address public order issues, and are actively working in Ashford to combat issues involving catapult use. Residents were urged to report problems where they have occurred.

6. Financial Reports

6.1. The Statements of Account at 31/10/2019 were reviewed and accepted.

6.2 The authorisation of accounts.

Resolved: That the following payments be made by cheque.

| Cheque | Payable to | Description | Gross | VAT | Net |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1604 | CCK Consultancy | Bus shelter balance | 4800.00 | 800.00 | 400.00 |
| 1605 | Colourthirst | Newsletter | 220.00 | 0 | 220.00 |
| 1606 | Invicta Arboriculture | Tree Inspection | 375.00 | 0 | 375.00 |
| 1607 | Towers Tiny Tots | Hall hire | 30.00 | 0 | 30.00 |
| 1608 | M E Esdale | Domain reimburse | 42.00 | 0 | 42.00 |
| 1609 | Mrs R Girt | October salary & expenses | 565.25 | 0 | 565.25 |
| 1610 | Mrs R Girt | Reimburse cartridge | 28.18 | 4.70 | 23.48 |
| 1611 | Mrs R Girt | Mileage, parking & event | 63.30 | 0 | 63.30 |

6.3. Unity Trust Bank

All outstanding documents have been submitted.

7. Tree Safety Report

7.1. The receipt of the report and its content was noted and recommendations agreed.

7.2. Three quotations received for tree work were reviewed (referred by number). Leaf Tree Services appointed. **Proposed: NB, Seconded KN**
Clerk to request references before work commences.

8. Noticeboards

8.1. Quotations received were considered (referred by number). It was explained that whilst only two quotations has been received, further contractors had been approached. There was limited interest in carrying out the work. Malcolm McPhillimy appointed. **Proposed NB, Seconded JHall**

9. Project updates

9.1. KCC Highways Parish Improvement Plan

Cllr Coles had attended the Highways Seminar at which further details on the scheme had been provided. The working group has met. It is important to note that data will be needed, and that costs of schemes are high so there will be

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limitations. Clerk to be approached regarding working with neighbouring parishes.

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9.2. Village Gateways Project (update from KCC Highways)

The Clerk reported continued difficulty in getting engagement from Highways, although the request for cost confirmation and lead in time had been acknowledged noting how busy the department is. Clerk to approach County Councillor Charlie Simkins for assistance if required.

9.3. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Phillips reported that

Since Regulation 14 consultation:

- All responses analysed
- ABC first response received
- Possible revisions submitted to Ashford Borough Council
- Met with developers of Eureka Park and they have shared ecological survey data with us
- Second responses from ABC

Representatives have met to discuss Ashford Borough Council's written responses to the regulation 14 draft, and proposed amendments in light of public consultation & opinions received. ABC had given detailed advice regarding the compliance of the NP with the local plan.

The essence of the Parish Council's role is to get the Neighbourhood Plan representing local opinion, whilst also being lawful and something that will stand up if tested by developers and planners. Ashford Borough Council were (with the exception of two policies where wording still being discussed) content that the NP would be compliant.

The next stage is a regulation 15 draft (along with all the supporting evidence) and explanation of how the community has been consulted.

This will be examined and then consulted on before a referendum is held.

9.4. Parish Council Website

A detailed briefing note from Kent Association of Local Councils has now been received regarding the closure of the free website hosting & domain by EIS (KCC divisions). Closure is due in September 2020 at the time accessibility requirements change for existing websites.

It had been brought to the Council's attention that an old website domain (with limited, but outdated content) still exists. Enquiries had established who is hosting the site, they had been responsible for an early website commissioned by the Parish Council but subsequently closed. The domain hosting had continued to have been paid. This will not now be renewed, but yearly hosting fees (£6/year) have been billed to bring the Parish Council up to date with its obligations.

10.1. Planning applications received

Cllr Phillips left room before discussion of the application, due to a conflict of interest already declared.

19/00862/AS

Eastwell Cottage, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HJ

Proposed erection of nine dwellings (bungalows) utilising existing access.

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Cllr Phillips re-joined the meeting.

10.2. Planning decisions notified by Ashford Borough Council

18/0826/COND/AS

Plot 8, Eureka Park, Lower Pemberton, Boughton Aluph, Kent

Discharge of condition 3

10.3. Lenacre Hall Farm planning appeal

This was attended by four representatives. Cllr Phillips thanked Cllr Hall for speaking well at the hearing. It was noted that the Inspector conducted the hearing with impartiality. The Neighbourhood Plan could be given no weight, having not yet passed referendum, but the evidence gathered for its production could be used.

12. Correspondence

There had been concern that the removal of a hedge at Apple Tree Cottage, Wye Road might be unlawful. Subsequent information received confirmed that this was undertaken lawfully.

13. Information items

The Chairman noted thanks to Paul Curry for supply of safety fencing after holes appeared in the village green. This enabled the area to be secured. Work is ongoing alongside various agencies including the insurance company, cricket club, Ashford Borough Council environmental health, corporate property and landscape management company.

14. Future Agenda Items

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15. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 10th December at Goat Lees School.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

