

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 7.15pm, Sandyacres Sports & Social Club, Sandyhurst Lane

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips Cllr Doreen Titmuss Cllr Jane Hall Cllr Jenny Li Cllr Chelsea Pearce

Cllr Duncan Tennant

Absent:

Cllr Ian Brisley
Cllr Adrian Coles

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt and Borough Councillor Larry Krause

12/23. Apologies and for reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Coles & Councillor Brisley (work)

Resolved: To approve reason for absence.

13/23. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

Councillor Pearce declared an interest in planning application PA/2023/0089 as she knows the applicant.

Councillor Titmuss declared a pecuniary interest in the refurbishment of the Sandyacres noticeoard (20/23).

14/23. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting None requested.

15/23. Minutes

Resolved: minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 January 2023 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

16/23. **Finance**

- Resolved: to receive bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/1/23
- ii. Resolved: to note credit card payments. (no bank payments yet to authorise). Councillors Hall and Li to check payments made.
- iii. Resolved: to agree the recommendation made by the Finance Committee (18 January 2023) that the two Lloyds Bank Accounts be closed, funds to be transferred to the Parish Council Unity Trust Account.

Resolved: that the mechanism for closure is

balance of £1000 remains in deposit account, balance less £100 transferred from business account into PC Unity account, once transferred closure mandate (inc. change of correspondence address) will be submitted to Lloyds

Resolved: that a previous signatory (if willing) counter signs for the transfer and also the signs the closure & address change mandate.

It was noted that the necessity for a previous signatory to sign has arisen as a previous attempt to add current members failed as they were unable to attend the bank in person in working hours to verify their identity as needed by Lloyds Bank. Lloyds bank had advised during a 'phone call that using previous signatories advised. It was noted that if no recent signatories are available or willing, the PC will have to pursue the longer route of closure using proof of resolution which has proven problematic for other organisations.

17/23

I. Update on speed survey results

Speed survey results have been received and analysed by Kent County Council (KCC). The survey results indicate that it is likely that a 20mph zone can go ahead (pending design approval and funding of the scheme by the Parish Council).

ii. Next steps & design stage approval

Resolved: to approve payment of £1006 to KCC for the production of a 20mph traffic scheme design for Lees Road, Wye Road and Pilgrims Way (part). Invoice to follow with payment request to be actioned before next meeting.

iii. Public engagement plan

Resolved: to update the HIP information provided on the Parish Council website including the background work undertaken, context of the proposal and explanation online with usual contact details for anyone unable to access online.

18/23. To receive updates

i. Warm spaces

Both sessions are continuing. The last sessions are booked for 28th & 30th March.

ii. Newsletter

Newsletters have been collected by delivery company. They were printed by ABC print room at cost of £74.88 for 1600 copies.

iii. Meet your councillors, community events 4 March

Attendance has been confirmed by ClIr Larry Krause (morning) and ClIr Winston Michael (afternoon). Clerk to invite Damian Green MP. Displays to be provided including HIP progress, new voter ID, newsletters and information about Councillors.

iv. Children & local residents 'Grow Your Own' seeds

Resolved: to supply school children via school with easy to grow seeds to maximise inclusivity for those without gardens. Councillor Hall to liaise with school to gauge interest and report back to Clerk for purchase. Budget will dictate further distribution to possibly include local residents and pre-school children.

v. Annual Parish Meeting arrangements

The charity 'Dads Unlimited' (who received grant funding during the year) have been confirmed to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 17 2023.

19/23 i Planning Applications received

Case Reference: PA/2023/0098

Location: 25, Angus Drive, Kennington, TN24 9HW **Proposal:** Proposed ground floor rear extension

No objection

Councillor Pearce left the room.

Case Reference: PA/2023/0089

Location: 21 Aylesbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, TN25 4QH

Proposal: Retrospective change of use for a garden and proposed summer house

Representation comment to note that the impact of screening loss will need to be considered.

Councillor Pearce returned to the meeting.

Case Reference: PA/2022/2657

Location: 1 Midleton Cottage, Faversham Road, Eastwell, Ashford, Kent TN25 4HP

Proposal: Proposed single-storey side extension following demolition of existing single-storey outhouse.

No objection

i. To note planning decisions made by Ashford Borough Council

None to note.

iii. It was noted that there had recently been a planning clearance week at Ashford Borough Council to clear the application backlog.

Councillor Titmuss left the room.

20/23. An offer to refurbish the Parish Council noticeboard outside Sandyacres for the cost of materials (£26.46) by Furniture Maker & Wood Turner Roger Titmuss was considered and accepted with thanks.

Councillor Titmuss returned to the meeting.

21/23. Resolved: to amend the scheme of delegation in order to provide for a Planning Comment to be made where it cannot be considered by either Full Council or the Planning Committee

22/23. QE II Jubilee Tree

- i. Resolved: to approve the purchase of a text (not logo) Platinum Jubilee plaque.
- ii. Resolved: to approve planting of a rowan tree on the green at Boughton Lees, to be situated between the war memorial and village sign outside the cricket boundary.
- 23/23. To note any correspondence requiring attention
 The members' grant for replacement bench has kindly been received from Cllr
 Larry Krause which will fund benches made from sustainable swedish redwood
 (should require no treatment). He has given us sufficient funding for two
 benches.

The Chair of Trustees for Sandyacres has been provided with a letter of confirmation for the £2000 grant awarded towards capital costs of works on the tennis courts.

24/23. Items to be considered for inclusion on future agenda None added.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Appendix 1

Paid:

Credit Card paid 3/1/23

Photoframe warm space 3.00 Hugo Fox 29.99 Fee 3.00