



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST
2019 AT THE IRON ROOM AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips (Chairman)

Cllr Nigel Bunker (Vice-chair)

Cllr Adrian Coles

Cllr Nikki Ellis

Cllr Jane Hart

Cllr Jane Hall

Cllr Ken Newman

Cllr Jenny Li

Action
by:

Locum Clerk Mrs Susan Wood

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 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

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council is aware of the recent fatal road traffic accident and calls from residents for action. He noted that the Parish Council has been at the forefront of negotiations regarding road safety with KCC and ABC. After lengthy discussions re traffic calming, KCC could only offer village 'gates'. Parish Improvement Plans (PIP) are being offered to Parish Councils; these are a 'wish list' to

be submitted to Highways, re road safety etc. Comments on matters for inclusion in the PIP would be welcomed and should be submitted via the Residents' Association or Clerk. These will be used to inform the Parish Council's PIP, of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

The Parish Council was asked how information on the PIP will be disseminated. The Chairman stated that it will be posted on relevant sites, such as the Neighbourhood Plan site, the Parish Council site, in the newsletter, and included in the Parish Council Minutes which are circulated as normal.

A mail drop was recommended and an offer made to deliver the leaflet to the 60 houses around the village green. This was welcomed.

6. Financial Reports

6.1. Review of Statement of Account at 31/07/2019 Deferred until the next meeting.

6.2 The authorisation of accounts.

Resolved: That the following payments be made by cheque.

| Cheque | Payable to | Description | Gross | VAT | Net |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1590 | Tony Fullwood Associates | Services for Neighbourhood Plan | 6963.30 | 1160.55 | 5802.75 |
| 1591 | Community Heartbeat Trust | Paediatric pads for AED | 303.00 | 0 | 303.00 |
| 1592 | KALC | Clerk's training | 72.00 | 12.00 | 60.00 |
| 1593 | S Wood | Locum Clerk services | 50.00 | 0 | 50.00 |
| 1594 | Mrs R Girt | Salary and office expenses | 567.20 | 0 | 567.20 |

7. Project updates

7.1. Newsletter: In hand with Cllr Hart, who asked councillors to each provide a short piece, including a 'welcome' from the Chairman. Cllr Ellis asked that copy be sent in Word, but as separate Word documents for ease of manipulation when using Publisher. It was agreed that the newsletter will comprise 2 pages and be circulated in November. The lead time for printing is awaited.

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7.2 Bus shelter: To be installed in the week beginning 2nd September.

7.3 Neighbourhood Plan: Comments have been received and replies circulated. Cllr Hall asked to see the comments from KCC Highways, the Chairman noted that these are with the Clerk. Further comments should be submitted by 27th August; Cllr Li asked for an extension, given that this is the holiday season. This was agreed and the closing date put back to 5th September.

7.4 Goat Lees School links: Cllr Hall is to be a Community Governor of the school. The Head Teacher wishes to promote community involvement.

7.5 Kent Highways Parish Improvement Plan (PIP): [See item 5] Cllr Coles advised that KCC wishes to communicate with Parish Councils via PIPs rather than discussing each

project individually. Cllr Coles asked if the Parish Council wishes to produce a PIP, noting that this had been raised at the last meeting, and should it be for the whole parish or individual areas, eg Boughton Aluph, Sandyhurst Lane. Cllr Ellis felt that a PIP for individual areas would be easier to implement. The Chairman stated that the PIP should be for the whole parish, and the PIP must include current projects and incorporate work from the Neighbourhood Plan; road pressure points must be pursued. A working group will be set up to progress the PIP, comprising Cllrs Coles, Ellis, Hall, Li, the Chairman; Cllr Coles to lead.

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Cllr Hall advised that the [Neighbourhood Plan] questionnaires generated more comments on traffic than any other issue. The data are included on the summary sheets (held by the Clerk), and on the Neighbourhood Plan master document. The Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association also submitted comments.

The Chairman welcomed the opportunity to present an overarching plan to KCC. Comments should be sent to the Clerk.

The Chairman cautioned on the use of social media: if councillors upload any comments it should be made clear that these are personal comments and not those of the Parish Council. This also applies to comments made at external meetings.

Cllr Coles tabled the quote from KCC for £5839.35 for design and installation of village posts in five locations at the entrances to the village; he noted that village 'gates' have been ruled out by KCC on the grounds of space limitations and speed limits. The Chairman advised that the quote is within budget and proposed that it be accepted.

Resolved: That the quote from KCC for £5839.35 for design and installation of village posts in five locations at the entrances to the village be accepted. AC

Cllr Ellis queried the lack of 40mph warning signs painted on the road, as seen in other villages. Cllr Coles replied that there were such signs but they have worn away; KCC will not refresh them because it would necessitate closing the road.

8.1. Planning applications received

19/00789/AS

39 Aylesbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4QH

Lawful development certificate - proposed - vehicle crossover and block paved driveway

Resolved: No objection.

19/00971/AS

BT Telephone Boxes in Borough Ashford Telephone Exchange, Regents Place, Ashford, Kent

(Specifically the removal of the box at the junction of Lenacre Street and Sandyhurst Lane)

Cllr Coles advised that the application has been decided by Ashford Borough Council.

8.2. Planning decisions notified by Ashford Borough Council

19/00598/AS: Agricultural Building east of, Canterbury Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent - Change of use of agricultural buildings and land within their curtilage from use as agricultural buildings to a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling house). **Prior Approval is given**

19/00672/AS: Old Orchard House, 400 Sandyhurst Lane, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4PF - Proposed new single storey garage. **Permit**

19/00566/AS: Enterprise House, Eureka Science Park, Nicholas Road, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4AG - Change of Use of land within existing site curtilage adjoining existing staff car park to re-configure 22 existing spaces and provide 51 extra car spaces. **Permit**

9. Correspondence

Letter from Mrs Hardie re traffic, and the Police incident number for a minor injury road traffic accident near St Christopher's (09-0358).

10. Information items

None.

11. Future Agenda Items

None.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at Goat Lees Community Hall from 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.