

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7.15pm, Iron Room, Faversham Road, Boughton Lees, Ashford, TN25 4HP

Present:

Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox Cllr Spencer Phillips Cllr Doreen Titmuss

Absent:

Cllr Peter Burrows Cllr Paul Curry Cllr Chelsea Pearce

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt and 6 members of the public

It was resolved to bring Agenda item 1/24 forward.

1/24. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

Three members of a campaign group formed to improve road safety on the A251 outlined their work to date and aims.

2/24. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying None declared

3/24. Apologies and for reasons for absence

Approved: Reasons for absence for Councillor Curry (child-care commitments) & Councillor Pearce (work).

4/23. Minutes

Resolved: minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 December 2023 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

5/24. Cricket Pavilion Update

Representatives of Boughton and Eastwell Cricket Club updated the Parish Council on progress regarding the replacement of the pavilion. It was reported that site surveys for asbestos, groundworks and drainage had been carried out and planning was underway for the provision of temporary grounds maintenance equipment storage. Fundraising was at an advanced stage. The Club will be signing the pre-agreed lease with the Parish Council before work commences. The Parish Council reminded the Club of the need to obtain planning permission prior to any tree pruning, due to the site being located in a conservation area. Minimising disruption to residents by players cars was discussed, noting that the corner of the Green adjacent to the War memorial was not suitable.

6/24.

- i. Resolved: to note bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/12/23
- ii. Resolved: to agree the payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made (appendix 1). Councillors Phillips and Titmuss to authorise online payments.
- 7/24. Resolved: to award We Are Beams a grant of £500 towards training courses for families of children with additional needs.
- 8/24. It was reported that the bi-annual tree inspection report had been received with advice that one cherry tree must be felled on safety grounds. A planning application for work to trees in a conservation area was immediately submitted and tree surgery quotation is awaited.
- 9/24. The Clerk reported that Winston Michael had been in contact, as Chair of the Sandyacres Trust. The Clerk confirmed that the allocated funding for the Trust towards the refurbishment of the tennis courts is still available and will be released since the work is to be undertaken this spring.
- 10/24. It was advised that a number of residents contacted the Parish Council regarding the siting of a mobile home on a field off Wye Road. The Parish Council is not the planning authority so is unable to determine whether planning permission might be required. To resolve the query it will be referred to Ashford Borough Council.

The Kent Minerals & Waste Plan is currently being consulted upon.

11/24.

Case

PA/2023/2296

Reference:

9, Muscovy Road, Kennington, TN25 4QN

Location:

Proposal: Proposed conversion of attached double garage to utility room, and extension of drive.

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No objection

ii.

Case

PA/2023/2327

Reference: Location:

Quinnies, Pilgrims Way, Boughton Aluph, TN25 4EU

Proposal:

A new swimming pool and associated landscaping works

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No objection

iii. Resolved: to approve submission of revised updated objection to application 22/20146/AS

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Appendix 1

To pay: £

Mulberry & Co 205.68 (171.40 net)

Invicta Arboriculture 350.00

Iron Room 100.00

CPRE 60.00

Credit Card dated 2 December:

£

RWG Mobile 3.50 (2.92 net)

Card fee 3.00