



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th October at 7.15pm (remotely via Zoom).

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips
Cllr Jane Hall
Cllr Jenny Li
Cllr Nigel Bunker
Locum Clerk Mrs Susan Wood

Absent:

Cllr Nikki Ellis
Cllr Adrian Coles

Cllr Larry Krause (ward member), Mrs Laura Atkins and Mrs Doreen Titmuss were in attendance. There were no members of the public present

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Adrian Coles gave apologies due to a holiday (accepted).

2. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None.

3. Co-option of councillors for Goat Lees Ward

Resolved:

That Mrs Laura Atkins and Mrs Doreen Titmuss be co-opted as parish councillors for Goat Lees Ward.

Resolved:

That the Acceptance of Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to Observe the Code of Conduct be signed and accepted at a later date.

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

N/o adjournment was requested.

5. Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 September 2020 be approved for later signature, subject to the correction of the date of the next meeting.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The CCTV site visit has taken place but details and the quote are not yet available.

7. Finance

7i. The accounts for the period ended 30/09/20 were received and noted.

7ii. The payments schedule dated 17/9/20 was presented and noted.

7iii. The draft Finance Committee Minutes of 29 September 2020 were received and noted.

8i. Planning Applications

20/01362/AS

Wide View, Lenacre Street, Eastwell, Ashford, Kent TN26 1JD

Two storey side and rear extension

No objection.

8ii. To note permissions granted

20/01035/AS

5 Brickfield Cottage, Harville Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent TN25 4ER

Single storey side extension

Permit.

8iii. Developer meetings update

Rook Toll: Cllrs Jane Hall and Spencer Phillips, with Tony Fullwood, met with Arcady Architects regarding the proposed residential and heritage/open air museum development at Rook Toll. The meeting was suggested by ABC since Rook Toll is a site of local significance. Cllrs listened to their plans and asked questions, highlighted issues of local importance and referred to the Neighbourhood Plan.

The proposed plans and meeting notes are available in Confluence (Planning Space).

Ashford Borough Council is aware of the meeting and has access to the meeting notes.

Eureka Park: The meeting with Quadrant/DHA Planning re the Eureka Development has been postponed by Quadrant/DHA due to uncertainty over the issues raised by the Stour Catchment Area (see 8iv), and what mitigation they will have to provide. Quadrant will reschedule when further information is available.

8iv. Stour Catchment Area update

Ashford Borough Council has received formal statutory advice from Natural England (NE) regarding development proposals in the Stour Valley catchment area that might cause an increase in harmful nutrient impacts at designated protected lakes at Stodmarsh. This covers large parts of the borough including the urban area in and around Ashford itself.

The practical effect of the NE advice is that planning applications for housing development (and some other types of development involving overnight accommodation) within the Stour catchment area cannot be determined until a process of formal assessment of the potential effects on the Stodmarsh Lakes has been undertaken, considered and approved by the Council.

9. Consideration of siting of surface for moveable cricket nets

The note detailing options for resiting of the cricket nets on the Green had been circulated. There has in the past been a cost to agreeing permission from Fields in Trust (£150 for the bus shelter and £360 for the new pavilion). This information has been passed to the Cricket Club, which has agreed to meet the costs.

Resolved:

That option 4 be agreed, namely siting the moveable cricket nets within the cricket square, subject to the agreement of Fields in Trust.

10. Updates

10i. Neighbourhood Plan regulation 16 consultation:

The consultation is running from 28 September 2020 until 06 November 2020. Promotion is being undertaken by Ashford Borough Council, in addition to the Parish Council. The Clerk has hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and response form for those unable to access the online consultation. The Parish Council has been in touch with Ashford Borough Council regarding the next steps and appointment of independent examiner. This followed advice from Tony Fullwood on the procedure, who had also recommended an examiner; Ashford Borough Council has indicated that it is open to the examiner suggested by Tony Fullwood. There have been suggestions that Borough Council timeframe may slip because of Covid; Tony Fullwood recommended that the Borough Council be urged to keep with the timeframe.

11. To note correspondence received

All general correspondence had been circulated.

PCSO Adam Brooks has been supplied with the dates of Parish Council meetings, following his request. The Police are unable to join meetings using Zoom (including the phone-in option) but would attend if anybody wished to host the Zoom (masked and at a social distance).

Ashford KALC has produced a detailed response to the consultation on the Planning White Paper (circulated to Planning Committee and generally available in Confluence).

12. Information items (this is only for the exchange of information)

12i. The refurbished notice board adjacent to the Flying Horse has been inspected (a problem has occurred with the varnish). Malcolm McPhillimy (who carried out the work) will sort out the problem when the weather is suitable.

12ii. The Clerk attended some sessions of the excellent virtual national conference of the SLCC. The speakers were of high quality and there was a rare (being virtual) opportunity to hear many of the latest updates, including those of particular relevance to our Parish Council such as how Neighbourhood Planning may fit into the new planning proposals, working virtually and engaging communities.

13. Future Agenda Items

13i. How to engage the Goat Lees community more.

14. Next Meeting: Wednesday 11 November 2020 via Zoom at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.