



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd JANUARY
2020 AT EASTWELL MANOR AT 7.15PM (BY KIND PERMISSION)

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips

Cllr Nigel Bunker

Cllr Adrian Coles

Cllr Jane Hall

Cllr Jenny Li

Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies from Cllr Ellis (childcare) and Cllr Hart (illness)

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2020 be approved and confirmed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the last minutes

- Ashford Borough Council were able to expedite planning permission to fell the tree on green (as advised for safety reasons). It has now been felled, with logs left on site for residents. The siting and species of replacement tree to be notified to ABC after consultation with the cricket club to ensure new tree doesn't obstruct service pipes to new facility.
- The Clerk wrote to Connells regarding attachment of lettings signs to street signs. The request that they do not do this received no acknowledgement.

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

None present

6. Financial Reports

6.1. The Statements of Account at 31/12/2020 were reviewed and accepted.

6.2 The authorisation of accounts.

Resolved: That the following payments be made from the Unity Trust bank account.
Cllrs Phillips and Li to authorise.

Gross	VAT	Detail
81.45	0.00	NI QE 31/12/19 to HMRC (paid)
60.00	0.00	MI Payroll
1,031.27	5.74	Clerk Salary, office & stationery
414.00	69.00	Leaf Tree Services
45.00	0.00	Hardy Room Hire
400.00	0.00	Dunn Virtually first payment
8,144.88	1,357.48	Tony Fullwood Associates inv BAE/6

7. Financial Regulations (updated)

7.1. The updated Financial Regulations are to be examined by the finance committee before bringing to full council.

8. Updates received

8.1. Holes in village green

The cricket club has now been provided with a method statement detailing procedures for dealing with the holes. The ground has to dry out before work can be carried out.

8.2. St Mary's Eastwell, Friends of Friendless Churches

Friends of Friendless Churches have commissioned a tree survey of the site and are in the process of appointing a new architect following the retirement of the previous architect. Once this is done the repairs to church and plans for new fence can be made. A new noticeboard has been commissioned (by FoFC).

8.3. Kempes Corner Flooding, Kent County Council

The Parish Council had reported flooding issues immediately before Christmas and KCC investigated on Christmas Eve. Kent County Council has advised that not all of the remedial work planned was carried out last year. Due to communication issues between KCC and the private contractors this was not realised until after the heavy rain at the end of December. Emergency unblocking has been carried out with rescheduling of works planned to complete the task.

8.4. KALC area committee feedback

- Sergeant Jason Atkinson - Kent Police advised that some Parish Councils and Communities are adding bleed kits next to Defibrillators. The cost is approximately £70.
- There was a CCTV presentation from the Ashford Borough Council Head of CCTV Monitoring Centre.
- The KCC Gypsy and Traveller provision consultation is out and PC's should comment where required.

9. Project updates

9.1. KCC Highways Parish Improvement Plan

Cllr Coles reported that a working group meeting was held on 16th January where updated guidelines from KCC were circulated, work will be limited to one scheme each year, which emphasises the long-term nature of the plans. Progress so far includes the extraction of existing crash and incident data for the Parish, identification of further possible data and evidence that may exist and making links with neighbouring Parish Councils to share knowledge. There was discussion regarding the extent to which charging by KCC, in the form of consultancy, as part of a project was desirable. **Cllr Phillips to draft letter to County Councillor**

9.2. Village Gateways Project (KCC Highways)

The Clerk reported on a meeting with the new officer responsible at Highways, the officer reviewed all the different versions of the scheme requested by the Parish Council. As per the decision in September 2019 it was requested that revised costings for exchanging grey poles for white be provided as soon as possible, ideally before 10th February meeting. It was advised that this would be dependent on external contractor quote being received as white poles are not a standard item.

The KCC officer was very helpful with regard to detailed questions regarding the Parish Improvement Plan, particularly traffic survey information.

9.3. Cricket Pavillion update (Cricket Club)

None received to date.

10. Vote on resolution to accept NP

The Parish Council was advised that the reg 15 plan has been submitted to Ashford Borough Council for screening. This process looks at the plan in terms of heritage and environment (involving Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England).

Resolved: that the Parish Council recommends the submission of the Regulation 15 Neighbourhood Plan to Ashford Borough Council for Independent Examination as soon as possible after screening has been concluded. **Proposed Cllr Bunker, Seconded Cllr Hall**

11.1. Planning applications received

20/00009/AS

Agricultural Building east of, Canterbury Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent

Prior approval for change of use from one agricultural barn and land within its curtilage to one dwelling house and associated operational development

Comment: no objection but to note preference for more modestly sized dwellings (in line with survey undertaken for Neighbourhood plan) in this case more than one dwelling within the building envelope.

20/00004/TC

4 Hillside Cottages, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HU

Neighbour at Newlands overhanging branches into our garden: Two apple trees, birch and a cherry tree

No objection

17/01478/CONA/AS

Braehead, 198 Sandyhurst Lane, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4NX

Discharge condition 3, 4

No comment

18/00826/CONE/AS

Plot 8 Eureka Park, Lower Pemberton, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4BF

Discharge of conditions: 7, 13, 19 & 20

No comment

19/01686/AS

Pilgrims Cottage, Pilgrims Way, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4EU

Lawful development certificate - existing - lock up for domestic equipment and storage

No objection

To note 19/00001/TC

Rook Toll, Faversham Road, Eastwell

Application to continue works approved under Woodland Management Plan (EWGS 40273): To re-instate and maintain access in Cpt 1a-f, annual cutting back of small diameter trees by 1.5m depth to each side of hardstandings, access roads and buildings; To fell 12 Yew Trees (Cpt 1g - marked yellow) ie 18% of the suppressed and poorer Yew Trees in accordance with the Woodland Management Plan; To fell a total of 65 small diameter trees (young sycamore, ash and elderberry - marked yellow) within falling and operational distance of the 12 Yews, all to be allowed to regenerate from cut stools/stumps. All unmarked trees to be retained

Objection

11.2. Planning decisions notified by Ashford Borough Council

19/01208/AS

Land north west of El Ashere, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent

Erection of three 5-bed dwellings with attached garages; new accesses along with associated parking

Refused

19/00262/TC

Samares, The Green, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HX

T1 - Ornamental cherry 'prunus kanzan' or similar variety. Single tree located on the front boundary of the property - tree to be felled.

Raise no objection

19/01601/AS

Unit 1, Eureka Place, Trinity Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4BY

Erection of 1 no. internally illuminated box fascia; 2 no. non-illuminated fascia signs; 3 no. external vinyls on glazing

Grant consent

18/001413/AS

Land at Lenacre Hall Farm, Sandyhurst Lane, Boughton Aluph, Kent

The development of 21 new residential dwellings, access, drainage, car and cycle parking and landscaping.

Appeal dismissed

12. Correspondence

Wye Parish Council had asked whether there would be interest in future co-operation in respect of assessing the potential environmental impact of application 18/00236/AS. Councillors indicated that they would be, in principal pending further information.

The Chairman note that he had received a number of complaints from residents regarding the burning of industrial plastic waste at a residential property on 12th January. The Chairman had attended and requested that the bonfire be extinguished.

13. Information items

- The Clerk had attended a KALC workshop on accessibility compliance, (with particular regard to websites).The latest GDPR developments were also discussed.
- The first of two defibrillator awareness session is booked for Friday 28th Feb in the Iron Room (6-8pm).
- The Parish Council noticeboards at Sandyacres & outside the Flying Horse have been removed for refurbishment.

14. Future Agenda Items

Tree felling, St Mary's Eastwell, security on the Lees.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 10th February at the Iron Room, Boughton Lees. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.