

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman
	Cllr John Brooker	
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth	
	Cllr Michael Osborne	
	Cllr Daren Sefer	
	Cllr Kevin Sparkes	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler	Kent County Council
	Cllr Robin Betts	Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
	PCSO Callum Boyd	
	1 member of the public	

Item *Action point*
Minute no 2015/16/

1 APOLOGIES

172 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed this apology be accepted. An apology for absence was also received from Cllr Martin Coffin, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

173 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2015

174 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2015 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

175 No matters were raised.

5 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

176 It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 1 September 2015 be signed as a true record.

As PCSO Boyd was present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

14 POLICE MATTERS**177 a PCSO's Report**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow him to speak.

PCSO Boyd reported that August had been quiet but that since the beginning of September there had been break-ins in Stansted when tools had been stolen from site and also a break-in in Vigo Road.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Boyd and reconvened the meeting.

178 b Police Representative's Report

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to add to the PCSO's report.

179 c Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Cllr Betts to speak.

Cllr Betts said that normally Cllr Coffin would attend meetings in Stansted and Wrotham and he would attend in Ightham. He gave the election figures – the parish turnout had been 67%, with the average for the Borough at 74%. Cllr Coffin had received 40% of the votes, with himself receiving 37%. He referred to the tragedy at Leybourne Lakes and said it had been a privately organised club event. The Borough Council was helping out where possible. The amended planning application for the Vigo Inn had been approved. He would investigate the let of the 1 bedroom flat which did not appear to adhere to the conditions. He thought the Stansted fête had been successful.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Betts and reconvened the meeting.

6 PLANNING**a Applications**

- 180 i **TM/15/02538/RD:** The Vigo Inn, Gravesend Road, Wrotham: Details submitted pursuant to conditions 1 (External materials) of planning permission TM/14/03395/FL (Change of use of the Vigo Inn Public House to two dwellings with associated residential curtilages and construction of two buildings to create 2 self-catered holiday let units)

No objection

- 181 ii **TM/15/02755/NMA:** Fairseat Nurseries, Gravesend Road, Wrotham: Non Material Amendment to planning permission TM/15/00415/FL (Change of use of land from plant nursery/garden centre to animal sanctuary and erection of timber buildings to house animals and provide a vet treatment room and office) addition of polytunnel for bat enclosure

No objection.

182 **Out of Time**

The responses to the out-of-time applications as listed on Appendix A were ratified.

183 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

c Enforcement184 **i The Vigo Inn**

It was noted that the enforcement officer was investigating the advertisement for the rental of the 1 bedroom flat.

185 **d Appeals**

None

186 **e Other Planning Issues**

None.

7 FINANCE187 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

188 **b Cheques signed since Last Meeting**

The payments made since the last meeting as listed on Appendix B were ratified.

189 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Sefer, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 747 – 748), with the addition of £420, Climate Solutions (GB) Ltd (cheque 749).

8 FUNDING REQUESTS190 **a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Brooker, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed a grant of £50 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972. The wreath laying ceremony would take place on Wednesday 11th November at 11 am at the war memorial. George Goring would be asked to conduct proceedings and villagers would be encouraged to attend.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

As Cllr Mrs Hohler had arrived, the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow her to speak.

Cllr Mrs Hohler reported that Operation Stack had been referred to the Government's COBRA committee and she hoped a solution would be found soon. Visit Kent estimated revenue was tens of millions down. Many of the asylum seekers were minors and were the responsibility of the County Council. This was costing £1,00 per person each week. The Government had promised to make good the cost. There were between 100 and 200 per month, mainly from Eritrea and Afghanistan but more were now entering from Syria. She reported that a letter had been sent to the owners of The Herons in Vigo Road and that the Highways officer for the area was monitoring the situation. The potholes at the top of Stansted Hill had been reported. Many of the pupils from Stansted School had gone to West Kingsdown School, which had now received a good Ofsted report.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Hohler and reconvened the meeting.

9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

- 191 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
 192 ii. Hire of Ground. Nothing to report.
 193 iii. Posts. These had been inspected during the August "walkabout". After discussion it was agreed T J Brooker be asked to revise his quotation, to include the 12 posts that needed replacing and a price for replacing a single post for the future.

194 b Playpark

Nothing to report.

195 c War Memorial and Garden

Nick Connell had advised that the tree should have the ivy removed and nothing more. Cllr Bott said he would do this.

HB

196 d Telephone Kiosk

Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported that Tom Brooker was making a frame for the Knitting Club to mount their work.

197 e Church Bank

Cllr Brooker said he had spoken to Brian Shaw about clearing up. The church extension would be opened on 4th October by the Bishop.

198 f Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane

Nothing to report.

10 BROWNE'S BEQUEST

199 a General Matters

Nothing to report.

200 **b Croquet Club**

Nothing to report.

201 **c Wrotham Bowls Club**

Nothing to report.

11 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT202 **a Crabtree Close, Fairseat**

The Clerk reported that the letter about encroachment onto the highway had been sent to KCC and a holding reply had been received.

203 **b Fence at The Herons, Vigo Road, Fairseat**

Cllr Mrs Hohler's report referred.

12 VILLAGE HALLS204 **a Stansted Village Hall**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

205 **b Fairseat Village Hall**

The Committee had requested the hedge be cut and Cllr Brooker said he would carry out another cut. *JB*

13 STANSTED SCHOOL

206 The letters agreed at the extraordinary meeting held on 1st September had been sent. Cllr Bott said he had written formally to Cllr Mrs Hohler about the £600,000 pounds of public money that had been spent on the school extension. Cllr Osborne reported on what he had witnessed when KCC and their contractors were removing furniture and other items from the building. Computer cables had simply been cut and there had been damage to walls and ceilings. They had broken up perfectly good seats in the playground that had been installed by Friends of Stansted School.

15 BROADBAND

207 Cllr Bott said he had had a meeting before the August break. It would be coming in next year and there would be a door drop before an open meeting to explain the scheme and the costs involved.

16 WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET

208 Cllr Bott had received an email from John Mattick, saying that due to his work with saving the school, the booklet had been put on the back burner for a while. It was understood from Roy Barry that they were hoping to arrange a meeting in early October.

17 CONSULTATION

209 No documents received.

18 CORRESPONDENCE

210 None.

19 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

211 None.

120 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

212 a Boot Fair, Wrotham Hill

Cllr Brooker said he had raised the matter of parking for the boot fair with Cllr Coffin.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Barry reported an obstruction on FP212 at Labour-in-Vain by a maize crop. No attempt had been made to create the 1m strip along the line of the path. Cllr Mrs Goodworth said she had spoken to the farmer and made him aware and the crop would soon be harvested

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.07pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2015