

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on 10 March 2021

Present: Cllr Cat Horn (Chair), Cllr Holly Andrews, Cllr Tracy Dove and Cllr Nina Williams.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Chris Norwood (work); apology accepted.
Apologies had also been received from County Councillor Andrew Bowles; apology noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 7 January 2021

Cllr Horn read the minutes. Item 4 was amended to read *Cllr Horn said the Village Hall will be included in the Broad Band scheme.*

Cllr Dove **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes of the meeting as amended as a true record;
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Broadband

Cllr Horn said the application has not progressed further.

Cllr Williams said the scheme has stalled because residents have not had the vouchers to pledge.

Cllr Horn said Kent County Council has used all its funding for the current year, further funding has been applied for and approximately nine more houses need to pledge their vouchers for the scheme to go forward.

Cllr Dove said the scheme for the other end of the village is progressing.

Electric Charging Point

Cllr Dove reported the application for an electric charging point at the Village Hall was not accepted. The scheme has re-opened and another application has been submitted.

5. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

6. Planning Matters

i. Address: Derbies Barn Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Faversham Kent ME13 0HN

Ref: 21/500781/FULL

Proposal: Conversion of barn to residential use, including alterations to fenestration and roof.

Ref: 21/500782/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations to barn, to allow conversion to residential use.

Councillors considered the application and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to support the proposals.

ii. Local Plan Review Reg 19 consultation

It was agreed that Councillors would circulate comments to be submitted to the consultation.

7. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices

There were none.

iii. To consider request for grant from the church

Councillors considered the request from the church for a donation of £320 to help with the cost of maintaining the churchyard and noted that historically the Council has supported this but the church has forgotten to make a request for the past two years.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £320 towards the churchyard maintenance (cheque no 295).

iv. To consider request for grant from Kent Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance Trust

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £250 Kent Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance Trust (cheque no 295).

v. Reserves

Councillors considered the reserves and notes that they are higher than recommended by NALC.

Cllr Dove said the Village Hall Committee is looking into purchasing gazebos which would be offered for hire to hall users and will also raise money to replace the gazebos when necessary. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to earmark £1400 to purchase amenity items for the Village Hall.

vi. National Salary Award

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to adopt the agreed national salary award from the National Joint Council for Local Government Services from 1 April 2020.

8. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

9. Date of next meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and the monthly meeting will be held remotely on Tuesday 4 May at 6pm.

ACTION: Clerk to put details of meeting in the Good News.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

Date: 4 May 2021