

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 June 2021 at Ash Green Sports
Centre, Ash Road, DA3 8JZ, commencing at 19:45

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr S Fishenden
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr Mrs Manston
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr J Scott

In attendance:

Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
Cllr Perry Cole – Sevenoaks District Council
2 Members of the public

8136/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Glover (work), Cllr M Manley (holiday) and Cllr Ms Sapiets (family commitment). Cllr S Fishenden PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

District Councillors Mrs Nelson and A Pett also sent their apologies.

8137/21 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in item 6 as her son is a tree surgeon. Cllr F Cottee declared an interest in item 6. SE/21/00870 as the applicant is known to him. Cllrs Mrs Brammer and M Brown declared an interest in item SE/21/00933 as members of the Northfield Management Committee.
- b. No changes to the Register of Interests. Members were reminded that any alteration or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

8138/21 Dispensations

None received.

8139/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 06 May 2021 and the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 03 June 2021 be approved. PROPOSED: Cllr P Nightingale Clucas SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

8140/21 COVID-19

- a. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the presentation of the KALC Community Awards for 2019 (Jackie West) and 2020 (Cameron Clark) should be presented to the recipients at the beginning of the September 2021 Parish Council meeting. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and AGREED.

- b. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that as the restrictions on social distancing have not been relaxed, the **Delegated Authority (Section 101 of the Local Government Act, 1972)** is extended for the period 22 June 2021 to 19 July 2021 to the Clerk, or in the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk/Finance Officer, to take decisions relating to planning applications having sought the views of all members of the Planning Committee at a virtual meeting with no less than 3 working days' notice. Decisions made under such delegation shall be noted at the next meeting of the Council. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8141/21 Planning

- a. Applications
SE/21/01809: 6 Butlers Place, West Yoke, Ash, TN15 7HS – Proposed construction of new rear/side part single storey part two storey extension. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.
The applications for information only were NOTED.
- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/6/21 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- c. Appeals
The appeal SE/20/03404: Land North of Westwood Lodge, The Street, Ash, TN15 7HR was NOTED.
- d. Enforcements
None at time of Agenda.
- e. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the planning decisions delegated to the Parish Clerk under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 were ratified. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED

8142/21 Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr P Nightingale SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 27 July 2021.
- d. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Chairman's Allowance for the year 2021/2022 is set at £350.00. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
- e. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council provides two Family Fun Days on the Minnis on 22 July and 26 August 2021 at a cost of £1,000 per day. SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.
- f. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the renewal of the Campaign to Protect Rural England in the amount of £36.00 is AUTHORISED. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and AGREED.
- g. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that £50.00 is donated to West Kent Neighbourhood Watch Association under **Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972**. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and AGREED.
- h. It was NOTED that the renewal of the registration with the Information Commissioner's Office under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 in the amount of £40.00 has been renewed.
- i. It was NOTED that the litter picking kits have been purchased and will be advertised on the facebook page and website.

8143/21 New Ash Green Village Association

- a. It was NOTED that a meeting is being arranged between some members of the Village Association Council of Management, Directors of the Sports Pavilion and members of the Parish Council following a letter raising concerns about the Amenity Committee and the Pavilion.

8144/21 Sports Centre

- a. The minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 14 June 2021 were NOTED.

8145/21 Barnfield Park

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held in July/August 2021.

8146/21 Northfield

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 09 June 2021 were NOTED.

8147/21 Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 23 June 2021 will be distributed with the July 2021 Agenda.

8148/21 Net Zero Policy

- a. Cllr Mrs Manston went through the proposal and it was AGREED that she would meet with the Clerk to carry out a review of our buildings and assets.

The meeting was suspended at 20.14pm to receive reports from the County and District Councillors’.

No reports were given due to the poor acoustics in the sports hall.

The meeting reconvened at 20.16pm

8149/21 Youth

- a. It was NOTED that Sevenoaks District Council will provide a Fun Day on the Minnis on 03 August 2021 from 10am – 2pm and it will be run by Imago.

8150/21 Highways

- a. It was AGREED that the Clerk will investigate the possibility of the provision of a traffic mirror at the intersection of Ash, North Ash and West Yoke and relevant costs.

8151/21 Footpaths

- a. No report

8152/21 Transport

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes will be held on 12 October 2021.

8153/21 Health

- a. No report

8154/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the next Focus Group meeting will be held on 12 July 2021.

- b. CCTV Database – Cllr S Fishenden advised that the response has been disappointing and the Database will be promoted at the Community Safety event and the Bulletin.
- c. It was NOTED that following a request to Sevenoaks District Council to replace the bins in the shopping centre with dual space bins for general and recycling waste, they have advised that this would be the responsibility of the owners of the shopping centre for both the installation and clearance of such bins.
- d. It was NOTED that the Community Safety Event to be held on 28 June 2021 from 6pm – 8.30pm has been moved from New Ash Green Village Hall to the shopping centre to comply with social distancing.

8155/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – no report.
- b. Hodsoll Street – On 17 June 2021 the Green Man Pub at Hodsoll Street was destroyed by fire.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.25pm to allow members of the public to address the Parish Council.

Concerns were raised by members of the public with regard to the response of Kent Fire and Rescue Services to the incident, the location and maintenance of fire hydrants. The clearance of the remainder of the building and debris. The future of this site, noting its historical significance.

The meeting resumed at 20.45pm

Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Parish Council writes to Kent Fire and Rescue Services requesting an account of this incident. Enquiries regarding an asset of community value will be made with Sevenoaks District Council Planning Department. The Parish Council will support any reasonable effort on behalf of residents of Hodsoll Street. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.

- c. Ridley – no report.

8156/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – It was NOTED that the deadline for the next edition is 01 July 2021.
- b. Website – No report.

8157/21 Thursday Lunch Provision

- a. The lunch continues with the provision of take-away meals.

8158/21 KALC

- a. No report.

8159/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/06/21 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 20.47

Signed:
Chairman

Date: