



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held in Rolvenden Village Hall on 21st July 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Chairman), Cllr E Barham, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr N Cackett, Cllr A Johnstone, Cllr Mrs F May, Cllr Mrs I Newman, and Cllr Mrs L Walker

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk and Responsible Officer.

Also present: 4 members of the public

764. Apologies for absence:

and Cllr Mrs T Turner

765. Declarations of Interest:

1. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

None.

2. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of War Memorial Trust.

Cllr Mrs I Newman, trustee of War Memorial Trust, trustee of the Non-Ecclesiastical Charities. Member of the Village Hall Committee

Cllr E Barham trustee of Basil Russel Trust, trustee of the Windmill Trust, Royal British Legion. Minute 769 (planning application 22/01001/AS)

Cllr Mrs F May, Secretary Rolvenden Village Hall

Cllr S Bryant Minute 769 (planning application 22/01001/AS)

Cllr Mrs L Walker, Chair Rolvenden Village Fete

3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

None

766. Public Participation:

A resident raised the matter of a dog in Halden Fields that barks incessantly, neither the Housing Association or the RSPCA will take any action.

Cllr Walder will speak to the dog warden and to Environmental Health at the Borough Council.

Another resident raised the matter of a dog barking at 5:30am in the vicinity of Still Waters. Cllr Walder will speak to the Borough Council.

767. Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th June 2022 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

768. Borough Councillor Report:

Cllr Walder reported that the recent Housing Needs Survey produced a 30% return, which is very high, this solid response will be influential in terms of planning for the Vicarage site. The

Borough Council will now produce an options appraisal on which the Parish Council will be consulted before the public consultation.

A recent meeting took place with the KCC Tree Officer who is interested in looking at potential projects in Rolvenden.

Cllrs Barham and Bryant left the meeting

769. Planning:

22/01001/AS – 14 Sparkeswood Avenue, Rolvenden – Proposed loft extension with dormer window on rear extension.

There appear to be anomalies with the drawings shown on the planning portal, given that the application was only received the day before the meeting the Borough Council are to be asked to clarify the drawings and to request an extension to the consultation period till after the August meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllrs Barham and Bryant returned to the meeting.

770. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Staff costs £1,032.20

Litter picking £150.00

Tompsett Landscaping £1,752.82 (VAT £292.14)

SLCC Subscription £100.60

Kent Highways £379.00

Whitehead Monckton £1,200.00 (VAT £200.00)

Mrs F May £46.80

I Hemsley £42.50

Cllrs Mrs Curtain and Mrs Newman verified the entries through the bank account

Resolved:

- 1. To authorise the payment of the invoices presented at the meeting**
- 2. To receive and note Report RPC/22/07**
- 3. To receive and acknowledge the financial movements for the period 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022**
- 4. To appoint Cllrs N Cackett and Mrs F may as signatories to the bank account replacing G Tiltman and T Turner**
- 5. To progress the closing of the Bank accounts with Lloyds Bank transferring the funds to Unity Bank.**
- 6. To increase the grounds maintenance contract to include the football pitch used by Rolvenden Tigers.**

771. Highways:

Arrangements are in the process of being made for the surveys on Rolvenden Hill, the delay being caused by KCC requiring payment before initiating and the delay in receiving the invoice.

772. Christmas Tree:

The Parish Council budget makes provision for a Christmas Tree in the High Street this year, the Parish Council is asked to consider the precise location in order that the necessary permissions can be obtained to do so.

It was agreed that the best site would be on St Marys Green, therefore a request will be made to Ashford Borough Council for permission.

773. Housing Needs Survey:

The results of the Housing Needs Survey have been received and circulated to members of the Parish Council.

774. Sparkeswood Pond:

Sussex Lund have been approached about the possibility of a grant towards the restoration of the Sparkeswood Pond, if Ashford Borough Council are in agreement the Parish Council is asked if it wishes to proceed.

Cllr Curtain will liaise with Ashford Borough Council to seek permission and to meet with Sussex Lund if appropriate.

775. Land bequest:

Confirmation has been received from the Executor's Solicitor that both parcels of land can be dealt with by the same Charitable Trust with the Parish Council being the sole Corporate Trustee.

The Parish Council is asked to consider the name that it wishes to apply to the trust.

Resolved: to name the trust "The Thoburn Land Trust"

776. Other items for information:

Cllr Walker reported on the number of motorcycles coming through the village at inappropriate speeds and use of the roads.

Cllr Barham thanked the Parish Council for the letter of condolence received regarding his father.

A residents association is being formed in Halden Fields.

The Borough Council tree planting programme is resulting in several thousand being planted in Hole Park next year.

Complaints have been received about the layby and field opposite Gatefield regarding bonfires and potential trade waste. A letter to be sent to all residents in Gatefield.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:55pm.