

Ospringe Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held Wednesday 10th May 2017 at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Water Lane, Ospringe. The meeting commenced at 8pm

Present: A Keel – Chairman
B Flynn – Vice Chairman
J Dean-Kimili
A Greason
R Simmons
Cllr A Bowles
I Bowie – Clerk

Apologies: H Williams

052/17 Election of Officers

Nomination of Andrew Keel as Chairman was made by Cllr Flynn and seconded by Cllr Dean-Kimili. Cllr Keel accepted and thanked the Council for their continuing confidence. The declaration was duly signed.

The Chairman nominated Brian Flynn as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Greason. Cllr Flynn accepted and thanked the Council.

Appointment of representatives to outside bodies:-

The following allocations were agreed:

KALC Swale Area Committee

Cllr Dean-Kimilli, Cllr Simmons

Internal Audit Councillor

Cllr Flynn

053/17 Dispensations

Councillors B Flynn, A Greason and A Keel have been granted dispensation to deal with matters related to Champion Hall.

054/17 Signing of Minutes – All were in agreement for the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record of the business transacted at the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th March 2017.

055/17 Public Participation

There was no public participation

056/17 Matters Arising

Highway matters. Cllr Keel reported that following a meeting on the 2nd May with Kent Highways, the drainage scheme for Vicarage Lane will commence after service of a road closure order and will take approximately 14 days to complete, by the end of June. This will be a positive drainage system, with gulleys at the lowest point piping water into a new soakaway at the junction of Eastling Road and Vicarage Lane.

Lorry Access and damage to verges – Damaged verges reported at top of White Hill, bottom of Abbots Hill and Painters Forstal from the centre of the village towards the school. Cllr Keel has contacted Gary Gibbs (Kent Highways) to report specific potholes, damage of grass verges reported at top of White Hill, bottom of Abbots Hill and Painters Forstal from the centre of the village towards the school.

Lighting –Andrew has not heard back from Ken Bonner about the upgrade or checking our inventory, despite a reminder. There are new lanterns on the lamp standards on the Brogdale Road as far as the motorway bridge. Two or three of these may need to be removed from OPC itinerary. Action: AK to follow up with Ken Bonner.

Lorenden School visit – The laurel hedge has been trimmed back so that it no longer encroaches on part of the footpath. Discussion regarding the two refuse bins left outside Lorenden during the holidays. Action: Chairman to follow up

Perry Court (Section 106 funding) – Cllr Bowles explained that OPC does not meet the requirements for Section 106 funding.

15/502982/ADV Syndale illuminated advertising. – Response from Graham Thomas who has visited both the Syndale and the Canterbury Road sites on 17th February 2017 and has taken photos. Action: Clerk has written to Graham Thomas

KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative – Map circulated identifying location of the hydrants. Action: Cllr Flynn and Chairman to locate and report back on the condition of the hydrants and the accuracy of the map. Ongoing

KCC Freight Action Plan for Kent Consultation. –Cllr Greason had emailed Cllrs with options for consideration regarding a review of signage to discourage lorries etc. accessing Porters Lane. Action. Cllrs Simmons and Greason to discuss options and agree best course of action.

Layby near Coldstream Cottage – Deferred to the next meeting.

Salt Bin in Layby near Coldstream Cottage – Email 30th March. Salt bin not supplied or filled by Highways. Nearest KCC bin is at junction of Eastling road and Plumford Road.

Willow Farm.

It was reported that concerns had been raised regarding a large quantity of what might be rubbish on the northern side of the M2 that was visible from the road. Clerk has written to Graham Thomas

057/17 Accounts 2016-17 Annual Governance and Audit

Internal and external audit 2016/17

The internal auditor David Buckett had visited the Clerk and internally audited the parish accounts. The Internal audit report will be available for discussion at June 2017 meeting

- (i) The Council considered and approved the Statement of Internal Control for the year ending 31 March 2017. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Statement on behalf of the Council.
- (ii) The Council considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2016-17. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Statement on behalf of the Council.
- (iii) The Council considered and approved the Accounting Statements and supporting documents as provided by the Responsible Financial Officer who had prior to the meeting signed Section 2 of the Annual Return for 2016-17. The Chairman signed the Statement on behalf of the Council.

058/17 Finance

Current Account Received

SBC Precept and lighting grant half-year	£4,340.00
Transparency Fund	£1,292.48

Payments for Approval

Current Account

Chq No 1271	Ospringe Parish Church – Room Hire	£ 20.00
Chq No 1272	Irene Bowie Copier Paper £15.99, Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting £48.47	£ 64.46
Chq No 1273	Diane Malley Payroll Services	£ 67.00
Chq No 1274	KALC Subscription 2017-18	£ 278.00
Chq No 1275	Streetlights – payment 1/4 maintenance agreement 2017/18	£ 225.04
Chq no 1276	KALC Clerk CiLCA Workshops	£ 216.00

Allotments Account

Chq no 0295	Tony Hoile Allotment fencing	£ 600.00
Chq no 0294	Tony Hoile Allotment grass cutting	£ 60.00
Chq no 0296	Andrew Keel Allotment stationery, postage etc	£ 95.00

Transparency fund application for 2017-18

It was agreed that the Clerk would make an application to the Transparency fund at Clerk's hourly rate to maintain the website.

059/17 Parish Councillor Vacancies

There remain two parish councillor vacancies and the Chairman urged councillors to continue efforts to find suitable volunteers.

060/17 Planning

New Applications

17/501775/Full 19 Bayfield, Painters Forstal – Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of two storey side extension. The Parish Council has no objection. However, OPC would request that a condition is applied to ensure that the separation between buildings is a distance of 1.45 meters for the ground floor. Also that the first floor extension is at least 2 metres from the boundary.

17/502025/OUT, 1 Broomhill Cottages, Hansletts lane – Outline permission (with all matters reserved) for 3 bedroomed bungalow with double garage. The Parish Council objects to the application for the following reasons: - 1. The site lies outside the village envelope. 2. The proposed building is inappropriately sited on the landowners' plot and this could encourage further development. 3. There will be a significant loss of existing woodland and this will reduce not only the visual amenity but have a significant impact on the screening of sound provided to properties to the south as far as the village from the Motorway.

17/502113/TPO Swallows Rest Eastling Road Painters Forstal – TPO application for removal of 1 x Holly tree. The Parish Council has no objection.

Planning Inspectorate Appeals Pending No updates

(Outside of Ospringe Parish). Land North of Homestall Road 16/5001165 – ENF BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ALLEGED Without planning permission, undertaking work with the intention of substantially altering the existing land levels on the land, which in the opinion of the SBC would require the benefit of planning permission.

Planning Inspectorate Appeals Decided

APP/V2255/C/16/3159910 – Parsonage Farm Bungalow. Parsonage Farm – Appeal against enforcement notice re demolition of existing side and rear extensions, construct new rear extension and front porch, undertake loft conversion of roof space and front dormers. The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld as varied, insofar as it relates to the central dormer and planning permission is refused for this part of the development. The appeal is allowed insofar as it relates to the 2 outermost dormers in the front roof slope, and planning permission is granted. Time for compliance varied from 6 to 9 months.

APP/V2255/W/16/3164648 – Land adjacent White Timbers, Painters Forstal. – Appeal Dismissed

The development proposed is the demolition of an existing garage building and shed and the erection of a new two bedroom house with associated parking. Planning Inspectors decision: - I have identified clear conflict with the development plan in terms of the dwelling's effect on the character and appearance of the area. I acknowledge that the scheme would make a contribution, albeit modest, to the Council's housing stock. Nevertheless and irrespective of the Council's housing land supply position, this does not outweigh the harm I have identified and the conflict with the development plan in that regard. For the reasons given above and taking into account of all other matters raised, I conclude that the appeal should be dismissed.

SBC Enforcement

Little Kennaways, Stalisfield Road: SBC Erection of barn not as the approved design permitted by prior approval (PN/11/0151). Planning permission must be sought by 1st May 2017. The barn is acceptable in planning terms. Planning application not on SBC planning portal 10th May 2017. Clerk to monitor.

061/17 Localism – Community assets

It was agreed that the Chairman should start the process of registering the playground at Painters Forstal as a Community Asset. It was agreed that further discussion was needed regarding other potential community assets.

062/17 Correspondence

For Information

KACL LTN updates- emailed 3 rd April	Noted
Helen Whately Newsletter – emailed 3 rd April	Noted
NALC CEO Bulletin 14 – emailed 21 st April	Noted
Helen Whately Update emailed 3 rd May	Noted
NALC CEO Bulletin 16 – emailed 3 rd May	Noted
Kent Police- Rural Policing Update – emailed 3 rd May	Noted

Discussed

Ken Bonner Streetlights- Price increase 4% – emailed 3rd May. The price increase and the implications for the Parish Council will be discussed further at the next meeting.

062/17 Members' reports

Seating Bench underneath the Forstal.

The bench is covered in bird dropping and needs cleaned. Action: Cllrs to have a look at the bench and report back at the next meeting.

OPC Bee Hives at the Allotments.

Complaints have been received from some allotments holders regarding the proximity of the bees to the allotments. Action. AK to talk to a beekeeper in Teynham and seek advice.

063/17 Any other business

Ospringe Bypass – Press reports.

Members discussed a recent article in the Faversham News regarding the possibility of a bypass. Cllr Greason will forward an email from a local resident that was sent to the Faversham News to argue against the proposal. Cllr Keel noted that this was the re-emergence of a proposal last promoted 25 years or so ago, but would like further information before OPC respond. Further discussion at the next meeting. Action: Clerk to obtain minutes of Faversham Town Council minutes where this was discussed and voted on and circulate to Cllr's.

The meeting ended at 10.25pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____

Next meeting: Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30pm