Birling Parish Council

<u>Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2015 in Birling Village Hall at 8pm</u>

Present: Councillors Mrs Jacquie Westwood (Chair) Mr Ron Nudd (Vice Chair)

Mr Guy Nevill Mrs Helen Walker

County Cllr Sarah Hohler and Mrs Grimmett (Clerk)

1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

County Cllr Matthew Balfour, PCSO Laura Bullen and Cllr Grimmett Cllr Spooner was absent

2 Reports

County Mrs Hohler reported that she's fighting to keep Stansted C of E Primary school open. It has been in special measures for some time and is now under threat of closure. The KCC Budget has been completed. Cllr Hohler is a Trustee of The Tate in Margate and she explained her involvement with fund raising and publicity and recommended visiting the exhibitions. Community Warden numbers are not being cut following public consultation. Mrs Hohler had arranged for road signs on the A20 to be cleaned and if she can will get Birling and Ryarsh's done too.

Crime January - Sheds of 3 properties in Bull Road were broken into. Several items had been recovered from the field behind the properties. Only 2 of the 3 owners had wished to submit reports. 17 January – Rear windscreens of 2 vehicles and a window of The Nevill Bull had been broken, seemingly random acts of vandalism. 12 February -cycle stolen from a driveway in Stangate Road.

3 Approval and Signing of Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2015 be **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** by the Chair.

4 Matters arising and last month's circulation

(a) White lines and signs in Bull Road and Ryarsh Road

The clerk had asked Kent Highways to look at the lines and signs around the traffic calming and the SLOW signs in Ryarsh Road. They did not consider any signs to be in need of cleaning but lines would be refreshed in the summer.

(b) Defibrillator

Details had been obtained from Community Heartbeat who had installed defibrillators for Addington PC and Malling Lions. A representative would be willing to address the PC and the Clerk suggested this might be suitable for the APA. County Cllr Sarah Hohler still had £1000 grant available, the forms for which needed to be submitted by the end of February. If the grant was approved there was a 6 month window for the money to be spent. It was unanimously **AGREED** to arrange for the representative to attend the APA and for the Clerk to complete the grant application forms.

(c) Community Awards Scheme

No paperwork needs to be completed to join this scheme.

(d) Precept

Papers had been submitted to TMBC.

(e) Any other matters arising.

Nothing was raised under this heading.

5 Parish Business for Decisions

(a) Elderly Care Auction Cllr Westwood said that a recent article in the KM noted that KCC Social Services staff were not happy with new system. BPC agreed that it is not a good system and that Sarah should be made aware of BPC's concerns

(b) Any other business for decisions

Nothing was raised under this heading.

7 <u>Correspondence</u>

Invitation to attend London Paramount Resort workshops

Invitation to attend The Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance 25 Anniversary Service of Celebration at Canterbury Cathedral 27/5/2015

No-one wished to attend either

8 Financial Matters

(a) Monthly accounts, statements & PAYE records to be signed

Monthly reconciliation sheet, bank statement and PAYE forms signed.

(b) Cheques

The following cheque was signed:

1372 Mrs Grimmett January salary & expenses £281.49

(this includes cost of 2 plastic storage boxes)

(c) Any other financial business

The Clerk advised that the internal audit will be carried out on 23 April 2015.

9 Roads

(a) JPCTCG

The minutes of the January meeting said that subscription invoices would be raised in January but the Clerk had subsequently been advised that this had been changed to April to enable all parishes to be invoiced at the same time.

(b) Any other roads business

Cllr Walker had noticed that slippage on The Bank was once again causing concern. The Clerk was asked to contact Kent Highways and to also let Cllr Hohler know.

10 Planning

New Applications:

TM/15/00090/RD TQ 567887 159226

Applicant: Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd & The Homes & Community Agency

Location: Leybourne Grange Hospital

Proposal: Details submitted pursuant to condition 4

BPC: No objections

TM/15/00119/FL TQ 567952 160377

Applicant: Mrs N Yates

Location: 6 The Close, Birling, ME19 5WJ

Proposal: Demolish conservatory and erect double storey extension and side facing

dormer window

BPC: No objections.

TM14/03753/RM TQ 567887 159226

Applicant: Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd & The Homes & Community Agency Proposal: Reserved matters application for Phase 4 (access, appearance,

landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to TM/12/03238/FLEA for the erection of 230 dwellings and associated car parking, landscaping,

drainage & lighting.

Location: Leybourne Grange Hospital

BPC: No objections

TM/15/00284/FL TQ 569401 160666

Applicant: Mrs E Janz

Location: Sandhole Farm, Sandhole, Snodland ME6 5LG

Proposal: Demolition of pet crematorium, part conversion and part new build of

redundant veterinary surgery building to from single dwelling and garage

BPC:

Decisions:

TM/14/03542/FL TQ 567998 160414

Applicant: Mrs Clare Innes

Location: 3 The Close, Birling, ME19 5WJ

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory at rear of house, two storey extension to rear and

side; addition of 2 dormer windows in roof, construction of detached double

garage

BPC: No objections but comments re size and siting of garage and erroneous

information re Q7 and Q10.

TMBC: Approved 23/1/2015

11 Any Other Business

Cllr Westwood announced the sad passing of Donald Marchant the previous Tuesday. The service is being held at Vinters Park on Thursday. Councellors sent their condolences to the family and thanked Donald for all the years spent on the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to re-circulate details of how to apply to TMBC for election papers.

Cllr Hopper had advised the Clerk that, due to problems with his PC and limited time available due to his house move he would not be able to train Cllr Spooner as the new webmaster but would offer whatever assistance he could as and when free to do so. Cllr Westwood volunteered to be webmaster should Cllr Spooner decide not to do so if she moved. The Clerk had received an email from a resident concerned that minutes were not on the website and had offered to send them to him until normal service was resumed.

Cllr Westwood had been advised by a resident that she had not had a response to an email sent to PCSO Bullen about items found in the village hall car park. The Clerk was asked to contact PCSO Bullen.

12 Date of next meeting

As previously agreed 17 March 2015 at 8pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.