

**STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 APRIL 2013 AT  
STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	Vice-chairman
	Cllr George Goring	
	Cllr Miss Janet Howie	
	Cllr Michael Osborne	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Mrs Ann Kemp	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler	Kent County Council

<b>Item</b>	<i>Action point</i>
Minute no 2013/14/	

**1 APOLOGIES**

1 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr John Brooker	At work
Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth	At work

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed these apologies be accepted An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Mrs Hohler. An apology for absence was also received from Borough Councillor Matthew Balfour.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2013**

3 It was proposed by Cllr Goring, seconded by Cllr Miss Howie and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2013 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

4 **a C/2012/13/6a(v) minute 2012/13/03/399: Planning Application TM/13/00399/FL: Parsonage Farm, Hatham Green Lane, Stansted**

A site meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by Cllrs Mrs Falconer, Mrs Goodworth, Miss Howie and Osborne. The response submitted to the local planning authority was as follows:

Stansted PC has no objection to this application. Members are aware that the application is contrary to Green Belt policy in that it provides for 4 extra dwellings in the Green Belt. However the offices in one of the redundant agricultural buildings have been unlet and unoccupied for over 12 months and have proved impossible to re-let and this use is now unviable. When occupied by businesses, there were far more traffic movements including

cars, vans and larger vehicles comprising workers, collections and deliveries, than would be generated by 4 dwellings. The proposed residential development is small and would not be detrimental to the area.

## **COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

The Chairman suspended the meeting for Cllrs Mrs Hohler and Mrs Kemp to give their reports.

Cllr Mrs Hohler said that the contract for superfast broadband had been awarded to British Telecommunications and would be rolled out from next year.

Cllr Mrs Kemp had nothing to report.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Mrs Hohler and Mrs Kemp and reconvened the meeting.

### **5 POLICE AND VILLAGE SECURITY**

#### **5 a Police Report**

In the absence of a police representative, there was no report.

#### **6 b CCTV and Village Security**

Cllr Mss Howie reported on the meeting held with Stuart Moaby of the police, Lydia Brooker and the Clerk. It had been decided that it would be best to improve Neighbourhood Watch before going any further. Cllr Bott observed that Stansted residents did not seem particularly interested in CCTV in the village and it was agreed not to pursue the matter further.

#### **7 c Neighbourhood Watch**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mrs Goodworth now had information on Neighbourhood Watch and would bring it to the next meeting.

### **6 PLANNING.**

#### **a Applications**

#### **8 i TM/13/00393/FL: Cob Trees, Hatham Green Lane, Stansted: Retrospective application for 3 domestic lighting columns**

After discussion, it was agreed to object as follows:

Stansted Parish Council objects to this application on highways grounds, on grounds of loss of amenity and health issues to local residents and on grounds of light pollution.

The site is at the junction of Hatham Green Lane and Plaxdale Green Road and the lighting is a distraction to road users and confusing to them.

The lighting on this property is visible to a large part of the village, which is a loss of amenity both to immediate and more distant neighbours. This is causing a health issue for other residents, for example due to the topography, one of the lights shines directly into the kitchen of a property on the other side of Plaxdale Green Road, downhill of Cob Trees

The Parish Council considers the lighting overpowering and a source of light pollution. The application is for "domestic lighting columns" but there are strong security lights.

around the building and the Parish Council queries why these were not included in the application The Parish Council continues to receive complaints about the lighting at Cob Trees.

The Parish Council is asking its Borough Councillors for this application to be called in for consideration by the Borough Council's Planning Committee.

- 9     **ii**    **TM/13/00732/FL:** Fairseat Cottage, Vigo Road, Fairseat:

After discussion, it was agreed a site meeting should be held.

- 10    **iii**    **TM/13/00734/FL:** Fairseat Lodge, Vigo Road, Fairseat

After discussion, it was agreed a site meeting should be held.

11           **Out of Time**

The response to the out of time application as listed on Appendix A was ratified.

12    **b**     **Decisions**

The decisions as listed on appendix A were received.

**c**     **Enforcement**

- 13    **i**     **Compass Cottage, Malthouse Road, Stansted**

The Clerk had not heard anything further. Cllr Osborne would explain the situation to Cllr Mrs Kemp.

- 14    **ii**    **Field Shelter, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted**

The Clerk was still waiting for a photograph so that enforcement could identify the structure correctly.

15    **d**     **Appeals**

- 16    **i**     **APP/H2265/A/13/2191883: TM/13/00735/FL:** Winterdale Shaw, 20 Platt House Lane, Fairseat: Appeal against refusal of permission for use of attic area of cheese barn as residential accommodation including the insertion of 8 rooflights

The appeal was noted.

**e**     **Other Planning Issues**

- 17    **i**     **Cob Trees, Hatham Green Lane**

It was noted that although planning consent for the column lights was being applied for, the lights on the house were not part of the application.

7           **FINANCE**

- 18    **a**     **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

19 **b Cheques Signed since Last Meeting**

None.

20 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the accounts as listed on appendix B be paid (cheques 647 –650, with the addition of £?, Kent Association of Local Councils (cheque 651).

**8 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

21 **None.**

**9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY**

**a Recreation Ground**

22 i. General Matters. Nothing to report

23 ii. Hire of Ground. The Clerk reported that the Montessori pre-school would be starting next term.

24 **b Play Equipment**

No entries had been received for the competition. The Headteacher had been off sick and no meeting of the planning group had been held.

25 **c War Memorial and Garden**

Cllr Osborne asked that parents be requested to stop their children playing on the memorial.

26 **d Telephone Kiosk**

Cllr Goring said he would ask the school secretary if some cleaning could be carried out.

27 **e Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

**10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

28 **a General Matters**

It was reported that the re-surfacing of Tumblefield Road had not taken place as the ground temperature had been too low. The work would be re-scheduled.

29 **b Signs off A227 at Fairseat Lane**

Cllr Bott apologised that he had not yet spoken to Cllr Coffin.

30 **c A227 Speed Limit**

There were proposals to alter the speed limits on the A227, reducing it to 40 mph up the

hill as far as the Vigo Inn. It was felt this was not going far enough and should go further towards Culverstone.

**11 VILLAGE HALLS**

**31 a Stansted Village Hall**

It was reported that storage for the Montessori pre-school would be accommodated in the hall.

**32 b Fairseat Village Hall and Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

**12 BROADBAND**

33 Cllr Bott said that he had spoken to the KCC officer and reported that the £100,000 awarded to the parish was ring-fenced.

**13 CONSULTATION**

34 No documents received.

**14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

34 The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May s 8 pm.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE**

35 None.

**16 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

36 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

**17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**37 a Borough Council Leader's Reception**

Cllr Mrs Falconer reported on the reception for the new Borough Council Leader that she had attended. She had asked how parish councils could get planning applications called in to be decided by committee rather than under delegated powers and had been told they should ask their borough councillors. The other subject that had come up was highway issues but this was a KCC matter.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2013