

**STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2015 AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman
	Cllr John Brooker	
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth	
	Cllr George Goring	
	Cllr Michael Osborne	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler	Kent County Council
	Cllr Mrs Ann Kemp	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	Cllr Robin Betts	Wrotham Parish Council
	Cllr Martin Coffin	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and Wrotham Parish Council

**Item** *Action point*  
Minute no 2015/16/

**1 APOLOGIES**

1 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Miss Howie. An apology for absence was also received from Cllr Matthew Balfour, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER**

2 Cllr Mrs Goodworth declared a potential conflict of interest in item 10, Brownes Bequest.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2015**

3 It was proposed by Cllr Brooker, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

4 No matters were raised.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Mrs Hohler reported that 85 responses to the school closure consultation had been received. Of these, 83 had been against closure. However, the recommendation was to close the school on 31<sup>st</sup> August. In order to become a different school, it would have to close and then re-open. Cllr Mrs Goodworth asked why it had taken three attempts to find a good headteacher. Cllr Mrs Falconer asked what the Parish Council could now do. Cllr Betts said that the way forward for a new school was to attract enough for a new reception class, which would then move through the school, with new children coming into reception each year.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Hohler and members of the public and re-convened the meeting.

**5 PLANNING**

**a Applications**

- 5 **i TM/15/00415/FL:** Fairseat Nurseries, Gravesend Road, Wrotham: Change of use of land from plant nursery to animal sanctuary and the erection of 4 no timber buildings to house animals and an office.

After discussion, it was agreed to have a site meeting before making a response. It was understood from Cllr Mrs Kemp that the applicant had also applied for a zoo licence.

- 6 **ii TM/15/00973/FL:** Ridgелands, Malthouse Road, Stansted: Erection of a conservatory to the side elevation

After discussion, it was agreed there was no objection in principle, but to ask the local planning authority for a condition to be imposed that sufficient hard standing remains so that the current available car parking within the curtilage is imposed.

- 7 **iii TM/15/00967/RD:** Oakwood Farm, Vigo Road, Fairseat: Details submitted of contamination pursuant to condition 6 of planning permission TM/10/00887/FL (Demolition of existing chicken sheds, workshop, store, packing shed, stables and other associated structures and erection of 8No. dwellings with associated parking, garaging, access and landscaping)

No objection.

**8 b Decisions**

The decision as listed on Appendix A was received.

**c Enforcement**

**9 i Thriftwood, Plaxdale Green Road**

It was reported that a tree preservation order had been made on woodland consisting of mixed deciduous trees including hornbeam, oak, beech and ash at Thriftwood Camping and Caravan Park.

**10 d Appeals**

None

**11 e Other Planning Issues**

None.

**6 FINANCE**

**12 a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

13 **b Cheques signed since Last Meeting**

None.

14 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Goring, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 725 - 729).

**7 FUNDING REQUESTS**

15 **a Stansted Village Hall**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth said the hall needed new chairs and she would obtain prices and make an application.

**8 BROWNES BEQUEST**

16 Nothing to report.

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

**a Recreation Ground**

17 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

18 ii. Hire of Ground. It was agreed the fête would be held on the field on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September and the car park used for the Cloisters 100 bike ride on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

19 **b Playpark**

It was expected the new equipment would be installed the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April.

20 **c War Memorial and Garden**

The post had been repaired. Cllr Bott said that his son would keep the area tidy as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award for community work. The poppies from the display at the Tower of London had been received and would be placed inside the church on the old base of the war memorial.

21 **e Telephone Kiosk**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth said that the Knitting Group was making progress with the project.

22 **f Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

**10 POLICE MATTERS**

23 **a Police Representative's Report**

No report.

24 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

11 **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

25 **a Potholes, Stansted Hill**

Cllr Brooker said he would fill them in.

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12 **VILLAGE HALLS**

26 **a Stansted Village Hall**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

27 **b Fairseat Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

13 **STANSTED SCHOOL**

28 Cllr Osborne said that only 2 children would be in the school at the beginning of the next term.

14 **BROADBAND**

29 Cllr Bott said that his contact had assured him the upgrade would take place.

15 **WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET**

30 Nothing to report.

16 **CONSULTATION**

31 No documents received.

17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

32 None.

18 **REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

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

19 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**a Parish Partnership Panel**

Cllr Mrs Falconer asked about the Parish Partnership Panel. Cllr Mrs Goodworth said she knew Cllr Miss Howie had attended meetings. It was understood from Cllr Coffin

that the format would be changed and that more meaningful presentations were needed.

**b Forest Hill Park**

Cllr Brooker reported that all the trees had been cut down at Forest Hill Park. He had been told that a barrister had told the owner he could do it and it was now a breach in the High Court.

**c Elections**

The Clerk reported that all people nominated had been elected unopposed and that there was a vacancy, which could be filled by co-option at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2015