

Newington (Folkestone & Hythe) Parish Council

*Meeting held at the Village Hall and later at The Barn on
Monday 14th January at 7.00pm 2019.*

MINUTES

- 1 To record those **Present** and list any **Apologies**

Present:

Sally Coleman (Chair), Kevin Golding, John Neale, Ronin Thornby, Sue Smith, Susan Carey (KCC)

Clerk: Catherine Skinner

The meeting opened at The Village hall as publicised, however due to a double booking, the Parish Council meeting moved to The Barn with all Councillors and Parishioners and re convened at 1920hrs.

- 2 To declare any **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)** and **Other Significant Interests (OSI)** relating to items on the agenda.

None reported

- 3 **Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10/11/18**

The minutes were Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Sally Coleman

- 4 **Matters arising from Parish Council Meeting held on 10/11/18**

None

- 5 **Open session.** This is for residents of Newington to raise questions and is limited to 15 minutes unless extended by the Chairman.

A resident asked the meeting about the continual noise created by a generator which is pumping water on the Elec Link site. Cllr Golding agreed to contact Elec Link and Balfour Beatty to find out more about this – to be reported at the next meeting. KCC Cllr Carey also suggested to the parishioner that this problem could also be reported to FHDC Environmental Services as this is a noise nuisance.

Ongoing pothole issues – Cllr Carey asked for reference numbers of outstanding reported issues and agreed to follow up with the team responsible.

The A20 footpath is deteriorating and needs improvement. Cllr Carey will look into this and also the parking space which has been created near the phone mast.

Hume Planning Consultants attended the meeting as representatives of the Tory Foundation. In consideration of the concerns raised when the application to build 5 houses in Peene was discussed they confirmed that they were looking and some



amendments to the planning application. Until an amended application is registered at FHDC and formally submitted to the Parish Council, no comments or decisions can be taken. The matter of the homes being for local residents has not been resolved as it still remains that it would be necessary to be on the housing register and in a sufficiently high band to qualify for them. It is not thought that this would be the case for those in need of housing or for those wishing to stay in the village having been brought up there.

6 Elec Link – To discuss progress to date and agree any next steps (if required)

No progress to report at this meeting.

7 Reports from KCC Councillor Susan Carey and FHDC Councillor David Godfrey

KCC Cllr Carey's Report:

Cllr Carey was pleased to report that K. CC has received more funding which will help avoid further cuts to the current budget. Brexit preparations and discussions have taken place with a successful truck parking exercise having taken place at Manston Airport recently. The Police & Crime Commissioner recently met resident of Stelling Minnis – there is a Police funding consultation online at KCC now.

Good news – the Post Office at Lyminge will re-open soon. Lyminge Library opening hours will soon be extended.

FHDC Cllr David Godfrey's Report:

Welcome to 2019

2019 begins as 2018 ended with uncertainty over Brexit but we are determined that our Services, plans and aspirations for the District continue without loss of momentum.

Funding for independent living

In December 2018 the Government allocated an additional £134,000 to the Councils disabled facilities grant which funds adaptations to help people continue living independently in their homes. During 2018 the Council spent £400,000 improved 50 homes with specialist equipment such as stairlifts, ramps, level access showers and this additional funding will enable us to adapt dozens more.

Recycling and Litter

According to national statistics the District produced 22kg less general waste per household in 2017/2018 than the previous year, the lowest amount in any year in the past decade. We congratulate and thank residents for their commitment to the environment by disposing of Rubbish responsibly. Having said here are still too many irresponsible individuals continuing to drop litter. Our Area officers are working hard to assist local parishes to clean up hot spots although we are unable to tackle some road verges for safety reasons and these need to be dealt with separately.

We continue to successfully identify and prosecute fly tippers.

Good news stories

During 2018 Folkestone and Hythe District Council staff voluntarily raised over £4700 for

good causes such as Alzheimer's Society, Demelza House, children's hospice.

Our very own Councillor and fellow Councillor Rory Love was awarded an OBE in the Queens New Year's honours list for public and political service.

2019 Local Government elections

District, Town and Parish council elections take place this forthcoming May. I shall be seeking re-election to Folkestone and Hythe District Council and hope to continue serving North Downs East Ward residents for a further 4 years which will make 16 years as a District Councillor.

David Godfrey
Cabinet Member for Special Projects
Folkestone & Hythe District Council

10 Planning – Recent applications and decisions.

Application No: Y18/1464/FH, CHURCH HOUSE SCHOOL LANE NEWINGTON

Works to trees situated within a conservation area.

No objection.

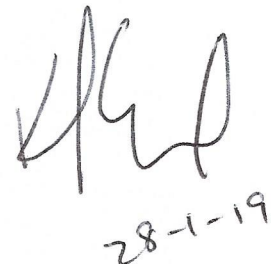
14 Confirm the date of the next meeting

- Monday 14th January 2018
- Meeting dates for 2019:

11th March 2019 (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting, 13th May 2019, 8th July 2019, 9th September 2019, 11th November 2019

15 Close of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm



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