

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 MAY 2020 AT 6.00 PM
ONLINE BY ZOOM DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS**

PRESENT: Cllr Harry Bott Chairman
 Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer Vice-chairman
 Cllr Thomas Brooker
 Cllr Daren Sefer
 Cllr Mrs Yvonne Tisson

Mrs Melita Gandolfo Clerk

In attendance Cllr Harry Rayner Kent County Council

Item *Action point*
 Minute no 2020/21/

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

9 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Tisson and agreed Cllr Bott be elected Chairman for the year.

2 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

10 Cllr Bott accepted the office of Chairman and confirmed that he would sign his declaration of acceptance of office before the Proper Officer of the Council when Covid19 restrictions were lifted.

3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

11 It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Mrs Tisson and agreed Cllr Mrs Falconer be elected Vice-Chairman for the year

4 TO RECEIVE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

12 Cllr Mrs Falconer accepted the office of Vice-Chairman and confirmed that she would sign her declaration of acceptance of office before the Proper Officer of the Council when Covid19 restrictions were lifted.

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

13 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kevin Sparkes, Cllr Martin Coffin, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, and from Tom Sheldon.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

14 Cllr Bott declared an interest in Agenda item 15 as he was related to the person making the inquiry.

7 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2020

15 It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2020 were a true record and would be signed when Covid19 restrictions were lifted.

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

16 No matters were raised.

SUSPENSION OF MEETING FOR COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Rayner reported that he had arranged funding for a computer software programme for Shipbourne Farmers Market to allow Click and Collect shopping so that physical contact could be minimised and distancing respected.

Cllr Rayner said that he was pressing for recycling centres to be reopened as soon as possible.

He also said that Michael Payne, KCC Cabinet Member for Highways, was aware of traffic issues in Stansted and Wrotham.

9 PLANNING**a Applications**

17 **TM/ 20/00799/FL:** Hatham Green Cottage, Hatham Green Lane, Stansted
First floor bedroom and kitchen extension

After discussion, it was agreed to reply as follows:

Stansted Parish Council do not object to this application.

However if TMBC decide to approve this application, Stansted Parish Council would ask that future development rights to the property be removed, due to the extensive alterations and extensions that have been made over the years.

b Decisions

18 **i TM/20/00464/FL:** Parsonage Farmyard, Hatham Green Lane, Stansted
Redevelopment of former fruit pickers' cottages to create four self-contained holiday cottages
Application withdrawn - This decision was noted

19 **ii TM/19/03011/FL:** Thriftwood Caravan and Camping Park, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted
Variation of condition 1 of planning permission TM/1801286/FL to reduce the total number of caravans on site to 150
Decided – Refuse - This decision was noted

10 FINANCE**a Bank Balances**

20 The bank balances as listed on the Agenda were noted.

b Payments to be made

21 It was proposed by Cllr Bott and seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer that the payments listed on the Agenda be made / ratified. The Clerk would make these payments online payments as cheques could not be signed at the Zoom meeting.

11 QUOTATION FROM NURTUTRE LANDSCAPES FOR 2020-21 CONTRACT

22 The Clerk had received confirmation of the cost of works by Nurture Landscapes for 2020-21 and confirmed that there was an increase of 2% on 2019-20, as had been agreed previously for the 2020-2021 Budget.

12 SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN THE PARISH

23 No further requests for help had been received. Parish Councillors reported that elderly and vulnerable people were receiving necessary support from families, friends and neighbours.

13 THRIFTWOOD CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITE

24 Parish Councillors had received an email originally sent by Cllr Mrs Tisson, expressing concern that although the Thriftwood site was closed due to Covid19 restrictions, at least 50% of the sites appeared to have cars parked by them. This suggested that they were being used, either as holiday homes (not allowed under Covid19 restrictions) or as permanent residences (not allowed at the site). The implications for this regarding education, council tax, and social services were discussed at length. Cllr Bott agreed to speak informally to the owner Mr Sellers. The Clerk would write to TMBC Cllr Martin Coffin to express concerns, and also to KCC Cllr Harry Rayner with regard to social services.

25 It was further noted that many trees were being cut down along a border between the camp site and farmland. Cllr Bott agreed to speak to the owner Mr Sellers, and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Liz Guthrie at TMBC to ask if the trees had TPOs and if not could they be obtained.

26 Cllr Mrs Tisson suggested that the Parish Council could arrange for new trees to be planted along the hedge to replace the but trees, and Cllr Bott agreed to speak to the owner of the adjoining farmland.

14 NEW NOTICE BOARDS

27 It was noted that the new notice boards required reinforcement to prevent the doors blowing back too far when opened in breezy weather; also that more substantial bolts were required; and that one of the doors had dropped. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Gerry Glidewell.

15 ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION

The Clerk reported that KALC had negotiated a special price for a Zoom Pro subscription, £7.99 instead of £11.99/12.99.

28 Cllr Mrs Falconer had kindly allowed the Parish Council to use the Zoom on her subscription, and said she was willing for this to continue in the short term. It was agreed that this would be reviewed when / if necessary.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A brief discussion took place on the sale in plots to local people of part of the Walton's land.
No other issues were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6.55 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2020