

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2017 AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman	From item 5
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	Vice-chairman	In the chair Items 1 - 4
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth		
	Cllr Michael Osborne		
	Cllr Daren Sefer		
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk	
In attendance	Cllr Harry Rayner	Kent County Council	
	Cllr Robin Betts	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	
	Cllr Martin Coffin	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	

Item *Action point*
Minute no 2017/18/

1 APOLOGIES

278 An apology for absence was received from:

Cllr John Brooker indisposed

It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed this apology be accepted. An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Bott.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

279 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2017

280 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2017 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

282 No matters were raised.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Cllrs Rayner, Betts and Coffin to speak.

Cllr Rayner reported that there had been a decision to go out to consultation on rural bus services, as the County Council wished to eliminate the subsidy. It would be a gradual matter. So far there had been only one comment from the parish.

Cllr Betts said that a name was being sought for the new development at Plaxdale Green Farm. Some suggestions were made, but members were asked to consider the matter and bring forward ideas for the next meeting. He said that the Local Plan had been on track, but the Government had altered the criterion

for housing needs and there would now be a consultation on the formula and methodology. If this went ahead the number of houses would be raised from 696 to 859 a year, which was a figure that had never been delivered in the Borough. This would not apply to Local Plans being submitted by 31st March 2018. The head of planning considered that because of legislation procedures, it was unlikely that the submission could be brought forward to make this deadline. The waste services contract would be out for retendering in 2019. More recyclables would be collected from the kerbside and the collection of garden waste would be an opt-in and would be charged. The recycling centre was back in service at Borough Green. Travellers had bought land next to the Holiday Inn at Wrotham Heath and had moved onto the land.

Cllr Coffin said that it was envisaged the budget would be increased by 2%.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Rayner, Betts and Coffin and reconvened the meeting.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

- 283 i **TM/17/03236/FL:** The Old Manor, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted: Single storey extension, conversion of garage to domestic studio and external alterations; erection of new car port, garden fence enclosure and swimming pool

No objection

- 284 ii **TM/17/02712/FL:** Vigo House, Gravesend Road, Wrotham: Two storey rear extension, new front porch, and new first floor window in front facade and removal of existing pebble dash to expose original brickwork

After discussion, it was agreed to respond as follows:

Stansted Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application, but considers the removal of render to Vigo House should not be approved without consideration of the adjoining Vigo Cottage. The external appearance of both properties should be the same, either render or brickwork. If the render is to be removed to expose the brickwork, an application should also be submitted for Vigo Cottage.

Members of the Parish Council who have lived in the parish all of their lives remember the external finish as always having been rendered. In addition, one member who is a retired builder is of the opinion that the render is concrete based and that the original bricks would be damaged if the render were removed.

- 285 b **Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

- 286 c **Enforcement**

None

- 287 d **Appeals**

None.

288 e **Other Planning Issues**

None.

6 **FINANCE**289 a **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as shown on Appendix B were noted.

290 b **Payments made since last Meeting**

None.

291 c **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 845 - 846)

292 d **Draft Budget 2018/19**

A draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk said it had been prepared on a worst case scenario basis, taking into account the loan repayments on the purchase of the school building and running costs, assuming there would be no income from it in the year. Members were asked to consider the draft carefully, as it would have to be finalised and agreed and the precept set at the next meeting.

7 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

292 None.

8 **MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**a **Recreation Ground**293 i **General Matters**

Nothing to report.

294 ii **Hire of Ground**

Nothing to report.

295 iii **Medway Croquet Club**

Cllr Osborne had met a representative of the club and had measured out the size required for one lawn. This had shown that too great an area of the ground would be used.

296 b **Play Park**

Nothing to report.

297 c **War Memorial and Garden**

Nothing to report.

298 d **Telephone Kiosk**

Nothing further to report.

299 e **Church Bank**

Nothing to report.

300 f **Village Green, Hatham Green Lane**

Nothing to report.

301 g **Registration of Council's Land**

The Clerk was asked to speak to BTF Partnership and find out the date the application had been made to the Land Registry.

9 BROWNES BEQUEST

302 Cllr Bott reported that a resident was arranging a lunch for some of the elderly residents. He proposed that the Council contribute £100 to the costs from the Brownes Bequest. This was seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed.

10 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT303 a **Public Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

304 b **Report from Encroachment Working Party**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported so far she and Mr Barry had not been able to speak to the owners of Ocklynge, Plaxdale Green Road.

305 c **Other Highways or Transport Issues**

None.

11 VILLAGE HALLS306 a **Stansted Village Hall**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

307 b **Fairseat Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

12 POLICE MATTERS

308 Cllr Mrs Goodworth said she had not heard from the PCSO.

13 REPORTS ON MEETINGS

309 None.

14 WORLD WARS COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET AND AIRFIELD PLAQUE

310 Cllrs Bott and Osborne had attended a meeting.

15 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

311 None received.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

312 None.

17 REPORTS AND CIRCLARS

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

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

314 No matters were raised.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

19 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

315 As no members of the press or public were present, the resolution was not necessary.

120 STANSTED SCHOOL

316 Cllr Mrs Falconer reported that the solicitors for both parties were progressing the matter.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2018