

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2015 AT FAIRSEAT VILLAGE
HALL, VIGO ROAD, FAIRSEAT AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Harry Bott Chairman
 Cllr John Brooker
 Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer
 Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth From item 6
 Cllr George Goring
 Cllr Miss Janet Howie
 Cllr Michael Osborne

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance PCSO Laura Bullen
 8 members of the public

Item *Action point*
 Minute no 2014/15/

1 APOLOGIES

382 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Goring. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council and Cllrs Matthew Balfour and Mrs Ann Kemp, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

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

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2015

384 It was proposed by Cllr Brooker, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2015 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

385 No matters were raised.

5 STANSTED SCHOOL

386 The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

It was reported there were now 19 children in the school. The parents were in the process of undertaking a survey. More would use the school if there was a pre-school. Mrs Osborne was leaving at Easter. Mr Mattick had researched on academy status; the school would have to close and re-open. It would require central government to seek a suitable academy group and there were several in the area. Due to the size the school was now almost certainly unviable. It would appear that the Local authority and Diocese had planned well ahead for closure, but special measures was not a step to closure but a step towards improvement. All the families who had removed their children would bring them back if the correct leadership was put in

place. Mrs Nelson thanked the Parish Council for being the only official body doing anything about the situation.

The Chairman thanked members of the public and reconvened the meeting.

Cllr Bott referred to the draft response, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The response was agreed and would be delivered by the deadline on 6th March. Cllr Mrs Falconer thanked Cllr Bott for drafting it. It was then proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council seek to have the school listed as a community asset.

As PCSO Bullen was present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

12 POLICE MATTERS

387 a Police Representative's Report

PCSO Bullen reported there had been 3 thefts of cables belonging to UK Networks. Gates had been stolen at a house in Ash Lane.

6 PLANNING

388 a Applications

None

389 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

c Enforcement

390 i Byways, Vigo Road

Enforcement had been asked to check the building was being constructed according to the drawings.

391 d Appeals

None

392 e Other Planning Issues

None.

7 FINANCE

393 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

394 b Cheques signed since Last Meeting

None.

395 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Bott , seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the account for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheque 724).

8 FUNDING REQUESTS

396 None.

10 BROWNES BEQUEST

397 **a Croquet and Bowls Clubs**

Cllr Bott had spoken o both clubs. The nearest bowls club was in Borough Green but they needed £80,000 and were unlikely to obtain a grant. He thought the Croquet Club were using it as a stalking horse and that relocating to Stansted was their plan B.

10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

398 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

399 ii. Hire of Ground. Nothing to report.

400 **b Playpark**

No update.

401 **c War Memorial and Garden**

Cllr Brooker said Tom Brooker would attend to the post.

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402 **e Telephone Kiosk**

Cllr Miss Howie said that the Knitting Group was engaged on the project.

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

Nothing to report.

11 POLICE MATTERS

404 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

12 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

405 **a Public Rights of Way**

A letter had been received from a resident of New Ash Green, suggesting the creation of a public right of way from Wyse's Lane to the Anchor and Hope, in the fields behind South Ash Road. Cllr Bott said this would be up to the landowner.

406 **b Potholes, Stansted Hill**

Highways would not fill the potholes as it was private land. The landowner had given permission in the past. Cllr Mrs Falconer said it was dangerous and KCC should be approached.

13 VILLAGE HALLS

407 **a Stansted Village Hall**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

408 **b Fairseat Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

14 BROADBAND

409 Cllr Bott had no update to give.

15 WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET

410 Nothing to report.

16 CONSULTATION

411 No documents received.

17 CORRESPONDENCE

412 None.

18 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

141 No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2015