

HOTHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of A Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council.
Held on Wednesday 7th October by Zoom Pro

1. Present

Mr I Lloyd (Chair), Mrs M Merrion (Vice Chair), Mrs P Sutcliffe, Mr M Cook, Mr R Vernon, Mr G Cox, Mr P Theedom, Cllr C Bell (Borough Councillor), Mrs M Norris (Clerk)

One member of the public was in attendance.

2. Apologies for Absence

None Required

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. Public Interval

Mr Pollock spoke to the attendees regarding the Vineyard and their plans for ploughing the land. This would mean that the public would need to use the Public Right of Way a little further along. Signs have been placed to aid this and the kissing gate is now open.

5. Vineyard

This was covered under the public interval as Mr Pollock was present.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

6.1. Resolved That the Minutes of the meetings of Hothfield Parish Council held on 3rd September 2020 be approved and confirmed as true records.

7. Matters Arising There were no matters arising.

8. Planning Matters

No planning matters had been received.

9. Borough Councillors Report Cllr Bell reported that the Borough Council and ABC have strongly objected to the Government's White Paper which proposes changes to housing and the planning system and have replied accordingly. KCC have also lodged similar comments and concerns.

Cllr Bell also confirmed that that Kent had also been in the press regarding the Kent Access Passport this will be a requirement for lorry drivers entering Kent to then travel onward to EU destinations.

10. Financial Report

10.1 Expenditure The following payments were agreed in accordance with the budget – Resolved

Payments	£
EDF Energy	£9.00
Salaries	£118.80 £315.55
Webmaster	£28.00
Zoom Video Comms	£28.78

Receipts	£0.00

Bank Reconciliation as of 11 September 2020 £44,541.87 less any unrepresented cheques

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The Clerk advised that the HPC budget needs to be set and signed off by the HPC at the December meeting at the very latest. It was agreed that Cllr Merrion and the parish clerk would get together to facilitate this.

Action MM/MN

- 11. Solar Funding Projects** A list of all the solar funding projects was issued to the PC prior to the meeting. The Cllrs discussed some of the ideas in further depth with a view to presenting these to the residents at a village meeting. The clerk will update the spreadsheet after each meeting allowing Cllr's to work through the ideas that have been submitted so far. The following items were discussed:

Speed Control

CCTV

Pedestrian Road Crossing Cades Road.

Cllr Bell advised Cllr Sutcliffe that there could be merit in taking the speed control measures up with a representative from the Highways Department. That way, we may be able to show Highways Department the current causes of concern and they could advise us of workable solutions. Cllr Sutcliffe agreed to contact Highways Department on our behalf.

Action PS

- 12. Update on Village Hall** The Hothfield Village Hall committee had not met during the month however Cllr Theedom reported that unfortunately 2 of the longer term clubs had been in contact and would not be returning to use the village hall. This was disappointing as the village hall is in need of long term bookings. Cllr Theedom agreed to contact the trustees to arrange a meeting and will notify the PC when this is booked

Action PT

- 13. Loss of Wooded Area** Cllr Cox had brought this item to the attention of the PC. Due to technical difficulties, Cllr Cox was unable to speak on this item so it was agreed to discuss this at the November meeting.

14 General Council Business

14.1 Correspondence There were no specific items raised with the Chairman. All emailed items had been circulated previously

14.2 PCSO Report Issued to all prior to the meeting.

14.3 GDPR No issues had been raised.

14.4 Website The quarterly invoice for webmaster services had been submitted. Concerns were raised that the old website was still accessible and these were being dealt with by LCN, our previous hosts, and redirection information had also been put on the old website.

14.5 Muga Nothing to report .

14.6 AW129

14.7 Plantation Close : Following a recent online meeting with ABC and the architects, the Chairman was able to update Councillors further on the proposed development at Plantation Close:

Location - Land between 11 and 12 Plantation Close, Hothfield, TN26 1ED. Proposal - Removal of 16 garages and erection of 4 no 1B2P affordable wheelchair bungalows. landscaping of the whole site to provide for dedicated wheelchair car parking spaces (4) and (2) visitor spaces. New shared surface road utilising existing entrance and exit point from Plantation Road."

Although Cllr Cox had visited the site, due to technical difficulties, he was unable to speak at the parish council meeting and report his thoughts and/or findings. Therefore the Chairman requested that members review the

papers sent on the 02/09/20, raise their comments to the clerk who can consolidate them for the Chairman and the ABC Housing Officer involved to consider this matter further. **Action / All Members**

14.8 Clerk's Report Nothing to report.

15. Items for the Next Meeting

15.1 A20 Lorry Parking

15.2 Lakeside Retirement Development

16. Forum for exchange of Information Phil – Flood Warning and Electric Charging Points

Penny - Printing Newsletter and Associated Expenses

Cllr Theedom highlighted the Parish Electric Vehicle Charger project. Kent County Council is committed to supporting the government's drive to phase out sales of new petrol and diesel fuelled vehicles by 2035. Alongside this, the government offer grants for people buying electric vehicles. As part of the scheme, Parish and Town Councils are being encouraged to apply for chargers via the Parish Electrical Charger Project.

Flood Warning Training This autumn KALC will be delivering flood warden training virtually across the county, via Zoom.

Cllr Sutcliffe confirmed that the Hothfield Newsletter has not received any additional funding over and above that is made to cover printing costs and no additional revenue has ever been received for advertising.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th November 2020

The being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45hours
