

**ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of the Ash-cum-Ridley parish Council which will be held at **7.45pm on Thursday 17 March 2016 at Hodsoll Street Village Hall, Hodsoll Street.**

Yours faithfully

*A de Jager*

Alison de Jager  
Parish Clerk

**AGENDA****1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE****2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. Declarations of Interest – Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and of Interest Other Than Pecuniary declarations of interest which have not already been entered in the Members' register of interests.
- b. Changes to Register of Interest – a reminder that any alterations or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

**3. DISPENSATIONS**

To consider any requests received from Members to grant a dispensation in order to participate in discussion and voting, as appropriate, on matters to be considered at this meeting where a Member has an interest in Appendices A or B of the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2016 (Attached).**5. THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY BEACONS 21st April 2016**

- a. Rev Ruth Oates has advised that the Church would like to be involved in the beacon lighting event. The Parish Council has been given a lighting time of 7.30pm.
- b. To give consideration to moving the start time of the April Parish Council meeting to 8pm on Thursday 21 April 2016 to accommodate the lighting of beacon.

**6. PLANNING****(APPENDIX A GOLD)**

- a. Applications attached
- b. Decisions attached
- c. Appeals None at time of Agenda
- d. Enforcements None at time of Agenda
- e. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting 03 March 2016.

- f. To note the notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party meeting held on 01 March 2016.
- g. To give consideration to any comments regarding the Public Consultation Draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2016-19 (emailed to members on 08 March 2016)
- h. To give consideration to supporting an on-line petition:

**Give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions.**

The planning system is unfair. It is one of the few decision-making processes that gives no right of appeal to affected third parties. The government should introduce a limited third party right of appeal by giving parish councils a right to appeal planning decisions to the Planning Inspectorate.

There is a fundamental imbalance in the planning system. Under current rules, if a council refuses a planning application, the applicant is allowed to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. If a council approves an application, no one has the right to appeal. With the national presumption in favour of sustainable development throwing the planning system into disarray, in the interest of justice, the government should give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions. Closing date 16 April 2016.

## **7. FINANCE**

## **(APPENDIX B PINK)**

- a. To note the current financial position and accompanying reports.
- b. To authorise the cheques signed since the last meeting.
- c. To note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 22 February 2016.
- d. Pensions - To give consideration to the request from the Finance Officer for the provision of independent advice regarding the selection of a pension provider for the Parish Council.
- e. Annual Review of the Financial Regulations (copy provided in members handbook) – to approve a recommendation from the Finance Committee to the following amendments:
  - 3.2 to add Should the Finance Committee meeting be inquorate, the statements will be taken to the next Parish Council meeting.
  - 3.4 to add and Ash Green Sports Centre.
  - 7.2 to replace date of the invoice with due date of the invoice.
  - 7.6 to remove 7.6 in its entirety.
  - 7.14 to amend the food purchase and change float from £75 to £100
  - 8. to amend title to Payment of Salaries, Wages and Pensions
  - 8.1 to add The payment of all salaries shall be made in accordance with payroll records, current pension legislation and the rules of PAYE...
  - 13.1 to amend the food purchase and change float from £75 to £100.
  - 14.2 to replace the word seek with strive to obtain.
- f. Annual Review of the Financial Risk Assessment – to approve a recommendation from the Finance Committee to the following amendments:
  - To update the column reflecting the corresponding Financial Regulations and to amend the Shift two and three procedures for the sports centre reception. Copy attached.

- g. Review of Standing Orders – the Finance Committee carried out the review of the Standing Order and recommends no change.
- h. To give consideration to an appeal for funding from Citizens Advice Sevenoaks. (previous grant £300.00 in January 2015).
- i. To give consideration to an appeal for funding from New Ash Green Village Association towards alterations to the Village Hall kitchen as per the attached.
- j. To give consideration to an appeal for funding from the Kent County Playing Fields association as per the attached.

## **8. SPORTS CENTRE**

- a. To note that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 17 May 2016.

## **9. BARNFIELD PARK**

**(APPENDIX C PURPLE)**

- a. To note the notes of the meeting of the Liaison Group held on 07 March 2016.

## **10. NORTHFIELD**

**(APPENDIX D LIME)**

- a. To note the minutes of meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 02 March 2016.

## **11. BURIAL GROUND**

- a. To note that the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee to be held on 07 March 2016 was inquorate and did not take place.

## **12. YOUTH**

- a. Youth Club – to note the attached report.
- b. 8 – 12's Steering Group –

## **13. HIGHWAYS**

- a. To note the current Highways Report emailed to members.

## **SUSPENSION OF MEETING TO ALLOW FOR THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

## **14. FOOTPATHS**

**(APPENDIX E BLUE)**

SD252 (Part) Public Path diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2016 - To note the attached Public Path Order.

## **15. TRANSPORT**

## **16. ASH, HODSOLL STREET AND RIDLEY**

- a. Ash –
- b. Hodsoll Street -
- c. Ridley

## **17. THE BULLETIN AND PARISH WEBSITE**

- a. Bulletin –
- b. Website –

**18. NEW ASH GREEN FOCUS GROUP AND POLICE**

- a. To note that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be 11 April 2016.

**19. THURSDAY LUNCH PROVISION**

**20. KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

**21. REPORTS, CIRCULARS AND CORRESPONDENCE. (All publications available from the Clerk)**

- a. Sevenoaks District Council Planning Application List 2400 – 2403
- b. Sevenoaks District Council Press releases to date
- c. Sevenoaks District Council Current state of Premises Licence Applications

**RISK ASSESSMENTS:** *Copies of the risk assessment visual check sheets for the Burial Ground and Hodsoll Street Playing field are available from the Parish Office.*