

# STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Stalisfield Village Hall on 18 October 2023

Present: Cllr Cat Horn (Chair), Cllr Jerry Brown, Cllr Chris Norwood, Cllr Richard Vant and Cllr Nina Williams; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also present was Ward Member Terry Thompson

### 1. Apologies

All Members were present.

### 2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

### 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 14 August 2023

Cllr Horn read the minutes.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Horn.

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Horn reported that the village gateways have been installed but one is in the wrong place and the Council is waiting to hear from KCC Highways as to when this will be moved.

*ACTION: Clerk to chase*

Cllr Horn reported that the memorial bench has been completed and is in situ, the craftsman has done an excellent job. Cllr Vant was thanked for sourcing the wood.

### 5. Public Time

*The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time*

SBCllr Thompson said there was nothing to report and that he will try to help on any matters raised.

*The meeting was reconvened*

### 6. Planning Matters

#### i. Ref: 23/504033/FULL

Address: The Kent Barn Heel Road Throwley Kent ME13 0JH

Proposal: Internal alterations to existing garage to create first floor loft space for home office and insertion of 3no. rooflights.

Councillors considered the application and noted the neighbours' concerns.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to support the proposal.

#### ii. Ref: 23/504225/LBC

Address: Parsonage Farm Kennelling Road Stalisfield Kent ME13 0JQ

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for alterations to existing workshop, including insertion of new doors and window (all within existing openings), infilling of existing doorway, repairs to floor, and installation of new rainwater goods.

Councillors considered the application and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to support the proposal.

### 7. Finance

#### i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

## ii. Invoices

- a) It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Stalisfield Village Hall £7.50 for hall hire (cheque no 321).
- b) It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Newington Parish Council £55.80 being share of SLCC fees (cheque no 322).
- c) It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Swale Borough Council £80.13 in respect of election costs (cheque no 323).

## iii. Gift for craftsman of the memorial bench

Councillors expressed their gratitude for the sterling work and noted that no expenses were being sought.

*ACTION: Cllr Horn to research gift options.*

## **8. Highways**

Cllr Vant reported that Otterden does not have a Parish Council but a Parish Meeting, concern has been raised that the Parish Meeting is not taken seriously regarding highways and does not get consulted in planning applications, could Stalisfield Parish Council help?

*ACTION: Clerk to seek advice*

SBCllr Thompson said KCllr Lehmann is willing to help with highways matters.

Concern was raised regarding tall fences which have been erected close to the highway in Hillside Road without planning permission.

*ACTION: Clerk to report.*

## **9. Any Other Business**

The Clerk reported that, following HugoFox's decision to charge Parish Councils for website from 4 October 2023, they have agreed to waive the fee for Stalisfield Parish Council until April 2023 to allow for this to be in the budget. Two other quotes had been obtained but they were considerably more expensive than HugoFox.

Cllr Brown said further information received from WHP Telecoms Ltd regarding the telecoms mast is that it will be a permanent installation. The contact was part of the pre-planning consultation.

Cllr Horn said the Police report noted incidents of young males in a vehicle shooting at birds with an air rifle and also males in a vehicle using a catapult to shoot at birds.

Cllr Vant said there have also been issues with hare coursing and this needs to be reported via 999 Operation Galileo.

*ACTION: Clerk to request PC Morris to attend a meeting and for members of the public to be encouraged to attend as well.*

SBCllr Thompson said that if a Parish Council has objections to a planning application, it is important for a representative from the Parish Council to attend the Planning Committee meeting.

**10. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 11 January 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

Date: 11 January 2024