

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24 September 2018 in Stalisfield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Cat Horn (Chair), Cllr Holly Alexander and Cllr Tracy Dove; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also in attendance was KCCllr Andrew Bowles.

1. Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Horn reported no applications had been received.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Nina Williams (holiday); apology accepted. Apologies had also been received from Ward Councillor Colin Prescott; apologies noted. SBCllr Prescott requested that minutes and agendas continue to be forwarded and if anything is required he will do his best to deal with matters by telephone, e-mail or letter. SBCllr Prescott thanked the residents of Stalisfield for their kindness over the last 27 years and said it has been a pleasure to represent them at Swale. SBCllr Prescott has enjoyed attending the meetings when he has known about them and it is his intention to come to one in March/April time.

3. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 25 July 2018

Cllr Horn read the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2018 Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the meeting as read and Cllr Horn duly signed the minutes as a true record.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Officer at Swale was extremely apologetic for not delivering the litter picking equipment and has given assurance she will ensure the equipment is delivered for the next village litter pick.

6. Public Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

7. Planning Matters

18/502095/FULL Green Farm Barn Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Faversham Kent ME13 0HY

There was no update on the application.

8. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. To consider the quotations for notice board

Cllr Horn reported the Village Hall Committee would like to share the notice board and pay half of the cost so that Stalisfield Village Hall could also be on the header enabling visitors to easily identify the Village Hall.

Councillors considered two quotations for the notice board.

Cllr Dove said it needs to be a larger notice board so that all matters pertaining to either the Parish Council or Village hall could be accommodated. A local craftsman has indicated he would be able to make a suitable notice board.

Cllr Horn **PROPOSED** to accept the quote from the local craftsman if cheaper and can be made by the end of November; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Horn **PROPOSED** the header of the notice board should read “Stalisfield Village Hall and Parish Council”; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

9. Environment

Cllr Horn said the verges have not been cut back and residents have raised concerns.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Kent Highways to report and ascertain when the maintenance will be carried out.

Cllr Dove said the village clean up can be organised when the verges have been cut.

KCCllr Bowles arrived at the meeting.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Dove said she had been contacted by two residents concerning fly tipping on the bridleway near Riggshill Farm.

Cllr Horn said it needs to be reported to Kent Public Right of Way online or by using the Country Eye App.

Cllr Dove said that she has received an expression of interest during the meeting from someone interested in becoming a Councillor.

ACTION: Clerk to send Cllr Dove details of becoming a Councillor.

Cllr Horn said there have been many complaints from residents about the postman concerning his attitude and the way he treats the mail. Residents have asked if the Council would take the matter up with Royal Mail.

Councillors reported he has been unpleasant to residents; rude about the village; fragile packages have been thrown through open windows; a parcel not being delivered even though the resident was in the house. There have been lots of complaints from residents to Councillors and residents are scared to complain.

Councillors agreed to contact Royal mail about the issues.

KCCllr Bowles asked to be informed of any response received.

KCCllr Bowles there is currently a Kent County Council consultation regarding charges to residents for disposing some non-commercial rubbish at the tip.

Cllr Horn said she has responded and has suggested using a voucher scheme. There is concern that a levy on private waste such as rubbish would lead to increased fly tipping.

KCCllr Bowles said the problem of fly tipping is increasing although local authorities have been successful in prosecuting offenders.

Cllr Horn said the KALC Community Award 2019 has been launched and doubted whether to participate next year.

KCCllr Bowles reported the KALC Executive Committee is pleased that Parish Councils are involved in the scheme and acknowledge that not all Councils will take part every year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

Dated: 7 November 2018