

## Ospringe Parish Council

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The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 1st February 2017 in the Church Rooms, Church of St Peter and St Paul, Ospringe. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: A Keel – Chairman  
B Flynn – Vice Chairman  
J Dean-Kimili  
S Wright  
A Greason  
Cllr C Prescott  
I Bowie – Clerk

Apologies: R Simmons  
H Williams  
Cllr A Bowles

### **014/17 Dispensations**

Councillors B Flynn, A Greason and A Keel have been granted dispensation to deal with matters related to Champion Hall.

### **015/17 Public Participation**

There was no public participation

### **016/17 Signing of minutes**

All were in agreement for the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record of the business transacted at the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### **017/17 Matters Arising**

Highway matters: Vicarage Lane drainage issue remains outstanding and Chairman has again contacted KCC drainage department (KHS) but the lack of any response has been frustrating - Chairman is still awaiting a response to his last email (3rd November). Action: Chairman to follow up regarding this and the other drainage issues.

Speed limits – New Community Speedwatch Manager Alan Watson contacted. Cllrs agreed to re-register with the updated Speedwatch scheme. Clerk to establish if members of the previous scheme wish to continue. Cllrs discussed and decided against the purchase of speedwatch equipment. Action: Clerk to contact previous Speedwatch members and to re-register OPC

Discussion regarding the possibility of a 30mph speed limit from Bay Hill to Brogdale Road. Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Simmons and Alan Watson.

Lighting – Chairman and Cllr Williams will discuss with Ken Bonner which lights on the inventory are actually OPC responsibility as there seems to be a duplication concerning one or two lamps in Brogdale Road based on latest info from StreetLights. Mummery Court light has been fixed but an opposite light now has the same problems. Cllr Greason to report back if further action is required. Action: Chairman and Cllrs Williams and Greason to report back.

Lorenden School visit – No update regarding traffic issues. Chairman to follow up. Discussion regarding the two industrial sized bins left outside Lorenden during the holidays creating difficulties for passing traffic. Hedge possibly encroaching on the footpath. Action : Chairman to follow up

Painter's Forstal BT phone box – Clerk to continue follow up regarding proposal for removal. Action: Clerk to monitor

Perry Court (Section 106 funding). Still no response from Cllr Bowles. To be followed up. Action: Clerk to write to Cllr Bowles.

15/502982/ADV Syndale illuminated advertising. No response yet from Graham Thomas. To be followed up Action: Chairman

### **018/17 Parish Councillor Vacancies**

There are two parish councillor vacancies and the Chairman urged councillors to continue to encourage suitable applicants.

### **019/17 Parish Localism and Community Assets**

OPC considered parish sites that may benefit from being registered as community assets (ACV). Parish sites discussed included Painters Forstal playground, The Alma, the Brogdale Collection and the Church. It was agreed to check the process for community asset registration to assist in further discussion at next meeting. Action: Clerk to establish what can be registered, confirm the application process and criteria for listing

Cllr Greason spoke regarding involving local families in the discussion re the Playground, by forming a small working group and/or a mailshot to the village to establish what they would like to see there. Cllr Flynn suggested a forum on the OPC website for community feedback. A discussion then followed regarding repairs to the play equipment and the possibility of obtaining a grant/s to undertake this work. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting and for Cllrs to obtain ideas and feedback to assist the discussion. Action: Clerk to research available grants.

### **020/17 Planning**

#### **16/506452/FULL – Land Adjacent To White Timbers, Painters Forstal Road.**

Notification of appeal. Comments due by 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017. Ours concur with those made by SBC in the notice of refusal so no further comments required.

**16/504755/FULL – Equestrian Centre Willow Farm. Hansletts Lane.** Referred to SBC Planning Committee 2nd February 2017 with recommendation for approval. OPC request an amendment to SBC condition 8. To read: The hereby approved buildings shall only be for the storage and use of agricultural materials and machinery strictly for the farming activities at Willow Farm.

#### **16/507570/FULL – Chapel Bungalow, Stalisfield Road – Refused**

Application for conversion of loft into habitable space and insertion of dormer and Juliet balcony. The proposed dormer, by nature of its poor design, proportions and scale, would represent an extremely unattractive and unwelcome addition to this property, producing an adverse visual impact on the property itself and its immediate surroundings

## **Applications Approved by Swale Borough Council**

**16/507502/Full – 1 & 2 Elverland Cottages Easting Road** – application for erection of 2 no. two-storey rear extensions to semi-detached properties. OPC noted that its concerns of the overlooking of the neighbouring property had been addressed by SBC by way of condition.

**APP/V2255/C/16/3159910 – Parsonage Farm Bungalow. Parsonage Farm.** Notification of Appeal lodged with the Planning Inspectorate

## **021/17 Finance**

The Clerk circulated a note of the current status of bank accounts, reserves and expenditure.

### *Current Account payments*

Chq No 1264	Ospringe Parish Church – room hire 1/02/17	£ 20.00
Chq No 1265	Streetlights – maintenance contract 2015-16 payment 4/4	£ 216.38

Swale BC – notification that the OPC precept requirement for council tax payers 2017-18 for a Band D property will be £26.05 compared to £25.31 in 2016-17, an increase of 2.92%.

Internal Auditor – Clark has contacted Lionel Robbins as the OPC internal auditor. Meeting to be arranged. Action: Clerk Meeting to be arranged for March/April 2017. Dates emailed to Lionel Robbins. Clerk to follow up

Transparency Code Fund Application. Clerk has made an application for funding

## **022/17 Correspondence**

Annual Civic Service Invitation by Lord Lieutenant of Kent -14 March 2017

Battle's over A Nation's Tribute Beacon of Light 11/11/18 Action: discuss with VAC

Minutes Swale Joint Transportation Board - noted

KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative - Clerk to circulate map locating hydrants

KALC Allowance and Electoral Register - Copy of electoral Register downloaded

SAAA announcement appointed Auditors 2017-18, 2021-12 - noted

KALC Energy Renewable Power for the Local Council of Tomorrow event 18/2/17

KALC Neighbourhood Planning Workshop 22/02/17 - noted

KALC Draft Kent Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2017-2022 Consultation

KCC Freight Action Plan for Kent Consultation. – Action : Cllrs Williams and Kimili

KALC Kent Police Fraud Alert - noted

NALC CEO Bulletin 1-13 Jan 2017 - noted

Police and Crime Commissioner increase in police precept of 3.3% - noted

KALC Rural Affairs Conference 9/03/17 - noted

KALC update Legal Topic Notes LTN 36 – Contracts LTN 42 Land & Property - noted

Joint KALC/KFAS Information Evening. Delivering Effective Partnerships working in Kent Communities 28/2/17 - Clerk to attend

NALC CEO Bulletin 1-13 Jan 2017 (online petition “giving communities back the right to decide where houses are built”) - noted

Kent Police Rural Update – noted

The Great British Spring Clean – OPC to participate Clerk to co-ordinate and inform Swale that the litterpick waste will be collected at Brogdale Road (entrance to slip road for Brogdale Farm Cottages), by the Champion Hall and by the church in Water Lane. She will then confirm

arrangements to councillors and interested parishioners. It was agreed to fund the purchase of some chocolate bars to encourage volunteers. Date agreed 4<sup>th</sup> March 10am-12pm.

**023/17 Members' report**

None

**024/17 Any other business**

Cllr Greason queried the possible loss of a public layby near Coldstream Cottage, as it is being used for parking. Action: Cllr Greason to follow up and report at next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:45pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.30pm