



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7.30pm in Rolvenden Village Hall, Maytham Road, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4ND.

Present: Cllr D Murray (Chairman) Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Deputy Chairman), Cllr B Hindley, Cllr M Hook, Cllr G Tiltman, Cllr R Wilcox and Cllr J Wilkins

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Locum Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

165. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Mrs I Newman (personal matter), Cllr Mrs J Stace (unwell).

166. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

a. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of the War Memorial Trust

Cllr M Hook, trustee of the War Memorial Trust

Cllr B Hindley, trustee of the War Memorial Trust and Member of the Cricket Club.

b. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

Cllr Mrs D Curtain planning application 18/01237/AS – family connection

Cllr G Tiltman, member of the Village Hall Management committee

c. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

Cllr M Hook, membership of the Weald of Kent Preservation Society and Rolvenden History Group.

Cllr J Wilkins, church fabric committee.

167. MINUTES:

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 16th October 2018 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

168. Public Participation:

No public representations made.

169. Planning:

18/01547/AS – Lower Winsor Cottage, Mounts Lane, Rolvenden – Proposed two storey rear extension.

RESOLVED: To Support the application.

18/01237/AS – Copfield Farm, Hastings Road, Rolvenden – Variation of condition 07 of permission 11/01424/AS to vary the condition from 08:00 – 18:00 Monday to Saturday to extend to 07:00 – 20:00 Monday to Saturday

A resident spoke against the application citing the fact that no material evidence had been submitted to show advertising of units and the noise impact should the application be granted.

Cllr Mrs D Curtain made a statement regarding the operating hours and the restrictive nature as a relative was looking at one of the units but the existing hours were too restrictive.

Cllr Curtain left the room.

RESOLVED: to offer no objection to the application subject to a condition being placed on the grant that would restrict outdoor working or commercial vehicle movements during the extra hours requested in the application to minimise noise disturbance to the neighbours.

Cllr Curtain returned to the meeting.

170. Finance

Payments authorised at the meeting

Cheque number	Payee	Amount
300086	P Setterfield	£577.04
300087	P Setterfield	£37.34
300088	H M Customs & Excise	£185.28
300089	J P Oakeley	£580.00
300090	S Brooks	£150.00
300091	Cornex Garage Ltd	£207.50
300092	The Poppy Appeal	£20.00
300093	Cardiac Science	£228.00
300094	G Tiltman	£56.53
300095	K DeHaan	£87.00
300096	G Hodge	£87.00

Cllr Curtain confirmed that the entries through the bank account were correct.

Cllr Curtain advised that an application had been submitted to the Borough Council for a grant of £500 and that it had been paid into the Council's account.

171. Rolvenden Rocket:

Cllr Tiltman gave an update on the progress of the scheme which is showing that the Shopper service is costing the scheme money, it is therefore being proposed that this will be withdrawn after Christmas unless there is a marked improvement in the take up.

The area in front of the Village Hall where the Rocket is parked needs reinforcing as it is sinking into the grass, this has been estimated at £410.00 and a security light on the Village Hall at £190.

Resolved: to proceed with the hardstanding and the installation of a security light.

The mobile phone obtained for the bookings is proving to be problematical in that messages going to voicemail are being lost. It was therefore agreed that a better phone be purchased.

Consideration was given to applying for a grant under the KCC Community Transport scheme in the sum of £2,000 as all the drivers need to undertake a wheelchair handling test before they are allowed to use the lift on the minibus and this costs £40 per driver. It was agreed that an application can be submitted subject to the agreement of Ashford Borough Council.

172. Telephone Kiosks:

It was agreed that as the quotes provided to date were unaffordable and with the onset of winter no further action will be taken until 2019, the subject will be placed on the March agenda for consideration.

173. Halden Field:

Ashford Borough Council have approved the change of bricks following a site visit. The concerns regarding the oak tree being compromised by earth fill have been re-expressed.

174. Barrett Field:

Nothing to report.

175. Pavilion Project:

A meeting is to be arranged with the War Memorial Trust and the Cricket Club to discuss arrangements for leasing/ownership of the pavilion in order that running costs for a five year period can be established.

176. Playground equipment:

The consultation period has now finished and there is a clear favourite scheme. Cllr Curtain is scheduled to meet the play officer at Ashford Borough Council with the findings. No further action can be taken at this stage as the Section 106 funds are possibly not due until late summer 2019.

177. Neighbourhood Plan:

A response has been submitted to Ashford Borough Council Main Modification to the Local Plan 2030 in respect of policy HOU5.

The Parish council is asked to approve the Regulation 15 document regarding submission of the Neighbourhood Plan to the Examiner, this document was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: subject to a final check by Cllr Curtain the Regulation 15 document is to be submitted for examination.

178. Highways matters:

It was reported that there was an overgrown hedge in the High Street which obscures vision making it hazardous for pedestrians. A vegetation notice is to be delivered.

179. Any Other Business:

It was reported that there is an abundance of leaves on the footpath leading from the Layne, the Contractor is to be asked to clear.

180. Exclusion of the Press and Public:

RESOLVED: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media to be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

181. Grounds Maintenance Contract:

Councillors considered the results of the tender exercise and agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would meet with the potential contractor before awarding the contract.

182. Parish Clerk:

The Locum Parish Clerk left the room for this item of business.