

## ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 February 2018 at New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre, North Square commencing at 7.45pm

Present:

Cllr M Brown  
Cllr Mrs Clark  
Cllr Mrs Clucas  
Cllr Mrs Connell  
Cllr F Cottee  
Cllr J Crane  
Cllr S Hobbs  
Cllr J Kelly  
Cllr M Manley  
Cllr I Mann  
Cllr V Ngwenya  
Cllr P Nightingale  
Cllr J Scott

In attendance:

Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk  
Cllr A Pett – Sevenoaks District Council  
Cllr C Clark – Sevenoaks District Council

7302/18 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Brammer (ill) and Cllr S Glover (family commitment). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Connell SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas.

7303/18 Declarations Of Interest a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr F Cottee declared an interest in item 6(f) as Chairman of the Village Hall Advisory Group  
b. No changes to the Register of Interests. Members were reminded that any alteration or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

7304/18 Dispensations No requests received

7305/18 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 January 2018 be approved and signed as a true record with the correction of the spelling of Kirby Cottage in item 7285/18 (f) and amendment to 7287/18 (e) the seconder for the proposal changed to Cllr Mrs Brammer. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

7306/18 Planning a. Applications  
**SE/18/00154: Berrys Maple, Pease Hill, TN15 7ET** – Creation of a swimming pool and erection of a new 40sqm pool house. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. Should permission be granted, the Parish Council would request that further permitted development rights are withdrawn. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann FOR: 9 AGAINST: 4 ABSTENTIONS: 0  
**SE/18/00286: Leaders, Hodsoil Street, TN15 7LH** – New window within existing door opening previously approved to be bricked up. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as

- 7306/18  
Planning
- long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: V Ngwenya and AGREED.
- b. Decisions  
The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/02/18 were RECEIVED AND NOTED.
  - c. Appeals – None at time of Agenda. NOTED.
  - d. Enforcements - None at time of Agenda. NOTED.
  - e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 01 February 2018 were NOTED.
- 7307/18  
Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED. Cllr V Ngwenya advised members that both the Parish Council and Sports Centre budgets are as expected for this time of the year.
  - b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr J Kelly SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
  - c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 20 February 2018.
  - d. Cllr V Ngwenya PROPOSED that the attendance of Cllrs M Brown and F Cottee to the KALC Planning Conference to be held on 16 March 2018 in the amount of £60 plus VAT, each, is authorised. SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.
  - e. Cllr I Mann PROPOSED that the attendance of the Assistant Clerk/Finance Officer to attend the KALC Preparation for Audit Workshop to be held on 10 April 2018 in the amount of £30 plus VAT is authorised. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
  - f. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the annual membership to Action with Communities in Rural Kent is renewed for the Parish Council £50.00 and grants awarded for the renewal of memberships for the Ash Village Hall, Hodsoll Street & Ridley Village Hall and the Youth & Community Centre in the amount of £50 per membership, total £200.00 SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.
- 7308/18  
GDPR
- 7309/18  
Sports Centre
- a. The minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee be held on 29 January 2018 were NOTED.
- 7310/18  
Parish  
Council  
Surgeries
- a. Cllr M Manley would like to promote the parish council and make it available to all residents, either electronically or in person and perhaps including the District and County Councillors. The Community Warden is currently setting up a Community Hub in New Ash Green with a coffee bus. Cllr Manley will make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.
- 7311/18  
Barnfield  
Park
- b. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Liaison Group will be held on 05 March 2018.
- 7312/18  
Northfield
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 19 February 2018.
- 7313/18  
Burial Ground
- a. The minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 05 February 2018 were NOTED.

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| 7314/18<br>Youth    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 8 – 12's –no report.</li> <li>b. Youth – It was NOTED that the minutes/notes of the meetings held on 23 January and 12 February 2018 will be circulated with the March 2018 Agenda.</li> </ul>  |
| 7315/18<br>Highways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Speed Indicator Device - it was NOTED that the Speed Indicator Device has been repaired under warrantee and returned.</li> <li>b. Pedestrian Crossing concerns regarding the sight lines were mentioned. This item will be placed on the March Agenda.</li> </ul> |

**The meeting was suspended at 8.29pm to receive reports from the District Councillors.**

The report from the District Councillors is attached to these minutes.

**The meeting reconvened at 8.44pm**  
(Cllr J Scott left the meeting at 8.44pm)

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| 7316/18<br>Footpaths                                | No report.  |
| 7317/18<br>Transport                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva and the Parishes will be held on 13 March 2018.</li> <li>b. Cllr Mrs Connell reported there has been a lot of vandalism to buses coming into the village. Stones have been thrown at the busses and windows smashed on 5 occasions. Another incident was recorded which did not result in any breakages. One evening after two busses were targeted, Arriva made the decision to terminate all services for that evening at Longfield.</li> </ul>  |
| 7318/18<br>Ash, Hodsoil Street, Ash & New Ash Green | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ash – Cllr Crane reported that potholes on Ash Road/Ash Lane towards the A20 continue to be repaired.</li> <li>b. Hodsoil Street – A fundraising event, Valentine's Quiz, to raise money for a defibrillator to be placed in the old telephone box will be held on 17 February 2018 at 7.30pm.<br/>The bollards outside Park View were originally made from oak and have been replaced with pine which rots quickly. A request has been put to Highways to replace the damaged bollards with oak.</li> <li>c. Ridley - no report</li> </ul> |
| 7319/18<br>Bulletin and Website                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bulletin – The current edition is out for delivery.</li> <li>b. Website – no report</li> </ul>  |
| 7320/18<br>Focus Group and Police                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 16 April 2018.</li> </ul>   |
| 7321/18<br>Lunch Provision                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The lunch continues to be popular.</li> </ul>   |
| 7322/18<br>KALC                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No report</li> </ul>  |

7333/18  
Reports,  
Circulars and  
Correspond.

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/02/18 were  
NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....