

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 October 2017 at the Youth & Community Centre, North Square, New Ash Green, commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr J Crane
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr I Mann
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr P Nightingale

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
Cllr A Pett – Sevenoaks District Council

- 7215/17 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Glover (family commitment). The apology and reason for absence was accepted. Apologies were also received from District Councillor C Clark,
- 7216/17 Declarations Of Interest a. Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in Item 7b application SE/17/02865: 2 The Row, New Ash Green as a relation of the applicant and contractor and item 7d as a Trustee of the Almshouses currently seeking mediation through West Kent Mediation.
Cllr J Kelly declared an interest in item 7f Age Concern as he is a Trustee of that organisation.
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.
- 7217/17 Dispensations No requests received
- 7218/17 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2017 be approved and signed as a true record. PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7219/17 Casual Vacancy It was NOTED that an election has not been called and notices to fill the Casual Vacancy by Co-option have been placed on the Noticeboard and in the Bulletin. Selection will take place at the Parish Council meeting of 21 December 2017.
- 7220/17 Planning a. Applications
The following applications for PRIOR NOTIFICATION – FOR INFORMATION ONLY were NOTED.
SE/17/03160: 22 Millfield, New Ash Green, DA3 8JP – Prior notification of a single storey rear extension which extends 2.6m beyond the rear

7220/17 Planning	<p>wall of the original dwelling house with a maximum height of 2.78m and eaves height of 2.7m.</p> <p>SE/17/02828: 63 Punch Croft, New Ash Green, DA3 8HR – Prior notification of a single storey rear extension which extends 5m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house with a maximum height of 2.75m and eaves height of 2.5m</p> <p>b. Decisions The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/10/17 were RECEIVED AND NOTED.</p> <p>SE/17/02663: 59 Seven Acres, New Ash Green, DA3 8RW – Demolition of sheds. Erection of a two storey rear and part side extension. It was NOTED that the Planning Officer has recommended that this application is granted planning permission and he has countered the objections raised by the Parish Council.</p> <p>c. Appeals - None at time of Agenda. NOTED</p> <p>d. Enforcements - None at time of Agenda. NOTED</p> <p>e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 05 October 2017 were NOTED.</p>
7221/17 Finance	<p>a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED. Cllr V Ngwenya advised members that the second precept payment has been received from Sevenoaks District Council; he took members through payments for the Parish Council and Sports Centre noting that both budgets are as expected at this time of the financial year.</p> <p>b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark. FOR: 12 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1.</p> <p>c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 07 November 2017.</p> <p>d. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that £250.00 is awarded to West Kent Mediation under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann FOR: 12 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1</p> <p>e. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that £250.00 is awarded to Victim Support under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.</p> <p>f. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that £275.00 is awarded to Rural Age Concern Darent Valley under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. SECONDED: Cllr J Crane. FOR: 12 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1. Members requested that when sending the grant it should be pointed out to the charity that they should save resources by not sending letters to all councillors as one letter to the Clerk is sufficient.</p>
7222/17 Sports Centre	<p>a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 30 October 2017.</p>
7223/17 Barnfield Park	<p>a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Liaison Group will be held on 04 December 2017.</p>
7224/17 Northfield	<p>a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 02 October 2017 were NOTED</p>

- 7225/17
Burial Ground
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee will be set upon receipt of information from the architect.
- 7226/17
Youth
- a. 8 – 12's – the activities programme has been reviewed and individual monitoring has been introduced.
- b. Youth – West Kent Communities are running a very successful club with between 30 and 40 young people attending every week. An additional youth worker is needed to maintain the guidance ratio of young people to youth workers. The costs are being calculated by West Kent Communities.
- The young people and youth workers have asked if Wi-Fi is available in the centre and they have identified a need for some new equipment and replacement of some items.
- 7227/17
Highways
- No report
- The meeting was suspended at 8.17pm to receive reports from the County and District Councillor.**
- The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes.
- The meeting reconvened at 8.33pm**
- 7228/17
Footpaths
- a. SD245 – Cllr Mrs Connell advised that the Parish Council had not objected to the original application and this was the confirmation of the order.
- b. SD252 – Hodsoll Street. The Clerk will contact KCC regarding the signage relating to this right of way as it enters Pettings Court.
- 7229/17
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that a meeting with Arriva and the Parishes was held on 19 September 2017. Cllr Mrs Connell advised that an article regarding the vandalism to bus windows has been written for the Bulletin.
- 7230/17
Ash, Hodsoll Street, Ash & New Ash Green
- a. Ash –
- (i) The Remembrance Service to be held on Saturday 11 November at the Ash War Memorial will be followed by tea, coffee and cake in the village hall.
- (ii) The village hall committee have arranged fund-raising event, The Backroom Band, which will be held on Saturday 21 October 2017.
- b. Hodsoll Street –
- (i) Pumpkin night will be held on Friday 27 October 2017 and is being hosted by the Village Hall Committee and the Green Man Pub.
- (ii) The Hodsoll Street and Ridley Village Hall Committee Calendar for 2018 is available at a cost of £5.
- c. Ridley – Cllr Mrs Howie was pleased to report that roads in the area have been resurfaced. She advised that Ridley Hill is in need of resurfacing. Cllr Mrs Howie reported that the 20mph chipping signs on resurfaced roads had not been collected.
- 7231/17
Bulletin and Website
- a. Bulletin – printing of the Bulletin is in process and will be delivered in the next week or two.
- b. Website – the Casual Vacancy has been advertised on the Parish Website.

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| 7232/17
Focus Group
and Police | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The notes of the meeting of the Focus Group held on 09 October 2017 were NOTED. The concerns regarding people riding in the shopping centre and on the roads was discussed. Various agencies are involved in tackling the problem. CCTV in the shopping centre is being upgraded. b. High levels of litter in North Square have noted over the weekends. Some of this is being collected by a resident. It was NOTED that the Caretaker does not work on weekends. An email advising the landlords will be sent. |
| 7233/17
Lunch
Provision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. It was NOTED that the Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday 07 December 2017. b. The Lunch Club received a 5 star rating following a snap inspection from the Food Hygiene Inspectors . |
| 7234/17
KALC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. It was NOTED that the 70th KALC Annual General Meeting would be held on 18 November 2017 and any members interested in attending should contact the Clerk. |
| 7235/17
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond. | The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/09/17 were NOTED. |

The meeting closed at 8.56pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman