

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2016 at the Youth & Community Centre, North Square, New Ash Green, commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr S Glover (arrived 7.59pm)
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie (arrived 7.51pm)
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr J Scott (arrived 7.50pm)

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – County Councillor
Cllr C Clark – District Councillor (arrived 8.45pm)
Cllr A Pett – District Councillor
1 member of the public

6990/16 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Crane (ill), Cllr I Mann and Cllr J Kelly (prior commitment) and Cllr V Ngwenya (holiday). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.
District Councillor C Clark apologised for late arrival.

6991/16 Declarations Of Interest a. Cllr Mrs Howie declared an interest in item 5. Planning, application SE/16/02861 as a neighbour of the applicant.
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.

6992/16 Dispensations No requests received

6993/16 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 September 2016 be approved and signed as a true record PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. (Cllr J Scott arrived)

6994/16 Planning a. Applications
SE/16/02564: 5 Millfield, New Ash Green, DA3 8JP – Two storey rear extension and associated internal and external alterations. (Cllr Mrs Howie arrived) Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application as the pattern of gaps in the street scene will not be maintained. In addition, this proposal conflicts with the Sevenoaks District Council's Supplementary Planning Document, Residential Extensions, point 4.19, (where there is a pattern of gaps between properties in a street, as a guide, a minimum of 1 metre between the side wall of a two-storey side extension and the boundary for the full height of the extension is normally desirable), and noting that the proposed extension would protrude in front of the building line of the immediately adjacent property (No 6), separated from it by a 50mm gap and having a flank wall more than 2½ storeys in height. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and UNANIMOUSLY

SE/16/02861: Berrys Maple Cottage, Pease Hill, Ash, TN15 7ET – Erection of a single storey rear extension. The Clerk read the report from Cllr J Kelly. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy including the 50% rule. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 NO VOTE: 1 (Cllr S Glover arrived)

For information only

SE/16/02849/LDCPR: 1 New Street Farm Cottages, New Street Road, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7JY – Erection of a detached garage and gym hobby/games room outbuilding. Cllr Mrs Clark PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application. The Parish Council recognises it does not have the expertise to determine strict legal arguments, but we are concerned. The following information/comments may assist; all are drawn from local knowledge.

The “roadway” has been surfaced and new gates provided within the last year. It has not been used for vehicles for many years previously.

The “garage” referred to; to be seen in appendix 1 was in fact a caravan that was there for a very limited period.

The number of proposed garages together with the existing garage attached to the house, which is large enough for two cars plus hardstanding in front of the house, make it unique in the parish.

There is no reason given for such a proliferation of accommodation for cars. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

SE/16/03008: Corner Farm, West Yoke, Ash, TN15 7HT – Prior notification of a single storey rear extension which extends 3.7m beyond the rear wall of the origin. This application was NOTED

b. Decisions

The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/10/16 were RECEIVED and NOTED.

c. Appeals

None at the time of the Agenda.

d. Enforcements

None at the time of the Agenda.

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 06 October 2016 were NOTED.

f. It was NOTED that the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party meeting of 12 September 2016 was inquorate and the next meeting will be held on 21 October 2016.

g. Parliamentary Boundary Review – it was NOTED that Ash and New Ash Green and Hartley and Hodsoll Street will both be moved to the urban constituency of Gravesham under this review. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council advises Sevenoaks District Council of the wish to remain in Sevenoaks Parliamentary Constituency as this is a rural parish and would sit better in Sevenoaks than in the urban constituency of Gravesham. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

- 6995/16
Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
 - b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised.
PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and
UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
 - c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 08 November 2016.
 - d. Internal Audit – It was NOTED that the half year audit took place on 14 October 2016.
 - e. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the attendance of Cllr P Nightingale on the KALC Dynamic Councillor course at a cost of £60 plus VAT is authorised. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.
 - f. 2017/2018 Local Government Finance Settlement. It was NOTED that the documents had been emailed to members on 12 October 2016.
- 6996/16
Sports Centre
- a. The minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee meeting held on 11 October 2016 were NOTED.
- 6997/16
Barnfield Park
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group held on 26 September 2016 were NOTED.
- 6998/16
Northfield
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 12 September 2016 were NOTED.
- 6999/16
Burial Ground
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on 11 October 2016 were NOTED.
- 7000/16
Youth
- a. Youth Provision – West Kent Extra has been awarded the Kent County Council contract for the provision of youth work for the Sevenoaks District. It was NOTED that Play Place will continue with the Youth Club provision on a month to month basis.
 - b. Family Fun Days – the report from Play Place was NOTED.
 - c. 8 – 12's – no report
- 67001/16
Highways
- The Highways report for the period to 13 October 2016 was emailed to members.
- The meeting was suspended at 8.16pm to receive a report from the District Councillor.**
- The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes.
- The meeting reconvened at 8.34pm**
- 7002/16
Footpaths
- a. Public Footpath SD252 Appeal to proposed diversion – all submissions have been received by the Inspectorate and their decision is awaited. The Inspector will make a site visit in December.
- 7003/16
Transport
- a. Waitrose Car Park – it was AGREED that the response from Waitrose was most unsatisfactory and they have not responded to our concerns. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that a letter is sent to Dartford Borough Council as per the response from Waitrose, requesting an extension of the parking period to 3 hours and a second letter to Waitrose.

- b. Bus meetings – Southfleet, Longfield and New Barn, Hartley and Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Councils meet with representatives from Arriva twice a year and are hosted by Ash-cum-Ridley. At the meeting on 20 September 2016 it was agreed that the Chairman and service of this committee is moved from Southfleet to Ash-cum-Ridley. Changes to the timetable in September have resulted in two buses leaving New Ash Green at the same time, one to Dartford and one to Gravesend. It would suit the villages better if these were scheduled to depart half an hour apart, Arriva will look into this. Many of the flags are covered in green mould and a request has been made to KCC to clean them. Winter – if there is bad weather with overnight snow, buses may have to terminate at North Square. An article has been written for the Bulletin.

7004/16
Ash, Hodsoll
Street & Ash

- a. Ash – Ash War Memorial – Documents in the Parish Office relating to the War Memorial contain a letter confirming that the land on which the War Memorial was bequeathed to the Parish Council.
- b. Hodsoll Street – no report
- c. Ridley – No report.
- d. New Ash Green 50th Anniversary – Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that to mark this anniversary, the Parish Council hosts its usual Thursday Lunch with a modest amount of alcohol and an additional Anniversary Family Fun Day in the summer. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that in addition, the provision of celebratory alcohol is extended to the Age Concern lunch club on Wednesday. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED. These events will be forwarded to the organisers.

7005/16
Bulletin and
Website

- a. Bulletin – the Bulletin has been printed.
- b. Website - the website training that the Assistant Clerk was to attend has been cancelled, but will be rescheduled.

7006/16
Focus Group
and Police

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Focus Group held on 03 October 2016 were NOTED.

7007/16
Lunch
Provision

It was NOTED that the Christmas Lunch will be held on 08 December 2016.

7008/16
KALC

It was NOTED that the 69th Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 19 November 2016. Any members wishing to attend to advise the Clerk.

7009/16
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond.

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/10/16 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: