



ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th April, 2107 at 7.30pm, in the Pre-School Room, Rolvenden Village Hall, Maytham Road, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4ND for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Present: Cllr. Mr. D. Murray, Cllr. Mrs. D. Curtain, Cllr. Mrs. I Newman, Cllr. Mr. G. Tiltman, Cllr. Mr. M. Hook, Cllr. Mrs. J. Stace, Cllr. Mr. J. Wilkins and the Clerk to the Council.

Apologies for absence: None

The Chairman announced the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. Jane Marston for family reasons.

(a) Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: *under the Localism Act 2011 to be made relating to items on this Agenda – None.*

(b) Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests: *under the Kent Code of Conduct adopted in August 2012 by the Parish Council, to be made relating to items on the Agenda – Item 305. Finance – Cllr. Mrs. Denise Curtain declared an Interest as Book-keeper for the Parish Council's Contractor J.P. Oakeley (Grass Cutting in the Parish).*

(c) Declarations of Members' other Interests: *not required to be disclosed under (a) and (b) but voluntary announcements made only for transparency reasons – Cllr. Mr. Michael Hook declared his membership of the Weald of Kent Preservation Society.*

297 DRAFT MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st March, 2017, copies having previously been sent to each Parish Councillor, were agreed, approved and signed as a Correct Record after the Clerk pointed out two errors which had been corrected: (i) Duplication of Cllr. Mrs. Jacky Stace showing that she was both present and that she had sent apologies for absence. (ii) Spelling mistake in Item 290[ii] Verge on the A28 at Gatefield. The word "of" was changed to "or".

Cllr. Mr. Brian Hindley proposed that the Clerk write a letter to Mrs. Jane Marston thanking her for her commitment in her role as Councillor and wishing her well for the future.

The Chairman then invited the public to speak.

298. Planning.

[i] Applications for CONSULTATION received from Ashford Borough Council to be accepted and considered.

I7/00473/AS Erection of a two-storey rear extension, replacement of existing pitched roof on single storey, rear element with brick parapet and extending the verge of the rooflines.

Pooh Corner, Benenden Road, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4JE.

The Parish Council SUPPORTS this Application.

I7/00500/AS Extension to existing study, formation of new doorway on East elevation.

I Thornden Oasts, Thornden Lane, Rolvenden Layne, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4PS.

I7/00501/AS Listed Building Consent for the above.

The Parish Council SUPPORTS this Application.

[ii] Applications for CONSULTATION received from Ashford Borough Council between 11th April and 18th April to be accepted and considered.

I7/00561/AS Installation of above ground LPG tank.

Beechingland, Mounts Lane, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4NX.

The Parish Council SUPPORTS this Application.

I7/00560/AS Single storey front/side extension.

Mallards, Sandhurst Lane, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4PH.

The Parish Council SUPPORTS this Application.

[iii] Consent GRANTED by Ashford Borough Council to the following Applications to be accepted and considered.

None.

[iv] Halden Field – all related matters were accepted and considered.

Nothing further of note to report.

[v] Barratt Field – all related matters were accepted and considered.

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[vi] Planning Related issues – items not mentioned elsewhere on this Agenda were accepted and considered.

None.

299. Neighbourhood Development Plan – related matters were accepted and considered.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is making steady progress towards the Final Draft and Public Consultation.

300. Highways – all related matters were accepted and considered.

[i] Speed Indicating Device.

This matter to now be left in the hands of the Chair of the School Governors and the Head Teacher.

[ii] Other Highways related issues were accepted and considered.

None.

301. Fire Hydrants.

Cllr. Mr. Brian Hindley referred to the list of Fire Hydrants and the Location Map provided to Councillors at the last Parish Council Meeting.

It was resolved that whilst Councillors deliver the 2017 Update, where possible, they inspect Fire Hydrants in an allocated area.

302. Grass Cutting in the Parish.

Cllr. Mr. Michael Hook expressed concern over what was going to happen with the Grass Cutting in the village.

At this point, Cllr. Mrs. Denise Curtain left the room in accordance with (b) Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests.

Cllr. Mr. John Wilkins advised that he has begun preliminary research looking into specifications for Grounds Maintenance Contracts for Parish Councils and would like to develop this further. He requested a copy of the Schedule of Work issued to Jon Oakeley which the Clerk will provide.

The Chairman, Cllr. Mr. Duncan Murray asked for it to be put on Record that members of the public have not been invited to comment at this stage in the proceedings despite constant interruptions.

The Chairman also asked Members to please make their headings for the Agenda more specific in future if possible in order that other Members understand fully the matter for discussion.

It was resolved to allow the Contract with Jon Oakeley to continue whilst Cllr. Mr. John Wilkins continues with his research as detailed above.

Cllr. Mr. Brian Hindley requested that the member of the public Mr. Steve Bryant as a Contractor, to provide the Parish Council with details of the equipment that should be used together with the frequency in order that members of the Parish Council better understand the procedures that are necessary and therefore discuss this more effectively.

303. Business Cards.

It was resolved that business cards for each Members would not be implemented.

304. Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman advised that he was happy with the Rolvenden Update 2017 and the Clerk advised that the finished print would be collected from Rother Valley Press the next day (19th April) and they would be distributed by Members.

The Chairman advised that the usual format would be adopted with regard to seating arrangements etc. Cllr. Mrs. Irene Newman advised that she would not be able to attend due to medical reasons.

305. Finance – all related matters were accepted and considered.

[i] It was resolved to pay the following:

J.P. Oakeley	£580.00
Tony Fullwood & Associates	£3,562.56
Mr. S. Brooks	£135.00
Mr. G. Willard	£361.14

[ii] Accounts presented at this Meeting were accepted and considered.

Came & Company Pro-Forma Invoice for the Parish Council Public Liability Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance in the sum of £804.25.

It was resolved to pay this.

[iii] Financial Matters not included elsewhere on the Agenda were accepted and considered.

None.

306. Other Matters for Information – *Issues may be raised which involve no more than an exchange of information. NO DECISIONS may lawfully be made on matters raised under this exchange.*

LGA 1872 Sch. 12.

[i] Cllr. Mr. Duncan Murray advised that he believes that the windows in the Village Hall would require repair rather than replacement.

[ii] Cllr. Mr. Duncan Murray also advised that Ashford Borough Council has pulled out of the "Super Council" because Ashford's Council Tax is so much lower than other areas and would result in Ashford Borough Council subsidising the other areas that formed the "Super Council".

[iii] Attention was drawn to the vacancy for Councillor as advertised on the village notice boards.

[iv] Cllr. Mr. Brian Hindley mentioned the Parish Council's request to Rolvenden Football Club to provide a copy of their Lease arrangements. Mr. Steve Bryant from the Football Club advised that following a meeting, the Club were "not prepared to go down that road" and that they were "looking at other options". After the Chairman explained the Parish Council's reasons for this, Mr Bryant advised that he would ask the Football Club Committee to re-consider.

[v] Cllr. Mr. Michael Hook advised that the Primary School were embarking upon a programme of maintenance of its windows.

[vi] Cllr. Mr. Graham Tiltman advised that he had a contact via the website regarding the telephone boxes in the village. Cllr. Tiltman responded to the message by explaining the Parish Council's position with regard to the telephone boxes.

[vii] Cllr. Mr. Graham Tiltman also advised about an issue with the drains at Monypenny.

[viii] Cllr. Mrs. Jacky Stace advised that a member of the public mentioned that no one was living in the property at the end of Sparkeswood Avenue and questioned the reason for this.