

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020 AT 8 pm
ON ZOOM DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS**

PRESENT: Cllr Harry Bott Chairman
 Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer Vice-chairman
 Cllr Tom Brooker
 Cllr Daren Sefer
 Cllr Yvonne Tisson

Mrs Melita Gandolfo Clerk

In attendance Cllr Harry Rayner Kent County Council

One member of the public

Item*Action point*

Minute no 2020/21

1 APOLOGIES

136 Apology for absence were received from Cllr Kevin Sparkes, and it was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Falconer and agreed that this apology be accepted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

137 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

138 It was proposed by Cllr Sefer, seconded by Cllr Tisson and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2020 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

139 There were no matters arising.

Suspension of meeting for County Councillor's Report

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow KCC Cllr Harry Rayner to give his report.

Cllr Rayner said that there would be a budget shortfall of 15% or £150 million for the next year, and KCC was working to remedy this. The KCC Environment Strategy had been published and the Waste Strategy agreed. Operation Stack and Dover Tap were ready for operation, and discussions for keeping Kent moving from 1st January 2020 were ongoing. Regarding Borough Green Gardens, a Public online Examination was due to be held and this could be viewed on YouTube.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rayner and reconvened the meeting.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

- i **20/02085/FL – The Old Manor, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted TN15 7PE** Proposed new swimming pool and outbuilding, the replacement of greenhouse and garden store with garage and walls adjacent to entrance gateway

140 This application had been validated after the Agenda had been distributed. The Clerk had alerted Parish Councillors by email and they had been able to consider the application. After discussion, no objections were raised.

b Decisions

141 The decisions as listed on the Agenda were received.

c Other Planning issues

i Lucy's Barn Camp Site, Ash Lane

142 A fire and burnt out caravan had been reported. It was agreed that this was a serious health and safety issue that should be investigated by TMBC. The Clerk had telephoned and written to the Camping and Caravanning Club to confirm the terms of Lucy's Barn's licence, and what could be done if the terms were breached, but was still awaiting a response. It was agreed that a formal solicitor's letter be sent if there is still no response.

ii Thriftwood camp site

143 Cllrs Bott and Falconer had met with the owners of Thriftwood to discuss the Parish Council's concerns over excess lighting, tree felling, and Covid regulations; and also to discuss Thriftwood's concerns over the Parish Council response to application 20/01394FL. This had been a positive meeting, where it was confirmed that Thriftwood had housed key workers during Covid. The owners said that the light pollution does not come from the area under discussion in the planning application; but that they would look into PIR lighting. It was agreed that the Clerk would clarify these points as a further response to the planning application. Thriftwood had agreed to do a presentation at the November Parish Council meeting to outline their plans for the site and show what has been done. In the meantime Parish Councillors would be welcome to visit the site. Cllr Tisson said she was still concerned that Thriftwood was developing from a camp site into a mobile home site.

iii Oak Tree Stable

144 There were no updates to report.

6 FINANCE

a Bank Balances

145 The bank balances as listed on Appendix A were noted.

b Payments made since last meeting

146 The grant payment made to Stansted PCC since the last meeting as listed on Appendix A was approved. A payment of £4,013 to HMRC for VAT made since distribution of the Agenda was approved.

c Accounts for Payment

147 It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Falconer and agreed that the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be paid online.

d KALC Finance Conference 14th October

148 It was noted that the Clerk would be attending this conference.

e Other Finance issues

149 No other issues were raised.

7 HIGHWAYS**a Traffic Plan, Highways Improvement Plan, Signage – Appendix B**

150 It was agreed that the next stage of the Parish Traffic Plan would be to engage a Highways Engineer to improve and ratify the Strategy and Plan already created.

151 Cllr Falconer had made a survey of signage in the Parish, and gave a presentation of her findings. It was agreed that there were too many signs in different colours and designs, and differing states of condition and repair, and that use of a unified design and colour would greatly improve the signage. This would enhance a sense of pride in our Parish, and encourage better and slower driving on the lanes. It was noted that the Parish is in the “Old Chalk New Downs” Kent Downland area. Signs cost approximately £130 each, and the Parish would need around 30 new signs. Installation would cost approximately £90 per sign, so the total cost would be in the region of £6,600+VAT.

b Other Highways issues

152 No other issues were raised.

8 MANAGEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND AND PROPERTY**i Hire of ground**

153 Nothing to report

ii Play park

154 The Clerk reported that she had ordered the new see-saw and was awaiting confirmation of installation date.

iii Lights around Stansted Village Hall and on path to School

155 Residents living near the village hall had complained that the lights were far too bright and intrusive. The Chairman will liaise with Alan Bullock, Sheila Goodworth (VH) and the neighbours to seek a solution.

156 Grange Park School had informed the Clerk that a pupil had broken one of the lights on the path, and the school had offered to repair it. It was agreed to accept this offer.

157 It had been reported that one of the posts around the car park had been knocked and damaged (possibly by the school minibus). Cllr Brooker agreed to repair the post.

iv Other issues

158 No other issues were raised.

9 FUTURE MEETINGS: UPDATE OF ZOOM AND HIRE OF CLOISTERS

159 The Clerk reported that the special Zoom Pro rate advertised by KALC was not in fact available. Cllr Falconer said she was willing to continue to organise the Zoom meetings during Covid. Cllr Tisson would also be willing.

160 The Cloisters would be available for hire at £20 per hour, and would be dependent on Covid restrictions at the time.

10 WEBSITE

161 The Clerk had contacted website provider Hugo Fox and the website was now working as expected.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

162 Cllr Falconer suggested that an open sided marquee could be installed on the recreation field to allow community events to take place outdoors during Covid restrictions. Following discussion it was thought that security of a semi-permanent marquee could be a problem.

12 PUBLIC SESSION

No issues were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.00 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2020