

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 March 2017 at the Hodsoll Street & Ridley Village Hall, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LE commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr I Mann

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk

- 7092/17 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Crane (ill), Cllrs Mrs Clark, P Nightingale (Family commitments), Cllrs J Scott (work). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted. County Councillor D Brazier and District Councillor C Clark also sent their apologies.
- 7093/17 Declarations Of Interest a. No declarations of interest.
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.
- 7094/17 Dispensations No requests received
- 7095/17 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2017 be approved and signed as a true record with the addition under item 7084/17 of the word stile PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7096/17 Annual Parish Meeting It was NOTED that Guest Speakers have been confirmed from Kent Fire and Rescue Services, Kent Air Ambulance and Kent Police (PCSO P Jones).
- 7097/17 Planning a. Applications
SE/17/00636 and 00637: Bovis Homes Ltd, The Manor House, North Ash Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8JE – Installation of 7 number illuminated bollards to existing pathway to frontage of the Manor House. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application due to the massed impact on the street scene. The proposed lights are too bright and too tall causing a danger to motorists as they cannot see past the glare of the lights; there are too many and this conflicts with EN1, the impact on the street scene; EN2, light pollution on neighbouring properties and EN4, intruding onto the façade of a listed building.
Down lighters or low level lights would be more conducive to this rural setting and more in keeping with the lighting in the rest of the village. It was noted that if the correct lights are installed, there would be no requirement for a timer. Should this application be granted, the Parish Council would ask for a condition that the lights go off at 9.30pm as

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proposed as this does not happen with the current lights. The Parish Council would not object if all the lights were placed on the road side of the footpath, and the back of the light masked, so that only the pathway is illuminated and they were of a reduced height. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

SE/17/00312: 56 Spring Cross, New Ash Green, DA3 8QQ – Erection of a first floor rear extension. Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as the amenity of the neighbouring property is not compromised. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED.

Prior Notification Application:

The following application was NOTED.

SE/17/00574: 24 Colt Stead, New Ash Green, DA3 8LN - Prior notification of a single storey rear extension which extends 4.6m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house with a maximum height of 3.5 and eaves height of 3.5m.

b. Decisions

The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/03/17 were RECEIVED and NOTED.

c. Appeals

None at the time of the Agenda. NOTED.

d. Enforcements

None at the time of the Agenda. NOTED.

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 02 March 2017 were NOTED.

f. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party will be held on 21 March 2017.

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Finance

a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED

b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised.

PROPOSED: Cllr F Cottee SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01 March 2017 were NOTED.

d. Cllr I Mann PROPOSED that the review of the Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit APPROVED without amendment. SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and AGREED.

e. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that on recommendation from the Finance Committee, the draft Health and Safety Policy is ADOPTED with the addition of defibrillator to 3.1. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

f. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that on recommendation from the Finance Committee, the draft Risk Management Policy Statement and Draft Risk Management Strategy are ADOPTED. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

g. It was NOTED that the department for Communities and Local Government has confirmed that the appropriate sum for parish councils for the purpose of Section 137 Expenditure is £7.57 per elector.

h. Internal Audit – the report from the Internal Auditor was RECEIVED AND NOTED.

i. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Parish Council awards a grant in the amount of £150.00 to the Volunteer Centre, North West Kent.

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- SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
- j. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council awards a grant in the amount of £250.00 to Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- k. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council awards a grant in the amount of £300 to Citizens Advice, North and West Kent. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7099/17
Sports Centre
- a. The minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee meeting held on 13 February 2017 were NOTED.
- 7100/17
Barnfield Park
- a. The minutes of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group held on 06 March 2017 were NOTED. The retirement of Mr Bill Forrester, Head of the Gypsy and Traveller Unit at Kent County Council was NOTED.
- 7101/17
Northfield
- a. The minutes of the Northfield Management Committee meeting held on 13 February 2016 were NOTED.
- b. The presence of a rare butterfly breeding on Northfield has been reported and the safeguarding of its habitat will be encouraged.
- 7102/17
Burial Ground
- a. It was NOTED that the date of the next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee is yet to be set.
- 7103/17
Youth
- a. Youth Provision – It was NOTED that a meeting with West Kent Extra (the KCC Youth Commissioned service) and the Clerks and Chairmen of the north parishes has been arranged for 27 March 2017.
- b. 8 – 12's – no report
- 7104/17
Highways
- It was NOTED that Hartley Bottom Road has been scheduled for re-surfacing and this will include the section of road from Redhill Road to Hartley Bottom Road.

The meeting was suspended at 8.22pm to receive a report from the District Councillor.

The report from the County Councillor is attached to these minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 8.26pm

- 7105/17
Footpaths
- a. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to the diversion of Public Footpath SD245 (Part), Ash-cum-Ridley with a note that the signage requires improvement. A separate report will be made advising that the stile is broken. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.
- 7106/17
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that the meeting with Arriva and the Parishes was held on 14 March 2017. Cllr Mrs Connell reported that there had been two incidents of vandalism/criminal damage, to buses one on Ash Road and one on Redhill Road with windows being broken by objects being thrown at the buses. Arriva had stated that this behaviour could result in a custodial sentence and that if such acts continue, a consequence could be that the service will be withdrawn after 8pm. The notes of the meeting are available from the Clerk.
- b. Buses are being delayed due to people parking in the Buses Only turning circle and a request will be made for the renewal of the road markings.

- 7107/17
Ash, Hodsoil
Street, Ash &
New Ash
Green
- a. Ash – Cllr Mrs Brammer advised that Ash Fete will be held again this year, but no associated with the Church.
 - b. Hodsoil Street – There have been a number of burglaries in the area and PCSO P Jones will attend the Hodsoil Street & Ridley Village Hall's Annual General Meeting to talk about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
 - c. Ridley – Ridley Church are looking to extend the uses of the Church and are organising a fundraiser.
 - d. New Ash Green 50th Anniversary – a flyer will be sent to all households advising of the events.
- 7108/17
Bulletin and
Website
- a. Bulletin – it was NOTED that the deadline for the next edition of the Bulletin is 6 April 2017.
 - b. Website - no report.
- 7109/17
Focus Group
and Police
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 10 April 2017.
 - b. Kent County Council Volunteer Support Warden Scheme – it was NOTED the recruitment process has started and will run until the end of March, with deployment being in early summer, following training.
- 7110/17
Lunch
Provision
- The lunch provision continues to be popular
- 7111/17
KALC
- It was NOTED that the KALC Branch meeting of 3 March 2017 was cancelled and the next meeting will be held on 09 June 2017
- 7112/17
Brands Hatch
- It was NOTED that the minutes of the meeting of 21 February 2017 are available from the Clerk.
- 7113/17
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/03/17 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: