

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2014 AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Harry Bott Chairman
 Cllr John Brooker
 Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer
 Cllr George Goring
 Cllr Michael Osborne

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 4 members of the public

Item *Action point*
 Minute no 2013/14/

1 APOLOGIES

187 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Goodworth, away from home and Miss Howie, indisposed. These apologies were accepted by members. Apologies were also received from Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council and Cllrs Balfour and Mrs Ann Kemp, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

188 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2014

189 It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Goring and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2014 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

190 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING**a Applications**

191 **i TM/14/03246/FL:** Little Plaxton, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted: Erection of 2 storey side extension and demolition of existing lean-to building

No objection.

192 **ii TM/14/03282/FL:** Almond Cottage, Malthouse Road, Stansted: Installation of an oil storage container for domestic heating purposes

No objection

193 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

194 **c Enforcement**

None

195 **d Appeals**

None.

e Other Planning Issues196 **i The Old Rectory, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted**

Enforcement had reported that the works were due to the construction of a large formal pond. As this was within the curtilage of a listed building, planning permission should have been applied for, but it was considered permission would have been granted and enforcement did not intend to pursue the matter further.

197 **ii Cob Trees, Hatham Green Lane**

In Cllr Mrs Hohler's absence, there was no update.

198 **iii Crabtree Close, Fairseat**

Enforcement had said permission was not needed and no action would be taken.

6 FINANCE199 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

200 **b Cheques signed since Last Meeting**

None.

201 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Goring, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 703-706).

202 **d Audit 2013/14**

The Audit for the year to 31st March 2014 had been successfully concluded.

7 FUNDING REQUESTS202 **a Stansted Village Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr Goring, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed a grant of

£1,100 be made under S 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 (cheque 707).

203 **b Fairseat Village Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr Goring, seconded by Cllr Bott and agreed a grant of £1,100 be made under S 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 (cheque 708).

204 **c Stansted PCC**

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Brooker and agreed a grant of £1,023 be made for maintenance of the churchyard under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 709).

205 **d Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Brooker and agreed a grant of £50 be made under S 137 of the LGHA 1972 (cheque 710). The cheque would include £20 for the school's poppy wreath and they would be recharged.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

206 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

207 ii. Posts. Cllr Osborne said more posts were missing and he wondered if an alternative solution could be found. After discussion it was agreed the Clerk arrange a meeting for Cllr Osborne and herself with Tom Brooker to consider alternatives *RB*

208 iii. Hire of Ground. Cllr Mrs Falconer asked for use for the Cloisters bike rides to be held on 4th May and 20th September 2014. This was agreed at no charge.

209 **b Playpark**

The Clerk reported that grant applications had been made.

b War Memorial and Garden and Church Bank

210 i. Sign. The sign erected without permission on parish land by the Black Horse public house was discussed. It was suggested a fingerpost on the verge by the notice board might be more appropriate. Cllr Bott said he would speak to the landlord. *HB*

211 ii. First World War Centenary Booklet.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Roy Barry to speak.

Mr Barry said that he and John Mattick wanted to produce a booklet to commemorate the First World War centenary. The booklet would be distributed throughout the village. They were seeking the support of the Parish Council. He tabled a copy of a booklet produced some years before and said it would be similar.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barry and reconvened the meeting. The Clerk was asked to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

212 c **Telephone Kiosk**

Nothing to report.

213 d **Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

9 POLICE MATTERS214 a **Police Representative's Report**

In Cllr Mrs Goodworth's absence, there was no report.

215 b **Neighbourhood Watch**

In Cllr Mrs Goodworth's absence, there was no report.

10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT216 a **Pond, Hatham Green Lane**

Cllr Bott said he would speak to Cllr Mrs Hohler when she returned from holiday.

HB

217 b **East Facing Slips on M25 - KALC**

This item had been deferred from the last meeting, for the Chairman to speak to the County Councillor. Cllr Bott said he had not been able to do so. Cllr Mrs Falconer, who had not been present at the last meeting, asked for an explanation, which she was given. It was then agreed the Council should not make any donation to the KALC study on the subject.

218 c **Stansted Hill**

Cllr Brooker said he had nearly had an accident with a truck when going up the hill. Other members then recalled accidents and near-misses. Cyclists were of particular concern, with unofficial racing down the hill and the numbers of cyclists involved in the Gravesend Rotary event each year. Cllr Bott said he would speak to Cllr Mrs Hohler.

HB

219 d **Junction of Vigo Road and Platt House Lane**

Cllr Mrs Falconer reported the parking round the triangle had become worse again. Cllr Bott said he would raise the matter with Cllr Mrs Hohler.

HB

11 VILLAGE HALLS220 a **Stansted Village Hall**

In Cllr Mrs Goodworth's absence, there was no report.

221 b Fairseat Village Hall

As the Hall Committee Treasurer was present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow him to speak.

Mr Pallant referred to a complaint about damage that had been made the previous January. He was informed that no details had been given, therefore no blame could be apportioned. If any damage happened in future, it should be reported straightaway, with the date, nature of damage and a photograph if possible, so it could be taken up with the landscape contractor. He asked about the hedge cutting and was told by Cllr Brooker that it had not been possible to cut it the previous winter due to the extreme wet weather conditions, but it would be cut this year, subject to conditions being suitable. Mr Pallant asked about the S 106 money for play equipment attached to the planning consent for the Oakwood Farm development. This was a matter for Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and the Clerk would give him details of the ward councillors, so that he could take the matter up with them.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pallant and reconvened the meeting.

12 BROADBAND

222 Cllr Bott said he had been unable to speak to his contact at KCC.

13 Stansted School

223 The latest Ofsted report had been received and the school was showing improvement.

14 CONSULTATION

224 No documents received.

15 CORRESPONDENCE**225 a Youth Forum**

The letter and posters about the Youth Forum were received.

16 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

226 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

227 No matters were raised.

PUBLIC SESSION

Tamzin Wickenden apologised for arriving late and said she wished to raise the matter of the sign placed by the pub on Church Bank. Cllr Bott informed her subject had already been discussed before her arrival and he would speak to her about it after the meeting.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2014