

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2016 at Ash Village Hall, The Street, Ash, commencing at 7.45pm

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr S Glover (arrived 7.56pm)
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie (arrived 7.56pm)
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr I Mann
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr V Ngwenya

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk

Cllr D Brazier – County Councillor
Cllr C Clark – District Councillor

- 7030/16 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Cornelius (work), Cllr J Crane (family commitment), Cllr Mrs Brammer (ill) and Cllr J Scott (family commitment). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.
- 7031/16 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.
- 7032/16 Dispensations No requests received
- 7033/16 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2017 be approved and signed as a true record. PROPOSED: Cllr F Cottee SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7034/16 Calendar of dates a. The Calendar of Dates for the year 2017-2018 was NOTED.
b. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was set for Wednesday 10 May 2017 and will be held at Ash Village Hall.
- 7035/16 Planning a. Applications
SE/16/03627: Idleigh Court, Idleigh Court Road, DA13 0JR - Proposed single storey rear extension; alterations to the roof of the existing adjacent single storey rear addition; associated internal alterations.
Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy.
Comment:
According to local knowledge, the original house on this site, was exactly the same footprint as Ridley Court. These houses were built at the same time, by the same builder. This together with information on Google Earth

- 7035/16
Planning
- suggests that the current house is significantly larger than the original dwelling and request that should planning permission be granted, permitted development rights are removed from this site. It was noted that the pitched roof is to be replaced by an unattractive flat roof and a bland wall is replacing one with windows. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- SE/16/03691: 1 New Street Farm Cottages, New Street Road, Hodsoil Street, TN15 7JY** – Prior notification of a single storey rear extension which extends 6m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house with a maximum height of 3.225m and eaves height of 3m. NOTED.
- b. Decisions
The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/12/16 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- c. Appeals
None at the time of the Agenda.
- d. Enforcements
The enforcement items, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/12/16 were NOTED.
- e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 01 December 2016 were NOTED. It was NOTED that an additional Planning Committee meeting would be held on 20 December 2017.
- f. The notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party meetings of 06 December 2016 were NOTED.
- 7036/16
Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 01 March 2017.
- d. Kent County Council Volunteer Support Warden Scheme – Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Parish Council joins the scheme with the Village Association. SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- e. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the renewal of the Clerk's membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks for 2017 in the amount of £250.00 is AUTHORISED. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7037/16
Sports Centre
- a. It was NOTED that the next Sports Centre Management Committee meeting will be held on 13 February 2017.
- 7038/16
Barnfield Park
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group held on 05 December 2016 were NOTED. It was NOTED that there had been no Police representative at the meeting. A local farmer reported that he had approximately 20 incidents in the last three weeks relating to fencing, vehicles etc and that probably 8 out of 10 were not being reported, primarily due to the poor service received from the 101Service.
- 7039/16
Northfield
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 13 February 2016.
- 7040/16
Burial Ground
- a. The minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 05 December 2016 were NOTED.

- 7041/16 Youth
- a. Youth Provision – A meeting has been arranged for the Clerks of the Sevenoaks District and West Kent Extra (the KCC Youth Commissioned service) on 17 January 2017.
 - b. 8 – 12's – no report
- 7042/16 Highways
- It was NOTED that New Street has been closed due to emergency repairs to water pipes. Cllrs F Cottee and Mrs Howie reported that there has been 2 or 3 road closures on Haven Hill and other roads in the Hodsoll Street and Ridley area due to burst water mains. It was AGREED that a letter is sent to South Eastern Water pointing out the increased volume of heavy vehicles using these roads and causing damage to the fragile pipes and request details of what proactive work is or will be carried out on these pipes which are no longer fit for purpose.
- The meeting was suspended at 8.22pm to receive a report from the County Councillor.**
- The report from the County Councillor is attached to these minutes.
- The meeting reconvened at 8.30pm**
- 7043/16 Footpaths
- a. Public Footpath SD252 Appeal to proposed diversion – the decision is awaited.
- 7044/16 Transport
- a. Waitrose Car Park – no response has been received to letters sent to Waitrose Head Office and Dartford Borough Council. A third letter will be sent to Waitrose Head Office and a second letter to Dartford Borough Council and copies of all correspondence sent to Waitrose at Longfield.
- 7045/16 Ash, Hodsoll Street, Ash & New Ash Green
- a. Ash – It was NOTED that the collection for the Teas & Coffee served at the Remembrance Day Service raised £25.35 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
 - b. Hodsoll Street – Carols on The Green will be held on Friday 16 December 2016 and Ash Church Choir will be attending. The Hodsoll Street 2017 Calendar is available for £5.
 - c. Ridley – No report.
 - d. New Ash Green 50th Anniversary – Cllr M Brown reported that he had not attended the last meeting as he was not aware that the venue had been changed.
- The meeting was suspended at 8.38pm to receive a report from the District Councillor.**
- The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes.
- The meeting reconvened at 8.41pm**
- 7046/16 Bulletin and Website
- a. Bulletin – no report
 - b. Website - no report.
- 7047/16 Focus Group and Police
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 09 January 2017 and it was requested that the PCSO attends.

- 7048/16
Lunch
Provision
- a. It was NOTED that the Co-operative Food Store in New Ash Green donated £30.00 towards the Christmas Lunch held on 08 December 2016.
b. The school choir
c. It was NOTED that Kent County Council Adult Services have advised that the grant for the Lunch Club will end in March 2018. We will receive the same reduced grant for the year April 2017 to March 2018.
- 7049/16
KALC
- Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that Mrs Alison Harding is nominated for the 2017 KALC Community Awards Scheme in recognition of her continued support for the community. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7050/16
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/12/16 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: