

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Stalisfield Village Hall on 11 January 2024

Present: Cllr Cat Horn (Chair), Cllr Jerry Brown, Cllr Richard Vant and Cllr Nina Williams; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)
Also present were four members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Chris Norwood (work); apologies accepted.
Apologies had also been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann (KCC business); Ward Member Terry Thompson (away) and PC Gary Morris (shift pattern); apologies noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 18 October 2023

Cllr Horn read the minutes.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Horn.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The village gateway has not been moved.

ACTION: Clerk to contact KCC Highways.

Gift options for craftsman.

ACTION: Cllr Horn to recirculate.

Joint Stalisfield and Otterden Parish Council: Swale Borough Council referred Clerk to KALC, as a by-election was pending; KALC advised contacting Swale; Swale contacted and waiting for a response.

ACTION: Cllr Vant to liaise with Otterden Parish Meeting to ascertain if the merger is wanted.

Fences in Hillside Road: Swale Enforcement has confirmed that the fence is there to protect new trees which have been planted behind and is temporary until the new plants establish. The case remains open for monitoring.

5. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public time.

A representative from the church addressed the Council on the need for a grant.

The Landlord from the pub addressed the Council on his plans for the pub to make it more accessible and the business more viable.

The meeting was reconvened

6. Planning Matters

23/504034/LBC The Kent Barn Heel Road Throwley Kent ME13 0JH

Internal alterations to existing garage to create first floor loft space for home office and insertion of 2no. rooflights Application withdrawn.

23/504033/FULL The Kent Barn Heel Road Throwley Kent ME13 0JH

Internal alterations to existing garage to create first floor loft space for home office and insertion of 2no. rooflights. Application permitted.

23/504225/LBC Parsonage Farm Kennelling Road Stalisfield Kent ME13 0JQ

Listed Building Consent for alterations to existing workshop, including insertion of new doors and window (all within existing openings), infilling of existing doorway, repairs to floor, and installation of new rainwater goods. Application permitted.

23/504696/FULL Parsonage Farm Kennelling Road Stalisfield Faversham Kent ME13 0JQ

Alterations to existing workshop, including insertion of new doors and window (all within existing openings), infilling of existing doorway, repairs to floor, and installation of new rainwater goods. Application permitted.

7. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices

Stalisfield Village Hall- hall hire

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Stalisfield Village Hall £7.50 for hall hire (cheque no 324).

iii. To consider request from St Mary's Church Stalisfield for a grant towards churchyard maintenance

Cllr Horn **PROPOSED** to make a grant of £300.00 to Stalisfield Church towards the maintenance of the churchyard; **SECONDED** by Cllr Williams: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** (cheque no 325).

iv. To consider budget for 2024-25

Councillors considered the budget for 2024-25 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set the budget at £3605.

v. To set precept for 2024-25

Councillors considered the precept for 2024-25. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set the precept at £3087 being a 4% increase for a Band D property; the balance of the budget would be taken from reserves.

9. Highways

Covered under Matters Arising.

10. Any Other Business

No matters were raised.

11. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting on Thursday 16 May at 7.30pm.

ACTION: Clerk to inform County and Borough Councillors, and PC Gary Morris.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

Date: 1 February 2024