

Ospringe Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 8th March 2017 in the Church Rooms, Church of St Peter and St Paul, Ospringe. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: A Keel – Chairman
B Flynn – Vice Chairman
J Dean-Kimili
A Greason
R Simmons
S Wright
I Bowie – Clerk

Apologies: H Williams
Cllr A Bowles
Cllr C Prescott

025/17 Dispensations

Councillors B Flynn, A Greason and A Keel have been granted dispensation to deal with matters related to Champion Hall.

026/17 Public Participation

There was no public participation

027/17 Signing of minutes

All were in agreement for the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record of the business transacted at the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February 2017.

028/17 Matters Arising

Highway matters: Vicarage Lane drainage issue remains outstanding and Chairman has again contacted KCC drainage department (KHS) but the lack of any response has been disappointing - Chairman is still awaiting a response to his last email (2nd March). Action: Chairman to follow up regarding this and the other drainage issues.

Speed limits – Clerk has re-registered with the updated Speedwatch scheme. The Clerk gave an update on discussions with the Community Speedwatch manager, Alan Watson regarding the possibility of a 30mph speed limit from Bay Hill to Brogdale Road. Following this, the parish council discussed whether securing a speed limit was practicable given the criteria required. It was agreed that the Parish Council would canvass the opinion of local residents. Action: PC to 'mail-shot' local residents.

Lighting –Chairman has emailed Ken Bonner Action: Chairman to follow up

Lorenden School visit –Discussion regarding the two refuse bins left outside Lorenden during the holidays. The School has confirmed a meeting to discuss the Laurel hedge encroaching on the footpath. Action: Chairman to follow up

Painter's Forstal BT phone box – Clerk to continue follow up regarding proposal for removal. Action: Clerk to monitor

Perry Court (Section 106 funding). Still no response from Cllr Bowles. To be followed up.
Action: Clerk has written to Andrew Bowles

15/502982/ADV Syndale illuminated advertising. Response from Graham Thomas who has visited both the Syndale and the Canterbury Road sites on 17th February 2017 and has taken photos. He is now seeking the views of the Conservation Officer, and will then engage with the Enforcement team regarding the options for taking action relating to these signs. Action: Chairman to follow up

KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative - Map circulated identifying location of the hydrants. Action: Cllr Flynn and Chairman to locate and report back on the condition of the hydrants and the accuracy of the map.

KCC Freight Action Plan for Kent Consultation. – Cllr Kimili reported that both she and Cllr Williams had completed the consultation. The lack of enforcement regarding signage for freight was discussed. Cllr Greason suggested a review of signage to further prevent freight accessing narrow lanes/roads. Cllr Simmons reported lorry damage to verges and had emailed the haulier. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Kimili and Williams for completing the consultation. Action: Cllr Greason to review options for increased signage. Clerk to follow up complaint to haulier.

The Great British Spring Clean – Cllr Kimili reported that 11 adults and two children participated in the Spring Clean on the 4th of March. 22 bags of litter were collected in total. Concern was raised as to the large amount of children's sweet wrappers and also fast food and drink packaging. Suggested improvements for next year centred on increasing both awareness and the number of people attending. This could be achieved by a leaflet drop, engaging the schools and publicising through the VAC. Approaching commercial food outlets for potential assistance was discussed. Action: Chairman to follow up assistance from the VAC. Clerk to contact food outlets in January 2018 to ask for assistance/funding.

Layby near Coldstream Cottage – Discussion re the use of the layby for parking. Action: Clerk to review planning applications for the last 4 years and report at next meeting.

Salt Bin in Layby near Coldstream Cottage – Clerk to contact KCC and establish and ascertain why it was removed.

029/17 Parish Councillor Vacancies

There are two parish councillor vacancies and the Chairman urged councillors to continue to encourage suitable applicants.

030/17 Parish Localism and Community Assets

It was agreed that the Chairman would start the process of registering the playground at Painters Forstal as a Community Asset.

It was agreed that further discussion was needed regarding other potential community assets. In other areas within Swale and other localities, many public houses have been registered as assets of community value.

031/17 Planning

New Applications

17/500203/FULL – The Old Barn, Vicarage Lane, Ospringe.

Not notified by SBC. Faversham TC informed OPC.

17/500538/FULL – 23 Bayfield Painters Forstal Kent ME13 0EF

Two storey side & rear extension to replace existing single storey entrance & utility and single storey rear extension to dwelling. OPC. No objections.

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16/507020/FULL – The Retreat, Elverland

Change of use to residential caravan site for 2 Romany gypsy families, containing 2 static caravans, 2 touring caravans, hardstanding, water treatment plant, new highway access (part retrospective). OPC Objected. Graham Thomas put forward our objections to the committee. SBC Recommend refusal

16/505471/FULL – Meads Farm Elverland The use of the site as a caravan site for residential use will result in an unsustainable pattern of development, contrary to national and local planning policies. The need to provide gypsy and traveller sites and the personal circumstances on the applicant and their family do not outweigh the harm caused through the unsustainable location of the site. SBC Recommending refusal

15/509545/FULL – Hill Top Farm, Elverland

The use of the site as a caravan site for residential use will adversely affect the natural beauty of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, will result in an unsustainable pattern of development, and will adversely affect highway safety in a manner contrary to national and local planning policies, factors which outweigh the need to provide gypsy and traveller sites and the personal circumstances on the applicant and his family. SBC Recommending refusal

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16/504755/FULL – Equestrian Centre, Willow Farm, Hansletts Lane

Approved with conditions: That application 16/504755/FULL be delegated to officers to approve, subject to no objections being raised by Highways England to the amended plans, conditions (1) to (8) in the report, and an amendment to condition (8) to read: The hereby approved buildings shall only be for the storage and use of agricultural materials and machinery strictly for the farming activities at Willow Farm.

Planning Inspectorate Appeals

Appeal: APP/V2255/C/16/3142907

Land on the South-East Side of Faversham Road, Ospringe, Faversham, Kent, ME13 OSP

Background. The requirements of the notice are to:

i. Cease the use of the land as a caravan site for the stationing of any mobile homes or caravans. ii. Remove any caravans/mobile homes from the site. iii. Remove the hard-surfacing materials referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) above from the land. Summary of Decision: The appeal succeeds only to a limited extent. The enforcement notice is corrected, varied to extend the period for compliance to 12 months and upheld.

Planning Inspectorate Appeals Pending

(Outside of Ospringe Parish). Land North of Homestall Road 16/5001165 – ENF BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ALLEGED Without planning permission, undertaking work with the intention of substantially altering the existing land levels on the Land, which in the opinion of the Council would require the benefit of planning permission. SBC must respond by 2nd March

APP/V2255/C/16/3159910 – Parsonage Farm Bungalow. Parsonage Farm – Appeal against enforcement notice re demolition of existing side and rear extensions, construct new rear extension and front porch, undertake loft conversion of roof space and front dormers. OPC No objections.

032/17 Finance

The Clerk circulated a note of the current status of bank accounts, reserves and expenditure.

Current Account payments

Chq No 1266	Ospringe Parish Church – room hire 8/03/17	£ 20.00
Chq No 1267	Irene Bowie – Clerk pay, Dec 2016, Jan, Feb, March 2017	£ 583.80
Chq No 1268	HMRC – Clerk PAYE Dec 2016, Jan, Feb, March 2017	£ 145.80

Internal Auditor – Clerk to confirm dates.

Transparency Code Fund Application. Clerk has made an application for funding

033/17 Correspondence

NALC CEO Bulletin 5-10 February 2017 For Information Please note Local Audit (Public Access to Documents Bill) – to give journalists the same right of inspection as a local elector. No exemption for smaller PCs. Noted

KALC Preparing for your Audit Workshop 1st April Noted

KALC Planning Conference 23rd March 2017 Noted

KALC Kent Estates Partnership Board Noted

NALC CEO Bulletin 6-17 February 2017 Devo+ tool kit. Devolutionary guide for PCs to help them take on more services. Noted

Petition “Give communities back the right to decide where houses are built” Noted

NALC CEO meeting with DCLG minister Lord Bourne PCs provide details of neighbourhood plans being ignored by planning authorities when taking decisions. Noted

National Plant Monitoring Scheme Place on website / email to residents

KALC Membership Survey Clerk and Chairman to complete

Support to older Military Veterans Place on website

DCMS Better Broadband Campaign Poster on website

034/17 Members' report

None

035/17 Any other business

Lorry Access and damage to verges – Damaged verges due to freight access reported at top of White Hill, adjacent to Ash Tree Cottages on Brogdale Road, bottom of Abbots Hill and Painters Forstal from the centre of the village towards the school. Action: Chairman to follow up with Gary Gibbs

Clinical waste fly tipped at Bridle Path adjacent to Vicarage Lane – Cllr Wright reported that 30 bags of Clinical waste had been 'dumped'. Chairman had emailed SBC and was following up to ensure they were removed quickly. Action: Chairman to follow up emails with SBC. Cllrs Greason and Wright to undertake another site visit.

Willow Farm.

It was reported that concerns had been raised regarding a large quantity of rubbish that was visible from the road. Action: further enquiries to be made.

The meeting ended at 9:40pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 4 April 2017 at 7.30 (subsequently changed to 29 March 2017)