

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on 7 January 2021

Present: Cllr Cat Horn (Chair), Cllr Holly Andrews, Cllr Tracy Dove, Cllr Chris Norwood and Cllr Nina Williams.

Also present were County Councillor Andrew Bowles and one member of the public

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from Ward Member David Simmons at another meeting; apologies noted.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Andrews declared a pecuniary interest in item 6.i

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 26 November 2020

Cllr Horn read the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting, the minutes will be signed by Cllr Horn at the next physical meeting of the Parish Council.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Dove informed Members that the village Christmas tree was generously donated by the Dad's Army Shoot.

Cllr Horn said the Village Hall will be included in the Broad Band scheme.

Cllr Horn said the initial Broad Band application has been accepted and included all the houses in the village. An estimate has been given and a survey is being carried out. The Village Hall is on the list even though it does not currently have a phone and it is included.

Cllr Dove said SBCllr Simmons could be asked for a grant if necessary.

Cllr Horn said that she will check the final list and if the Village Hall is not on it, she will chase it. When the quotation is received it will be circulated to everyone to pledge their vouchers, some homes have been listed twice.

Cllr Dove said that the scheme can be explained in more detail to residents.

Cllr Dove informed Members that the electric charging point at the Village Hall is waiting for an assessment by a Local Government Officer. The application was submitted on 5 October.

Cllr Andrews asked if the daffodils had been planted.

Cllr Horn said that this was to be a village day for planting.

Cllr Norwood said it had not been possible to do this because of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Cllr Horn reported that a star had been placed on the Christmas tree in memory of Joe Ward-Bates.

Cllr Williams said it will be best to plant the daffodils in November.

5. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time

KCC Bowles reported that the Home to School Transport Appeals were taking place. KCC now has the authority to clamp and fine HGVs for inappropriate parking, warnings were issued

in the first week and fined will now be issued. KCC has permission from the Department for Transport to clamp and charge HGVs.

The KCC budget has gone out to consultation, it is proposed that there be an increase of 1.99% plus an additional 3% for adult social services and this is the maximum increase permitted without having a public referendum.

Cllr Horn thanked KCCllr Bowles for attending and for his report.

The meeting was reconvened.

6. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Tunstall Parish Council £25.00 share of Arnold Baker Local Government Administration.

iii. Budget 2021-22

Councillors considered the budget for 2021-22

Cllr Dove **PROPOSED** to set a budget of £2,935; **SECONDED** by Cllr Norwood: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

iv. Precept

Cllr Horn **PROPOSED** to set a Precept of £2,935; **SECONDED** by Cllr Dove: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

7. Planning Matters

Ref: 20/505517/FULL

Address: Holly Tree Cottage Green Road Stalisfield Faversham Kent ME13 0HY

Proposal: Creation of new glazed link extension from house to existing garage.

Cllr Andrews left the meeting for this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote on this matter.

Councillors considered the application and agreed to support the proposal as it will not impact on the Conservation Area and is not visible from the road.

8. Any Other Business

No other matters were raised.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10 March at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

Date: 10 March 2021