**SMARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

Present:, Mark Wilson (Chairman), Jocelyn Craig (Vice chairman), John Lowings, Clifford Ridley, Jo Morton, Pete Watts, Marion Hudson, Brian Bristow and Catherine Stanley (Clerk).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Sarah Ellison and Mark Wilson (part)

**2. LIST OF THE DEPARTED**

Jean Morgan, David Sloman, Iris White and Chris O’Sullivan

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th AUGUST 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of 13th August 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman and publication on the website agreed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

It was reported that a number of litter bins have gone missing. Catherine was asked to try to establish what has happened.

It was reported that the Christmas Lights fund has been actively organising fundraising events such as a Golf Day. Lottery funding has been applied for as well as grants from Ashford Borough Council.

**5. PLANNING**

**Application No: 18/01205**

Location: Old School House, Pluckley Road TN27 8QA

Proposal: Removal of existing roof tiles and rafters if necessary and retiling with reclaimed tiles to cover with additional layers of TLX membrane over rafters and replacement of old black plastic guttering with cast iron guttering

Comments: No Comment

**Application No: 18/01231/AS**

Location: The Yard Burnthouse Lane, Smarden TN27 8PT

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and storage and hardstanding and replace with eight family homes together with ecological enhancement

Comments: No Comment

**Application No. 18/01223/aS**

Location Little Smarden House, Pluckley Road, Smarden TN27 8NB

Comments: Object

**Application No. 18/01322/AS**

Proposal: Erection of a new dwelling (amendment to previously approved application 18/0001 to include slight relocation of building)

Location: Millworth House, Pluckley Road, Smarden, TN27 8RG

Comments: Object – permitted development and this would set a precedent

**17/01729** Land South of Gilham Farm (Mobile Home and Amenity Building) Appeal received due to non-determination

**17/01668** Land South of Gilham Farm (Replacement Stables) Appeal received

**6. BURIAL GROUND**

Mark reported that there have been a couple of burials and interments.

**7. POST OFFICE**

Jocelyn reported that the transfer of the title to the land has now been completed.

The Action Group has become a signed member of the Plunckett Foundation. A pledge letter is soon to be sent out to Parishioners.

A website for the new shop is under construction.

**8. MINNIS and CORNES MEADOW.**

The RoSPA report on the Playground was discussed at length.

Catherine was asked to obtain quotations for the repair work to the Play Equipment and the Skate Park.

Catherine was asked to produce a new rota for the Playground Checks.

The Parish Council has been approached to allow camping on Cornes Meadow. It was agreed that this was not acceptable to the Parish Council.

**9. HIGHWAYS and LORRYWATCH**

Brian reported that there have been a number of comments on Facebook about parking on the pavement in The Street.

Brian has emailed Lisa Willoughby to see if a dropped kerb could be constructed to make crossing the road easier.

**10. YOUTH CLUB BUILDING**

The future use of the building was discussed. It was agreed that a meeting would be helpful to try and establish the best way forward.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Catherine advised that she has been contacted by Ashford Borough Council to try to organise a smooth handover of the running of Ashenden.

**12. FINANCE and MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

Accounts – Catherine presented the account for August and the items of expenditure for September were approved.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS**

The draft article for the Parish Magazine was approved.

**14. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED/FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

None

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.