



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held in Rolvenden Village Hall on 20th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Chairman), Cllr E Barham, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr Mrs F May, Cllr Mrs I Newman, Cllr G Tiltman, Cllr Mrs T Turner and Cllr Mrs L Walker

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk and Responsible Officer.

Also present: 1 member of the public

660. Apologies for absence:

Cllr A Johnstone and, Ashford Borough Councillor K Walder

661. Declarations of Interest:

1. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

None.

2. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of War Memorial Trust.

Cllr Mrs I Newman, trustee of War Memorial Trust, trustee of the Non-Ecclesiastical Charities. Minute 664 (planning application 21/02124/AS)

Cllr E Barham trustee of Basil Russel Trust, trustee of the Windmill Trust, Royal British Legion. Minute 664 (planning application 21/02202/AS & 21/02203/AS)

Cllr Mrs L Walker, treasurer Village Fete committee

Cllr Mrs F May, Secretary Rolvenden Village Hall

3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

None

662. Public Participation:

There were no comments from the public.

663. Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th December 2021 were submitted, agreed as a true record to be signed by the Chairman.

664. Planning:

Cllr Mrs Newman left the room

21/02124/AS 5 Gybbons Road, Rolvenden – Erection of a rear / side single storey extension with roof lights. Conversion of garage to a habitable room with new window.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

Cllr Mrs Newman returned to the meeting

Cllr Barham left the room

21/02202/AS & 21/02203/AS 34 High Street, Rolvenden – Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of garden room; extension to first floor bathroom; weatherboarding to rear; new rooflights to rear.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

Cllr Braham returned to the meeting.

Members raised concerns regarding planning application 21/01977/AS considered at the last meeting together with the listed building consent in that permission had been granted for the garage and that the Officer had reported that the Parish Council supported the application when it had not. Members asked that a letter of complaint be sent to the head of planning at Ashford Borough Council in this respect and to also raise concerns about not being consulted on applications for prior consent in Agricultural buildings.

665. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

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| Staff costs | £950.33 |
| Litter picking | £150.00 |
| J P Prince (phone kiosk) | £1,530.00 |
| My Village Stores | £83.83 |

Funds received in December

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| Ashford Borough Council phone box project | £500.00 |
| PCC St Mary the Virgin | £1,578.00 |

Councillors Mrs D Curtain and Mrs I Newman verified the entries through the bank account.

Resolved:

- 1. To authorise the payments contained in the schedule**
- 2. To receive and note the financial movements for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st December 2021.**

666. Pollen Bars:

The meeting referred to in the December 2021 minutes between the Parish Council, Ashford Borough Council, Kent County Council and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust has now been held. At the meeting a schedule for the planting has been loosely agreed on a phased basis. For the areas owned by Kent County Council a decision will be made once a safety audit of the site has been undertaken, at a future date to be determined.

Members were asked for approval to request a £100 grant from Ashford Borough Councillor K Walder's Ward Member Grant towards the cost of bulbs and wild flower seeds which was agreed.

667. Phone Boxes:

The painting of the Layne Box was delayed due to the fact that a minimum temperature had to be attained before the top coat of paint could be applied. The glass is now waiting to be installed which will complete the renovation. The website for the sound museum is ready to go live and members were asked to consider if advertising of local attractions or businesses should be considered on the website and if so should a fee be payable.

Members agreed that advertising should be permitted but only to Rolvenden and that for the first twelve months no fee should be payable when it would be reviewed. All that advertise in the Parish Magazine are to be approached.

668. Stolen funds:

Whitehead Monckton were asked for an update prior to the meeting to which they responded that their letter was signed for on 13th November and they are mystified as to why Lloyds have not responded. Further enquiries are being made.

669. Land bequest:

No progress has been reported by the solicitors dealing with this.

670. Platinum Jubilee Events:

Planning is at an advanced stage, the Church are hosting a concert on the 1st June and will be hosting a floral display, themed red white and blue, throughout the weekend. The Beacon lighting will be taking place on 2nd June. The fete will take place on the Sunday when it is planned to have a procession from the Ewe and Lamb to the Cricket ground and back to the Village Hall. The next committee meeting will take place on 7th February at 6pm. The Village Hall has been booked as a contingency for bad weather and the Insurance is in place.

Cllr Barham reported that the Jubilee Avenue of 70 trees from the Windmill to the Fishpond had been planted by the Kent Men of Trees, 2 are currently awaiting planting one by the school and the other by a dignitary at a date to be arranged.

671. Parking issues in Sparkeswood Avenue:

Ashford Borough Council have been contacted regarding ownership of property/land a response is awaited.

672. Litter Picking:

Cllr Barham is looking to arrange the annual litter pick in March which will be widely advertised. The Parish Council agreed to purchase some litter picking equipment.

673. Other items for information:

Cllr Curtain advised that an application had been made to the Kent Volunteering Awards on behalf of the Rocket Team and that they had been recognised as runners up.

Comment was made about the external appearance of the Tanyard Flats and how dirty they looked, the Council have been advised that external decoration is some way off.

Comment was made regarding the number of overgrown hedges especially in the Layne, residents have received the vegetation notice in the past, if they fail to take note they will be reported to Kent Highways for action to be taken.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm