

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2016 at New Ash Green Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road, commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr J Crane
Cllr Mrs Howie (arrived 8.15pm)
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr I Mann
Cllr V Ngwenya

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk
Cllr C Clark – Sevenoaks District Council
2 members of the public

- 6925/16 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Clark, F Cottee and J Scott (prior engagement), Cllrs S Glover and Mrs Hobbs (work). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted. County Councillor D Brazier and District Councillor A Pett also gave their apologies.
- 6926/16 Declarations Of Interest a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Brammer declared an interest in Item 7e. Application from Ash Village Hall Committee for a grant as she is the Parish Council nominee on that committee.
b. No changes to the Register of Interests. Members were reminded that any alteration or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.
- 6927/16 Dispensations No requests received
- 6928/16 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2016 be approved and signed as a true record PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 6929/16 Annual Parish Meeting The notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 May 2016 were received and noted PROPOSED: Cllr J Crane SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED
- 6930/16 Planning a. Applications
SE/16/01417: 39 Bowes Wood, New Ash Green, DA3 8QL – Erection of first floor side extension. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

SE/16/01454: 90 Punch Croft, New Ash Green, DA3 8HR – Erection of a part single storey and part two storey rear extension. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

SE/16/01598/PAC: Blacklambs Field, Bunkers Hill Road, TN15 7EY - Prior notification for a change of use from agricultural Building to a flexible use within shops, Financial and Professional services, Restaurants and Cafes, Business, Storage or Distribution, Hotels or Assembly or Leisure. This application is made under Class R of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the recommendation from Cllr F Cottee is accepted and that The Parish Council strongly objects to this application for three main reasons.

- Firstly, notwithstanding the previous opinion of Kent Highways, the roads to the site from both the East and West are unsuitable for the level and type of traffic actually generated. Written and photographic evidence from residents demonstrates that vehicle weight, frequency and hours of use are all significantly greater than those imposed by existing change of use permits for the other units on the site, thus invalidating the opinion given by Kent Highways. The proposed development will simply add to the problem.
- Secondly, the expensive flood mitigation scheme installed in Bunkers Hill two years ago has been rendered ineffective by the mud generated by verge damage caused by over-weight vehicles visiting this site. Again, the problem will be made worse by this additional proposed development.
- Thirdly, developments on this site have each been considered in isolation without taking into account the cumulative effect of the incremental erection and then change of use of agricultural buildings on the site. This has resulted in the inappropriate conversion of agricultural fields into an industrial site in the middle of an isolated area served only by winding country lanes.

Any of the proposed change of uses would generate additional traffic. A site inspection is recommended.

It was noted that Gravesham Borough Council in its recent submission for another change of use application on this site has stated that it considers developments on this site to be inappropriate development, the roads unsuitable for the traffic generated and it wishes limits to be placed on future permitted development. SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

b. Decisions

The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/06/16 were RECEIVED.

c. Appeals

The Appeal, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/06/16 was RECEIVED.

d. Enforcements

None at the time of the Agenda.

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 02 June 2016 were NOTED.

f. The notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party held on 06 June 2016 were NOTED.

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED. Cllr V Ngwenya took members through the reports. (Cllr Mrs Howie arrived)
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Howie SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

- c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24 May 2016 were NOTED.
- d. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the renewal of the Data Protection Registration for the Parish Council is authorised in the amount of £35.00. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- e. Ash Village Hall Committee – Following a discussion regarding the problems faced by the Village Hall Committee and various funding streams. It was AGREED that Cllrs J Kelly and F Cottee would meet with representatives of the Village Hall Committee to discuss funding methods and this appeal will be brought to the next Parish Council meeting.

6932/16
Sports Centre

- a. The minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 17 May 2016 were NOTED.

6933/16
Barnfield
Park

- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group held on 13 June 2016 will be distributed with the July Agenda.

6934/16
Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 11 July 2016.

6935/16
Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee will be held on 27 June 2016.

6936/16
Youth

- a. No report

6937/16
Highways

The Highways report for the period to 10 June 2016 was emailed to members.

6938/16
Footpaths

SD252(Part) Ash-cum-Ridley – Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council proceeds with written submissions to the Planning Inspectorate. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie. The Footpath Representatives and Parish Councillor for Hodsoll Street will meet to formulate the submission for approval by the Parish Council.

6939/16
Transport

It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva and the Parishes will be held on 20 September 2016.

6940/16
Village Day

It was AGREED that the Parish Council would not have a stand at Village Day this year.

6941/16
Ash, Hodsoll
Street & Ash

- Ash – the route out to the A20 has been improved and haunching is continuing. The replacement noticeboard for Ash Village Hall remains outstanding.
- Hodsoll Street – No report.
- Ridley – No report.

- 6942/16
Bulletin and
Website
- a. Bulletin – To enable delivery of the Bulletin in time for the Summer Scheme, Cllr I Mann PROPOSED that the Deadline is brought forward to 14 July 2016. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.
b. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the quotation from Door2door in the amount of £189.60 plus VAT for the delivery of the next edition of the Bulletin is accepted. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
c. Website - no report
- 6943/16
Focus Group
and Police
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 04 July 2016.
- 6944/16
Lunch
Provision
- A Customer Satisfaction Survey will be carried out at the lunch provision this week.
- The meeting was suspended at 9.17pm to receive a report from the District Councillor.**
The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes.
The meeting reconvened at 9.21pm
- 6945/16
KALC
- No report.
- 6946/16
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/06/16 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman