

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29 January 2019 in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Debbie Haigh (Chair), Cllr Tony Mould, Cllr Dean Coles, Cllr Steve Godmon, Cllr Mel Harris, Cllr Stephen Harvey, Cllr Elaine Jackson, Cllr Eric Layer, Cllr Richard Palmer and Cllr Graham Staff; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were KCllr Mike Whiting, Ward Member Cllr John Wright, visiting Ward Member Cllr Alan Horton and six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jeannie Milburn (personal): apologies accepted. Cllr Jackson had advised she would be late due to work commitments. Apologies had been received from SBCllr Gerry Lewin (unwell); apology noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Palmer declared a pecuniary interest in item 8. iv

3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2018

Cllr Haigh **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018 as a true record; **SECONDED** by Cllr Godmon; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Haigh duly signed the minutes as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Hole in Track- Cllr Haigh reported that ATS has filled the hole with hard core type one, free of charge and thanked Mr Smith for his help.

One-way system in Bull Lane – To be discussed with County Councillor at agenda item 6.

Website- Cllr Haigh said the Council had a cost for a .gov.uk website but this can only be registered by a Registrar, the cost for a domain host to register the name for two years is £109 for two years and then £61 per annum thereafter. Cllr Haigh **PORPOSED** to accept the quotation from Fasthosts; **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Haigh **PROPOSED** the website name be newingtonpc.gov.uk: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Harris said there should be a map of Swale on the home page to ensure residents know it is the right Newington for the parish.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was adjourned for the public time

#1- A resident asked KCllr Mike Whiting about the charges for non-domestic waste and raised concern that it would increase fly tipping.

KCllr Whiting said Kent County Council made the proposal to charge for certain types of rubbish at THE Sittingbourne, Faversham and Sheppey Waste Recycling Tips, the charge will be for the waste the Government has said the Council does not have to accept free of charge, such as rubble. Half of the Councils in the country make a charge for this type of waste and

there is no evidence that a charge on the waste increases fly tipping. The problem is that some people are charging householders to dispose of waste and then dumping it on the highway, this is a criminal offence. It is important that residents ensure anyone disposing of rubbish for the has a waste carriers licence. Swale Borough Council is fining individual house holders who use illegal waste removal firms and also those who illegally dump the waste, some have had their vans confiscated.

#2- A resident asked if offenders can be named and shamed.

KCCllr Whiting said Swale Borough Council advises people to check the operators licence and if they do not have one, not to use them.

SBCllr John Wright said the Borough Council does publish advice for residents using waste carriers. Everyone caught is named and shamed in the Swale Magazine.

Cllr Jackson arrived.

#3- A resident said she could not get her trailer into the tip and asked that not charging people to get rid of waste be monitored. Concern was raised about the amount of rubbish in Bull Lane, much of which is thrown from vehicles.

SBCllr Alan Horton, Swale Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities, said the Borough Council will be involved in the annual Spring Clean campaign from 22 March to 23 April, if the area is cleaned it stands more chance of keeping clean.

Cllr Haigh said she has seen anti fly tipping posters and the Parish Council would be agreeable to posters being sited on the posts.

KCCllr Whiting said the posters must not cause an obstruction and that he is will work with SBCllr Wright and SBCllr Horton.

ACTION: Councillors to identify affected areas and make recommendations for sites for posters.

Cllr Harris said the Parish Council used to organise volunteer clean-ups in the village. The Parish Council has a litter picker contractor for the paved areas but the areas with no pavements are not cleared. As there is concern regarding insurance

SBCllr Horton said Upchurch Parish Council has an annual spring clean and carries out a full Risk Assessment; briefs volunteers; provides rubber gloves, hoops for bags and litter pickers are provided by Swale Borough Council who also arranges for the rubbish to be collected. The event is covered by the Parish Council's insurance. Swale Borough Council has equipment which is lends out. Gordon Henderson MP has Litter Angels to help.

ACTION: Village Spring Clean for next agenda.

Cllr Palmer said Charlotte Court has no wheelie bins and the rubbish is piled up by the side of the road and animals tear the bags open.

Cllr Harvey said the S106 money from the Working Men's Club should cover this.

#4- A resident raised concern about parked cars in Church Lane being damaged by passing lorries and vans and said that her car had been hit six times.

Cllr Haigh said the matter will be considered when 20's Plenty is discussed.

#5- A member of the public reported the entrance to the Cemetery is breaking up and needs to be examined.

6. VISITORS

i. Borough Councillors

SBCllr Wright reported that he had attended the Air Quality Meeting in Newington with Swale officers and Parish Councillors. The strategy is looking at air quality from traffic pollution as well as from industrial and domestic pollution.

SBCllr Wright said he is dealing with a number of planning issues and had sent comments regarding Paradise Farm although the KCC planning portal is not a publicly viewed portal. He

is waiting to hear back from the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership regarding having average speed cameras on the A2.

Cllr Haigh thanked SBCllr Wright for attending and for his report.

ii. County Councillor

KCCllr Whiting reported that he is chasing for a response to enquiries made on behalf of a resident about the way trees and bushes have been cut back by the village green.

The subject of making Bull Lane one way off the A2 has been raised again and options from officers have been drafted; 1. Traffic restricted to southbound only between High Street and The Willows. 2. Traffic restricted to southbound only between High Street and Callaways Lane. 3. Traffic restricted to northbound only between The Willows and High Street.

KCCllr Whiting said he is still waiting on a definitive reply from highways regarding the dropped kerb situation outside the old Working Men's Club.

Kent Highways have commenced a programme of pavement clearance, particularly where the footway is covered by overgrowth and mud from adjacent land. These obstruct those pushing prams and pushchairs and those using wheelchairs or mobility scooters, often forcing people to use the road instead. Any further issues will be added to the list. Kent Highways have made a start along the A2 in Newington and along the Sheppey Way in Bobbing.

A copy of the pothole report has been circulated, showing how many potholes have been filled.

KCCllr Whiting said he has signed off the grant application for the LED lights.

Cllr Haigh thanked KCCllr Whiting for the grant and for his report.

12. HIGHWAYS

This item was brought forward.

iii. 20's Plenty

Cllr Palmer reported there was a lot of support for the scheme in the summer for a 20mph speed limit in Newington covering Bull Lane, Playstool Road and part of the A2. A petition with six hundred and eighty signatures was submitted to the Swale Joint Transportation Board but it needed one thousand signatures to be taken forward by Kent County Council. It is difficult to get one thousand signatures within a village. Jesse Norman MP, Minister of State for the Department for Transport, has instructed Councils to review the benefits of 20mph schemes. Cllr Palmer said a speed survey has to be carried out to justify a 20mph scheme, it may be possible to obtain funding from Kent County Council or Swale Borough Council, if no grant funding is available it would fall to the Parish Council. The Parish Council could seek a trial scheme in Newington if Kent County Council are looking at supporting a 20mph scheme. The Government has to reduce air pollution and it could be in the interest of Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council to use S106 money. 20mph signs will not make much difference and it will be down to enforcement and education, the Police would need to monitor the area. Average speed cameras would be better to assist with this.

Cllr Haigh thanked Cllr Palmer for his report.

KCCllr Whiting said that Kent County Council is not against to 20mph speed limits and there are some schemes in the county. The issue with the A2 is that Kent County Council is not minded to permit speed humps on A roads to slow down the traffic, the Police will not support traffic calming measures on A roads. The Government expects that any roads with an average speed of over 24mph to have speed humps, where the average speed is less than 24mph, signs can be erected immediately. It costs £300 for a survey on a road at a location. The Parish Council would need to work with Kent Highways to assess what roads need to be surveyed. A Traffic Order costs £2,000 each. It will probably be for roads above the average 24mph as traffic calming would be needed, then there will be an issue as to where the speed humps will go.

Cllr Haigh said funding could be sought in the next financial year.

KCCllr Whiting said it would be a good use of grant money as Kent County Council will not spend unless there is a safety issue.

ACTION: *Cllr Palmer to identify areas for a survey.*

SBCllr Horton said Upchurch Parish Council has Speed Watch equipment and would be willing to lend it to Newington Parish Council, volunteers will need to undertake training and Risk Assessments have to be carried out on sites.

One-Way systems

KCCllr Whiting said there is no money available for a scheme but Kent Highways engineers have been asked for feasible schemes and have suggested three options. Flyers will be delivered in Bull Lane in the next few weeks, any scheme will need the support of residents. Cllr Harris said the Parish Council has previously said that because Callaways Lane is one-way south bound, Bull Lane cannot be one-way southbound as well. Callaways Lane cannot be changed as it would be very difficult to egress onto the High Street as drivers would be unable to see.

7. PLANNING

i. To receive an update

Application: 18/505516/FULL Mayfield House, London Road, Newington ME9 7TW

Proposal: Demolition of a front porch. Erection of a single storey rear extension and internal alterations (Revision to 18/502912/FULL).

Cllr Harvey reported to Members that the application had been permitted.

Application: 18/505119/FULL 148 High Street, Newington ME9.7JH

Proposal: Erection of granny annexe in rear garden.

Cllr Harvey informed Councillors a decision is yet to be made.

Application: 18/505142/FULL 43 Church Lane, Newington ME9 7JT

Proposal: Extension to the existing permitted development rear extension, including alterations to the roof.

Cllr Harvey reported to Members that the application had been permitted subject to strict conditions.

Application: 18/504230/FULL Land At Mill Hill, Upchurch ME9 7PE

Proposal: Erection of 4no. stables, tack room, feed store and wash down room and construction of a 20m x 60m manege for private use and for two schooling livery clients

Cllr Harvey reported to Members that the application had been permitted.

Application: 18/505315/FULL Land At The Tracies, Newington ME9 7TQ

Proposal: Erection of 5no. detached houses with associated access and parking including detached carport to Plot 2.

Cllr Harvey said he and Cllr Palmer attended the Swale Borough Council Planning Committee, no residents attended. Only SBCllr Mike Baldock voted against the proposal and the Committee approved the application.

Application: 18/505431/FULL Ashfield Court Farm, School Lane, Newington ME9 7LB

Proposal: Conversion and single storey rear extension of existing triple garage together with ramped access to create an annexe for a dependent elderly relative.

Cllr Harvey reported to Members that the application had been refused as the Officer said a granny annex should be joined to the main house.

Application: 18/502531/FULL 61 Playstool Road, Newington ME9 7NL

Proposal: Erection of a first floor rear extension and loft extension with front dormer (Retrospective works to 16/503414/FULL).

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision is yet to be made.

Application: 17/506569/FULL Breach Farm Paddocks, Land North-east Of Breach Farm Bungalow, Breach Lane, Upchurch ME9 7PE

Proposal: Change of use of land to single gypsy pitch and associated development (alternative to 15/502716)

Cllr Harvey said a decision is yet to be made as the original application needs to be withdrawn.

Application: 17/504813/FULL Car Wash, 67 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Proposal: Part change of use from car wash to residential for one studio

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision is yet to be made.

Application: 18/505060/ADJ (Alternative reference: 18/504836/EIOUT) Binbury Park, Detling Hill, Detling, Maidstone, Kent

Proposal: Adjoining Authority Consultation from Maidstone Borough Council for Outline application (with all matters reserved apart from access) for the erection of up to 1,750 dwellings including affordable housing, 46,000 sq.m of commercial space, a hotel, a local centre, a new primary school, a park and ride facility, strategic highways improvements including new Kent Showground access/egress, accesses/roads including a new bridleway bridge, parking, associated open space, landscaping, services, and Sustainable Drainage Systems. In addition the proposals include a publicly-accessible country park including the Binbury Motte and Bailey Castle Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Cllr Harvey informed Councillors that a decision is yet to be made.

Application: 17/504342/FULL Newington Working Mens Club

Proposal: Retrospective demolition of former Working Mens Club and erection of 9no. dwellings and 1no. maisonette together with carports for garaging of cars

Variations/conditions 17/505045/FULL and 17/504046/SUB

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 and removal of Condition 11 of application 17/504342/FULL (Retrospective demolition of former Working Mens Club and erection of 9no. dwellings and 1no. maisonette together with carports for garaging of cars (Revised scheme). (Vary Condition 2 to include reference to 'Titan-Sonair' ventilation system to bedrooms and dining room fronting the high street.)

PINS reference: APP/V2255/W/18/3209727

Cllr Harvey said the matter has gone to appeal regarding not allowing opening windows.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object.

ACTION: Cllr Harvey to draft response.

Application: 17/506345/FULL Building at Keycol Farm, Keycol Hill, Bobbing ME9 7LG / 8NA

Proposal: Demolition of pole barn attached to northern elevation and conversion of a former agricultural building into two dwellings with associated access and parking and as amended by drawing number 21187 PL06 Rev received 28.02.2018.

Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/V2255/W/18/3205056

Cllr Harvey reported the Appeal had been dismissed.

Pond Farm

Cllr Harvey reported the Court of Appeal, Civil Division, made an order that 'On consideration of the appellant's notice and accompanying documents, but without an oral hearing, in respect of an application for permission to appeal, against the refusal of the High Court to apply for a planning statutory review'

Reasons: 'The applicant's grounds are properly arguable and have a sufficient prospect of success to justify permission to appeal being granted'

Gladman Developments Limited – and – The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government – and – Swale Borough Council – and – CPRE Kent.

Order dated 5 October 2018 Reference: C1/2017/3476

('float date' 8 or 9 May 2019)

Application 17/505711/HYBRID Land at Wises Lane, Borden ME10.1GD

Proposal: Hybrid planning application with outline planning permission (all matters reserved except for access) sought for up to 595 dwellings including affordable housing; a two-form entry primary school with associated outdoor space and vehicle parking; local facilities comprising a Class A1 retail store of up to 480 sq m GIA and Class D1 medical facility of up to 560 sq m GIA; a rugby clubhouse / community building of up to 375 sq m GIA, three standard RFU sports pitches and associated vehicle parking; a link road between Borden Lane and Chestnut Street / A249; allotments; and formal and informal open space incorporating SuDS, new planting / landscaping and ecological enhancement works. Full planning permission is sought for the erection of 80 dwellings including affordable housing, open space, associated access / roads, vehicle parking, associated services, infrastructure, landscaping and associated SuDS. For clarity - the total number of dwellings proposed across the site is up to 675

Cllr Harvey informed Members that a decision will be made by Swale Borough Council Planning Committee Wednesday 30 January 2019

ii. Ref: 18/506279/FULL Address: Orchard Cottage, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, ME9 8NE

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to provide extra ancillary living space, with the relocation of workshop to combined study space. (Revision of 18/502040/FULL)

Cllr Harvey said the proposal is for care provision, a change of use is not necessary as it is not big enough. The application mentions care workers cars but there is no mention of the owners' cars or visitors' cars. The annex is not attached to the main house

Cllr Palmer said if the proposal is for care provision, the Care Quality Commission will carry out its own assessment to ensure the building is appropriate. There will be parking between the annex and the house and this could impede evacuation in the event of a fire.

Cllr Jackson said that if neighbours are not fully aware of the proposal, they need to be made aware.

Cllr Haigh said there is no change of use technically required and some of Councillors' concerns will be addressed by the Care Quality Commission. There is a Health and Safety issue regarding the parking between the house and the annex. Following the decision for Ashfield Court Farm (18/505431/FULL), if Swale's policy is that a care annex must be attached to the main building a precedent has been set. There is no kitchen in the annex so residents will have to go to the main house and the annex is not linked to the house. There is concern that there is insufficient parking on the drive for staff, the resident owners and visitors which may create additional parking on the Highway.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to object to the proposal.

iii. Ref: 18/506309/FULL Land Adjacent to Cromas, Callaways Lane, Newington ME9 7LX

Proposal: Construction of a detached, single residential dwelling (resubmission of 17/503997/FULL).

Cllr Harvey said the application had been previously agreed and the bird issue addressed.

Councillors considered the application and had no comment to make save that neighbours' comments be taken into consideration.

iv. Ref: SW/16/507594/RVAR (KCC/SW/0526/2018)

Address: Paradise Farm, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip, Sittingbourne ME9 7SR

Proposal: Details of Site Access Road and Internal Haul Road (Condition 13a), Weighbridge Details (Condition 13b), Fencing and Gates (Condition 13c), Staff Facilities and Parking (Condition 13d and 13e), Electricity Supply for Staff Facilities (Condition 13f), Complaints Procedure (Condition 14), Traffic Management Plan (Condition 27), PROW Management Plan (Condition 28), Noise Management Plan (Condition 34), Dust Management Plan (Condition 35), Sustainable Surface Water Drainage Scheme (Condition 37), Programme of

Archaeological Works (Condition 40), Arboricultural Method Statement (Condition 54) and Aftercare Scheme (Condition 56) pursuant to planning permission reference SW/16/507594
Cllr Harvey reported that there was a good attendance at the Air Quality meeting and Mid Kent Environment will be submitting a response. Newington Parish Council has submitted a response.

v. Ref: 19/500177/FULL Address: 15 School Lane, Newington ME9 7LB

Proposal: First floor rear extension and garage conversion to habitable space with linked side extension.

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal.

Ref: 19/500029/FULL Address: : Land Rear Of 132 High Street Newington ME9 7JH

Proposal Erection of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling and associated carport/garage

Cllr Harvey informed members the application has just been received and the Clerk will request an extension of time.

Cllr Haigh thanked Cllr Harvey for his report.

8. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

i. To receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 January 2019 and consider the recommendations

Cllr Jackson said the Committee was pleased that PCSO John Cork was able to attend the meeting and that he has been able to attend the Cornerstone Café.

Cllr Jackson said a resident had asked for the dog bin in Callaways Lane be removed from the telegraph pole, however the telegraph pole is not on his property.

Cllr Layer said telegraph poles cannot be sited on private land. The resident wants it to be removed because it could be a health hazard when he has built his house.

Cllr Mould said the bin is there because of the footpath and could be moved to the other side of the path. The bin is well used.

Cllr Coles said there are different types of bins which might be more suitable.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the resident that Swale Borough Council has been asked to empty the bin and will be monitoring the area.

Cllr Haigh said Swale Borough Council has offered three new dog waste bins.

ACTION 2: Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council to request a new bin.

iii. To consider the quotations for footpath to Pavilion

Cllr Jackson said Cllr Layer facilitated three contractors to the site and Cllr Coles drew plans for a new footpath.

The meeting was adjourned to allow a contractor to address the Council.

The contractor said he recommended using tarmac as it is a quicker process. The path should follow the pavilion fence. To lay a concrete path, the path has to be dug out and the concrete laid in sections. The other problem is that children might get into the concrete and mark it as the concrete will need twenty-four hours to go off. If tarmac is damaged it is quicker to repair. Tarmac would be a better option.

The meeting was reconvened.

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press were excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the quotations for the footpath to the Pavilion, the grounds maintenance contract and the defibrillator cabinet.

The meeting resumed in open session.

Councillors agreed that the status of the footpath behind the houses be ascertained before proceeding.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council again for clarification of the status of the footpath.

ii. To consider the recommendation for Recreation Ground maintenance

Cllr Jackson **PROPOSED** the quotation of £2,650 from Countrywide for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground be accepted; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

iv. To consider installing five-aside goal posts

Cllr Jackson said grants have been obtained to install five-aside football posts with a shortfall of £37 and Cllr Layer and Cllr Harvey will meet with Bredhurst Junior Football Club to discuss the best site for a five-aside pitch. The allotments are happy with the proposal.

Cllr Coles asked whether it will be an adult or children's five-aside pitch, will the goal posts have the facility for nets and who will pay for the pitch to be marked out.

Cllr Jackson said the provision is purely for children to play.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotation from Maylow Construction to install the goal posts in consultation with Bredhurst Junior Football Club.

Cllr Harvey reported work is currently being carried out on the play area, seats have been replaced and the chains have been sprayed. The painting will be done when the weather is drier. There was a successful meeting of the Friends of Newington Recreation Ground and the provision of a zipwire features in requests from residents. Advice will be sought from Daniel Gooch, Swale Borough Council, regarding a zipwire.

Cllr Jackson reported Weight Watchers have cancelled their second session in the Parish Room.

Cllr Jackson said the Newington Festival will not take place in 2019 as no one has come forward to run it. The Amenities Committee will look at this again for 2020 and it might become a bi-annual event.

Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 22 January 2019 as a true record; **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Jackson duly signed the minutes as a true record.

Cllr Haigh thanked Cllr Jackson for her report.

v. To consider the quotation for a defibrillator cabinet for the Pavilion

Cllr Palmer left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision of this item.

Cllr Jackson **PROPOSED** to accept the quotation of £256.25 from Medi Aid Ltd, for an indoor lockable defibrillator cabinet and spare adult and child pads; **SECONDED** by Cllr Coles: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Jackson said the defibrillators need to be checked on a regular basis and this will be added to the Pavilion Caretakers' Facilities management schedule and Cllr Palmer will monitor the defibrillator at the doctors' surgery.

9. VILLAGE VOICE AND MEDIA

Councillors agreed an article about fly tipping should be included in the Village Voice referring residents with concerns to contact Swale Borough Council. Residents are advised to check contractors have a waste removal licence and the article should be included every two or three months.

There will be an article about pot holes and that Cllr Layer will report pot holes.

Cllr Palmer said a training session for the defibrillator is being arranged.
The Clerk said she is waiting to hear back from the hall booking secretary for confirmation of the date.

10. FINANCE

i. Cheque list: to consider invoices for payment

Payee	Expenditure	Amount £	Cheque No.
Mrs P Rowe	Litter Picking Recreation Ground and sight check equipment January 2019	£110.00	2926
Mr MJ Marshall	Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance January 2019	£490.00	2927
HMRC	PAYE	£18.60	2928
Mrs W Licence	Salary and expenses	£609.39	2929
Newington Village Hall	Hall hire	£151.80	2930
DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd	Payroll fees December	£30.00	2931
Ms L Wright <i>For A Heavey</i>	Litter picking January 2019	£280.50	2932
Watson Electrical Services Ltd	Install defibrillator cabinet	£398.40	2933
Commercial Services Trading Ltd	Balance of grounds maintenance contract	£455.46	2934
Streetlights	Street lighting maintenance- third quarter	£575.82	2935
Business Stream	Water supply Pavilion and Recreation Ground	£180.76	2936
Mr S Harvey	Stationery	£22.00	2937

Cllr Haigh **PROPOSED** the signing of the cheques; **SECONDED** by Cllr Mould: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Payments

22.11.18: NEST- £180.27
28.11.18: ID Mobile Ltd- £3.99
03.12.18: Haven Power- £914.00
14.12.18: NEST- £115.34
28.12.18: ID Mobile Ltd- £3.99
02.01.19: Haven Power- £212.00
03.01.19: Haven Power- £702.00

Receipts

£10.00	Eastling Parish Council	Share of Clerks' Conference
£100.00	Weight Watchers	Pavilion Hire
£1450.00	Bredhurst Junior Football Club	Football Pitch Hire
£80.00	Weight Watchers	Pavilion Hire
£10.00	Doddington Parish Council	Share of Clerks' Conference
£10.00	Tunstall Parish Council	Share of Clerks' Conference

ii. National Salary Award 2019-20

Cllr Haigh **PROPOSED** adopting the national Salary Award 2019-20; **SECONDED** by Cllr Mould: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

11. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

Cllr Haigh said the Cemetery Working Party needs to meet look at the drive and also to review the fees.

Cllr Mould said the signage has become obscured by overgrown vegetation.

Cllr Harris said there had been an enquiry about motorway soil at the cemetery.

Cllr Haigh said the cemetery was opened in 1934 and there was no motorway or any infill of the site.

12. HIGHWAYSi. To receive an update of roads and pavements

Cllr Haigh said Council had been notified of the road closure and has been updated regarding Kent County Council's pothole blitz. Speedwatch has been suggested.

Cllr Palmer said that he, Cllr Harvey and a resident have had initial training. Church lane was Risk Assessed and deemed too narrow and much of Playstool Road is not suitable.

Cllr Haigh said it needs to be ascertained as to whether the criteria has changed.

Cllr Palmer said Police Cadets are able to help with Speedwatch.

ACTION 1: Cllr Palmer and Cllr Staff to take the lead for Speedwatch and will check out restrictions that prevent certain roads qualifying.

ACTION 2: Item for next agenda.

ii. Memorial bench on A2

Cllr Haigh said Alan Blackburn, Kent County Council, had contacted Daniel Gooch, Swale Borough Council following complaints from residents. Kent Highways and Swale Borough Council have carried out Risk Assessments and agree that at the present time there is insufficient evidence to move the bench. There have been no reports of anti-social behaviour from the Community Warden or the PCSO, KCC and Swale Borough Council consider the bench to be in a safe position. This needs to be monitored and if concerns regarding anti-social behavior come to fruition the Parish Council will ask KCC and SBC to review the matter. Cllr Harvey said a member of the Friends group has said she is delighted the bench is there because it means that her elderly father can use it when he walks and this is a great help.

iii. 20's Plenty

Cllr Haigh said Kent County Council have stated the scheme cannot be on the A2 because speed humps are not allowed on an A road.

Cllr Palmer said this is being reviewed and they might not be a need for speed humps. The review started in November and will finish in June There are 20mph limits on some A roads in Kent. At the Air Quality Management meeting residents were keen for a 20's Plenty campaign. Cllr Haigh said a 20mph speed limit would help improve air quality, currently the rule is that traffic has to be moving 24mph or less to have a 20mph limit without traffic calming. Four surveys could be carried out an KCCllr Whiting asked for a grant towards this when his new grant fund becomes available.

Cllr Haigh **PROPOSED** the Council request four surveys from Kent Highways and ask KCCllr Whiting for a grant of half the cost; **SECONDED** by Cllr Coles: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ACTION 1: Amenities Committee to put forward four sites for survey.

ACTION 2: Cllr Harvey to approach local expert for assistance.

Cllr Harris said the only option to slow traffic in Church Lane is to have a speed table, the views of residents in Church Lane need to be sought.

Cllr Palmer said that speed humps have not been proved to be successful in slowing traffic and it sometimes increases speed.

Cllr Layer said there is an issue with wide vans. A 20mph zone is needed from Church Lane thought to High Oak Hill.

Cllr Harris said the Council should look into the cost of installing a speed table between the A2 and the bridge in Church Lane.

Cllr Layer said the noise from a speed table would be of concern to residents.

Cllr Haigh said the Council must talk to KCCllr Whiting to get a consultation in Church Lane, the consultation must be local to ensure it is what the resident in Church Lane want.

ACTION: Cllr Harris to draft a letter to KCCllr Whiting requesting a consultation.

One-way scheme

Cllr Haigh said KCCllr Whiting has requested feedback for suggested one-way scheme in Bull Lane.

Cllr Palmer said this needs to be on a future agenda so it could be discussed within a public forum.

ACTION: Clerk to draft response to KCCllr Whiting and send to Cllr Harris for approval before sending.

13. STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Haigh said she has the data for the Salix loan application and the Finance Working Group will meet to finalise the application.

14. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no reports.

15. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Harvey said the Annual Parish Meeting should be a separate meeting to thank people for their help and if this is done at the Annual Parish Meeting it will attract more people to attend.

Cllr Haigh said alcohol cannot be provided from Council funds.

Cllr Mould said a cup of tea and a sausage roll would be adequate and it will be an opportunity to thank people for what they have done.

Cllr Haigh said the Annual Parish Meeting could be before the Full Council meeting in April, starting at 6pm with refreshments followed by the Full Council meeting. Village groups will be invited and asked to confirm their attendance by the next Council meeting so that the final arrangements can be agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to contact village groups.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 14.12.18: Copy of SBC Tree Officer's response to resident

2. 18.12.18: SECAMB Public access defibrillator registration confirmation

3. 19.12.18: KALC News

4. 20.12.18: Kent PCC Newsletter

5. 21.12.18: Copy email from KCC to SBC regarding memorial bench on green

6. 02.01.19- UpARA Newsletter-added to website

7. 02.01.19- copy of resident email sent to Mike Whiting regarding the maintenance on Newington Green

8. 02.01.19- KALC Events flyer

9. 02.01.19- Bench on Green copy correspondence
10. 07.01.19-- SECAMB NHS Foundation Trust Membership and Elections.
10. 10.01.19- KALC: Planning Conference-
11. 11.01.19- KCC: Consultation on Minerals Sites Plans (Pre-Submission Consultation) and Consultation on the Early Partial Review of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30
12. 11.01.19- KALC: Introduction to Chairmanship
13. 14.01.19- KALC: Introduction to Planning
14. 14.01.19- Copy email concerning oak tree at the recreation ground
Cllr Haigh said the Tree officer has suggested clearing the crown of the tree
ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotations for consideration by the Amenities Committee.
15. 14.01.19- SBC: Engagement on M2J5 Improvement Scheme - meeting with Atkins
Cllr Palmer and Cllr Layer to attend the meeting.
16. 14.01.19- KCC: Extension of temporary closure of Public Footpath ZR56, Newington
17. 21.01.19- Invitation to the Lord Lieutenant's Annual Civic Service
18. 23.01.19- Haven Power- request to change the meter at the Pavilion to a SMART meter
Councillors agreed not to change the meter at the Pavilion.
19. 25.01.19- KCC the Has Made documents for Amendment 11 speed limit order for Boyces Hill in Swale.

Cllr Haigh said a local charity has requested the Parish Council publicise its fund-raising event. Cllr Palmer said the charity started in the village and the Council should help. Councillors agreed the poster could be published on the website as it is a Newington based charity.

ACTION: Clerk to upload onto website.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Palmer said the Swale Air Quality survey should have finished on 29 January but the deadline has been extended until 5 February.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26 February 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.57pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman
Date: 26 February 2019