

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Postling Parish Council meeting held online via Zoom on Wednesday 29 July 2020 at 6.30pm *nb: meeting held online due to the Coronavirus situation*

1. Attending: Cllr Frank Hobbs in the chair, Cllrs Christine Hobbs, John Patrick, Charlie Wilkins, Helen Calderbank, John Elphick, Parish Clerk Clare Hamilton, District Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee
Apologies: Cllr Yvonne Mumford, County Cllr Susan Carey.
2. There were no members' declarations of interest on Agenda items
3. **It was resolved** to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2020.
Minutes will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
4. There were no matters arising from Minutes of the previous meeting.
5. **To consider** Planning Applications received since the last meeting, circulated to Councillors for comments, the outcomes of those deliberations, and to consider any further applications received since this agenda was published:
 - a. **20/0666/FH Stop 24 Services and Port Early Arrivals, Stanford Intersection, Stanford, CT21 4BL**
Erection of a 98 bedroom, 3 storey hotel (C1 use) together with associated hard and soft landscaping (alternative scheme to Y17/0757/SH)
Comments to F&HDC by 4 August 2020.
PPC No Objection, on condition the hotel will be sufficiently screened on its northern side by tree planting so as not to be visible from the Kent AONB and that lighting is kept to a minimum to avoid further light pollution in the vicinity of Stop24.
 - b. **20/0920/FH/TCA Normandy, The Street, Postling, CT21 4EU**
Felling of a Leylandii tree situated within a conservation area
Comments to F&HDC by 7 August 2020.
PPC Support.
 - c. **20/0219 Postling Lodge Farthing Common CT18 8DQ**
Erection of two storey front and side extension and single storey rear extension with associated external changes to elevations (and works for creation of swimming pool).
F&HDC Approved.
 - c. **20/0455/FH 2 Church Villas, Pilgrims Way, Postling CT21 4EY**
Replacement of windows (currently a mix of double-glazed uPVC and wooden casements) for wooden double-glazed casement windows. Removal of front porch and replacement of front and back doors from double glazed uPVC to wooden doors. Re-rendering of house and out building.
F&HDC Approved. PPC No objection.
 - d. **20/0586 Fox Cottage, 2 The Terrace, The Street, Postling CT21 4EX**
Erection of rear single storey extension to first floor, small part of existing roof to be removed to accommodate dormer.
PPC No objection on condition the dormer extension is no larger than neighbour.
F&HDC Approved.
 - e. **19/1258/FH Postling Lodge, Farthing Common**
Retrospective planning permission for a grounds maintenance building and entrance gate accessed from Loughborough Lane at Postling Lodge.
PPC Objection. Awaiting decision from F&HDC.
 - f. **17/1417/SH Postling Lodge, Farthing Common**
Tree clearing to access onto Loughborough Lane.
F&HDC Approved with conditions: including for work to commence within three years of date of permission granted (03.01.2018).

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g. **19/0035/NMA Barndale, Sandling Road Lyminge CT18 8DX**

Non-material amendment for an additional window.

F&HDC Approved.

6. Highways

a. Roadworks notifications received from KCC since last meeting:

19 May 2020	Staple Lane, Postling	2 days closure for micro-surfacing
24 June-15 July	nr Tolsford House, The Street, Postling	drainage works – complete
4 August	Pilgrims Way, Postling	surfacing works
3 August	Staple Lane, Postling	BT manhole works

b. Fault reporting

Clerk to report poor condition of Cuckoo Lane road surface and multiple potholes on its entire length.

Parishioners are encouraged to join Councillors in reporting Highways faults at

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/SelectSearchMethod.aspx>

7. Finance

a. Balance of account at 29 July 2020: £6,963.98

b. To note Payments and Receipts since last meeting

PNVH	Annual hall hire	£ 48.00	
KALC	Annual subs	£ 171.46	vat £28.58
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£ 290.28	
PCC	s.137 donation	£ 200.00	
Age UK	s.137 donation	£ 100.00	
Air Ambulance	s.137 donation	£ 250.00	
Clerk's salary	April & May	£ 345.28	
Zoom fee	May meeting	£ 14.39	vat £2.40

c. **To consider** Expenditure due before next meeting

Clerk's salary	June & July	£ 345.28	
Zoom fee	July meeting	£ 14.39	vat £2.40

Expenditure proposed by Cllr Christine Hobbs, seconded by Cllr John Pattrick, all in favour.

8. District Councillor's and County Councillor's reports: see Appendix.

9. To receive update on Community Resilience and Emergency Plan
Chairman and Clerk to draft simplified version from KCC template.

10. Consultation on a new Model Code of Conduct circulated to Councillors for completion, deadline 17 August.

11. AONB consultation

Circulated to Councillors for completion, deadline 7 September.

12. Correspondence received

- Step by Step Kent Men's Sheds: Men's Health Week 15 to 21 June 2020
- FHDC: An Invitation for community groups and organisations from Folkestone & Hythe District interested in finding out more about grant funding
- FHDC: Outcome of Waste & Street Cleansing procurement with recommendations for contract award
- NALC: regarding their new Risk Assessment Guide produced with BHIB
- Email reviewing the engagement between Kent Police and communities.

13. For information

- KALC Community Award certificate presented to Derek Wood at the first Church Happy Hour since lockdown began.
- Any concerns regarding low flying aircraft from Pent Farm Airfield should be reported to the airfield owners.

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The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Next meeting 30 September (to be held online unless restrictions are lifted).

Appendix

5c. Comments submitted to FHDC on 18 June:

20/0219/FH Postling Lodge Farthing Common Lyminge CT18 8DQ

Postling Parish Council finds this application appears out of proportion for a property within the Kent Downs AONB.

The following two related and unresolved applications for Postling Lodge give rise for concern:

1. Related application Y19/1258/FH (retrospective planning permission for a grounds maintenance building and entrance gate accessed from Loughborough Lane at Postling Lodge) to which Postling Parish Council objected, is still outstanding.

2. Related application Y19/0100/CM (tree felling and other works on the verge adjacent to Loughborough Lane) has still not been resolved. Replacement tree planting was expected in early 2020, this has not taken place.

Councillors request that application 20/0219/FH is not considered until these two outstanding applications are considered, decided, and relevant action taken by the applicant.

8. Report from District Councillor:

The District Council has been working with retailers to get our shopping areas in towns ready for the easing of lockdown and to encourage people to shop in safety. We've also been coping with the large numbers of people who've descended on our coastal areas to enjoy the summer weather. Not everyone has behaved well and we're sad to report that people have left litter and damaged the tables in the Folkestone coastal park with portable BBQs so these have now had to be banned.

Our play areas are now re-open with extra cleaning to help keep them safe to use. Public toilets are now also open across the district. The best place to find information about council services as they return to normal is our website but if you get stuck then we are always happy to help.

A new stage has been reached with Otterpool Park Garden Town with a delivery statement published on the council's website bringing together work done by the company set up to deliver the project and the council as the local planning authority. Otterpool Park is intended to take the majority of the houses and employment sites needed in our district over the next 30 years. Jenny is one of two councillors (the other is Rebecca Shoob) appointed to the board of the Otterpool Park Development Company together with two senior officers from the District Council and three independent directors Dinah Roake, Luke Quilter and Sally-Anne Logan.

We can also report that the challenge to the District Council about the planning permission granted for Princes Parade on the seafront at Hythe was dismissed by the High Court with the claimant ordered to pay costs of £5,000 to the council. We hope that we can now provide the new leisure centre to replace the ageing Hythe swimming pool as well as new housing and a public park. By the time you read this, Hythe Swimming Pool will be open but following social distancing guidelines.

We'd like to remind everyone that there is a planning application, 20/0627/FH/CON, for land between the A20 and M20 off Main Road in Sellindge that is currently out for public consultation. You can see the plans and comment on them via the council website. Jenny has also 'called in' the application so that it will go to the Planning Committee for decision by councillors and not be delegated to officers. An officer report will go to the committee, representations can be made and the subsequent debate will be webcast.

The pandemic has put a large hole in the council's income from council tax, business rates, car parking income and other fees from reduced economic activity. We've also had extra costs from our work with the

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community hubs that have done such good work. There has been extra funding from the Government but it is far from sufficient to fill the gap. It's an unprecedented situation and we'll keep you updated on the plans as they develop,

Our neighbours the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are running a public consultation on its draft management plans for the next 5 years. You have until 07 September to give your views. See www.kentdowns.org.uk for details.

Finally, we'd like to draw to your attention the free tuition by Invicta Academy for children in Kent this summer for pupils from Key Stage 1 to 4. We know some of the people involved in this project and wish it well. More details at www.Invictaacademy.com

Jenny Hollingsbee *Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Communities, Lifeline, Area Officers & Street Homeless. District Councillor, North Downs West Ward*

Report from County Councillor:

Sorry not to be with you tonight but, quite without precedent, there is a meeting of the KCC cabinet tonight to discuss the budget shortfall for this financial year of twenty million pounds caused by extra costs and lost income as a result of the pandemic. The Government has provided additional funding but not enough. Our extra costs have included Personal Protective Equipment for our staff in frontline roles (particularly social care) and for other public organisations in Kent that have been in need, the construction of a temporary mortuary (not thankfully needed) and new responsibilities in minimising the spread of Covid-19 in care homes. We have also seen a sharp rise in the number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children arriving in Kent and again, whilst the Government has provided additional and much welcome extra support the arrivals continue to outstrip available resource.

The date for the Kent Test has been moved to Thursday 15 October in recognition of the impact of Covid-19 on schools and pupils. We are still waiting for guidance from Government about how many pupils will be allowed to travel on public bus services from September.

KCC continues to offer an advice service for businesses and Locate in Kent and Visit Kent are both working to promote buying local and visiting local.

KCC has an emergency service, KSAS which is assisting those in greatest need (hardly ever cash but food and/or furniture and equipment).

Kent's Adult Education services have launched more online services and twelve libraries have re-opened in Kent (one for each district) for a click and collect service and computer access. Social distancing requirements mean these visits must all be pre-booked.

The online booking system for the Household Waste recycling Centres has been upgraded. You can now book up to a month in advance either online or by phone and the number of slots has increased from 23,000 a week to 32,000. Social distancing is in force and visitors to the HWRC are asked to wear gloves.

Kent's Director of Public Health gives us regular updates and receives information about where new cases are identified. He says nowhere in Kent has anything like the number of cases that Leicester has had and whilst he has the powers to implement a local lockdown this is not something he is currently contemplating.

On the environment front KCC is issuing its Climate Change Risk assessment for Kent. we are also adopting the Energy and Low Emissions Strategy which sets out the high level plan for reaching net-zero for Kent as a whole (we have a target of 2030 for KCC's own services and buildings).

There's more information on the KCC website and this is kept up to date.

Susan Carey *Member for Elham Valley, Kent County Council
District Councillor, North Downs West, Folkestone & Hythe District Council*

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