

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2017 at Hodsoil Street Village Hall, Hodsoil Street, TN15 7LE commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Hobbs (arrived 19.51pm)
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr I Mann
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr P Nightingale

In attendance: Karen Law – Assistant Clerk/Finance Officer
District Cllr C Clark – Sevenoaks DC

- 7193/17 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Scott (family commitment) and Cllr S Glover (work commitment). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted. Apologies were also received from Councillor David Brazier Kent County Council.
- 7194/17 Declarations Of Interest a. Cllr P Connell declared an interest in Item 6 application SE/17/02865: 2 The Row, New Ash Green as a relation of the applicant and contractor.
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.
- 7195/17 Dispensations No requests received
- 7196/17 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 July 17 be approved and signed as a true record with amendments to 7189/17 from any to many and No report from the County Councillor. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7197/17 Casual Vacancy It was NOTED that a Casual Vacancy has been declared in the New Ash Green North West Ward following the disqualification of Cllr S Cornelius. Sevenoaks District Council prepared the relevant Notice which is on display from 08 September to 28 September 2017. If an election is not called, the Parish Council can proceed to fill the vacancy by Co-option. (Cllr Mrs Hobbs arrived)
- 7198/17 Planning a. Applications
SE/17/02663: 59 Seven Acres, New Ash Green, DA3 8RW – Demolition of sheds. Erection of a two storey rear and part side extension. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds.

The size and bulk of the proposed extension.

Over development of the site.

Close proximity of the proposed extension to the neighbouring property no. 55 Seven Acres, resulting in loss of privacy.

The proposed extension would create a five bedroom dwelling. Local knowledge suggests that a study already exists in the garden in a lean-to not shown on the plans.

The property would not have sufficient on-site parking capacity in regard to the increase to five bedrooms. There is only a single garage and one parking place allocated to this property and there is already a problem with street parking in this neighbourhood. There is no visitor parking on this neighbourhood.

SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

SE/17/02176: Woodlands, Oak Farm Lane, Fairseat, TN15 7JU –

Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling. Cllr Mrs Howie PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. (Cllr Mrs Connell left the room at 20.00)

SE/17/02865: 2 The Row, New Ash Green, DA3 8JB – Application for consent to cut down, prune or uproot trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to the application as it stood until further information is received and that any work carried out should be under the supervision of the Sevenoaks Tree Officer. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. (Cllr Mrs Connell returned to the room at 20.07)

b. Decisions

The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/09/17 were RECEIVED AND NOTED.

c. Appeals - None at time of Agenda NOTED

d. Enforcements - None at time of Agenda NOTED

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 03 August and 17 August 2017 were NOTED.

f. The notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party meeting held on 08 August 2017 were NOTED.

7199/17
Finance

a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED. Cllr V Ngwenya advised members that the budget was where we would expect it to be at this time of the year.

b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr J Kelly SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17 July 2017 were NOTED

d. The external auditor's Report and Certificate for the year ended 31 March 2017 for the Parish Council were NOTED. The relevant notices will remain on display for 14 days compliance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

e. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the payment for Cllr Mrs Brammer and Cllr V Ngwenya attendance at the KALC Chairmanship Information Day to be held on 23 September 2017 at a cost of £60 per person be authorised. SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

f. The Play Area Safety Inspection Report for the Hodsoll Street Play Area was NOTED. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the quotation from Barge Ltd

to repair the highlighted areas in the amount of £305 plus VAT be authorised and that the Parish should ask for a quote to replace the entire matted area when they come to carry out the work so that this could be allowed for in future budgets. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

- g. Cllr Mrs Brammar PROPOSED that the Parish Council should donate £350 to the New ASH Green Junior Football Club. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown FOR: 11 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1
- h. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council delegates the purchase a traffic safety mirror to be installed on the light post adjacent to Oliver's Mill Bus Stop to allow pedestrians to see approaching vehicles up to the value of £500 to the Clerk. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown FOR: 11 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1
- i. It was NOTED that to date KCC have not succeeded in finding a Volunteer Warden for New Ash Green and the they would continue to advertise the position. (The Parish Council and Village Association had agreed to share the costs of this provision).

7200/17
Service of
Remembrance

- a. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council organise a Service of Remembrance at Ash War Memorial on Saturday 11 November 2017 at 10.45am followed by Tea and Coffee. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- b. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council authorise the donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion for a wreath to lay at the Ash War Memorial. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

7201/17
Sports Centre

- c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 02 October 2017.

7202/17
Barnfield
Park

- a. The notes of the meeting of the Liaison Group held on 04 September 2017 were NOTED.

7203/17
Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee would be held on 02 October 2017.

7204/17
Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee will be set upon receipt of information from the architect.

7205/17
Youth

- a. It was NOTED that the Summer Provision – West Kent Communities and Play Place Fun days were well attended.
- b. 8 – 12's – no report
- c. Youth - It was NOTED that staff had been recruited and that the Youth Group started on 13 September 2017 at the Youth Centre.

7206/17
Highways

Covered under Item 7199/17

The meeting was suspended at 8.35pm to receive a report from the District Councillor.

The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 8.47pm

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| 7207/17
Footpaths | a. SD252 – Hodsoll Street. The Clerk will contact KCC regarding the signage relating to this right of way as it enters Pettings Court. |
| 7208/17
Transport | a. It was NOTED that a meeting with Arriva and the Parishes was held on 19 September 2017. Cllr Mrs Connell advised the Parish that there was a new timetable from 03 September 2017. She reported that the 474/475 services were no longer being run by Arriva but by another operator called Go Coach. Unfortunately at the meeting Arriva advised Cllr Mrs Connell that there had been more vandalism at Redhill Wood. |
| 7209/17
Ash, Hodsoll
Street, Ash &
New Ash
Green | a. Ash – no report
b. Hodsoll Street – the Play Area Safety Inspection was NOTED.
c. Ridley – Cllr Mrs Howie reported that the Harvest Festival would take place on Sunday 24 September 2017 and that the Vicar would retire in October.
d. New Ash Green 50 th Anniversary – Cllr Mrs Clucas reported that a history of village life during the 60/70s was being held on 23 September 2017 in the Village Hall and that a dinner was being held in the evening. |
| 7210/17
Bulletin and
Website | a. Bulletin – it was NOTED that the deadline for the next issue has been set for 09 October 2017.
b. Website – the Assistant Clerk reported that we were currently unable to delete anything from the websites and this fault had been reported to the provider Hugo Fox. |
| 7211/17
Focus Group
and Police | a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 09 October 2017. Cllr Mrs Howie raised concern about the continued problems with the young people on bikes and motorbikes and asked if this could be brought up at the meeting. |
| 7212/17
Lunch
Provision | a. It was NOTED that the lunch to celebrate the 50 th Anniversary of New Ash Green was held on 27 July 2017.
b. It was NOTED that sparkling wine was provided for the Age Concern Lunch held on 26 July 2017 to mark the 50 th Anniversary of New Ash Green. |
| 7213/17
KALC | a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Sevenoaks Area Committee meeting held on 9 June 2017 were available from the Clerk. |
| 7214/17
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond. | The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in Item 22 A/09/17 were NOTED. |

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: