

# NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 March 2019 in the Newington Room, Newington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Tony Mould, Cllr Dean Coles, Cllr Steve Godmon, Cllr Mel Harris, Cllr Stephen Harvey, Cllr Eric Layer, Cllr Jeannie Milburn and Cllr Richard Palmer; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Also present were KCllr Mike Whiting and a visiting Swale Borough Councillor

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Mould took the Chair.

Cllr Mould welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Debbie Haigh (holiday), Cllr Elaine Jackson (holiday) and Cllr Graham Staff (recuperating): apologies accepted.

Apologies had been received from SBCllr Gerry Lewin (at another meeting) and SBCllr John Wright (unwell); apologies noted.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Coles declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10.ii as he is the Chairman of the Newington History Group.

Cllr Mould declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10.ii as he is the Treasurer of the Newington History Group.

Cllr Harvey declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10.ii as he is a member of the Newington History Group.

Cllr Layer declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10.ii as he is a member of the Newington History Group.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2019

Cllr Harvey requested item 4 Footpath behind Orchard Drive houses be amended to read "*Cllr Harvey said that his understanding is unless something is gated once a year it becomes a Public Right of Way.*"

Cllr Layer **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes, as amended, of the meeting held on 26 February 2019 as a true record; **SECONDED** by Cllr Harvey: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Mould duly signed the minutes as a true record.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### Footpath behind Orchard Drive houses

Cllr Mould reported that quotes are being obtained for a path to the Pavilion from this footpath

### TPO for the two Oak trees along footpath ZR66a

Cllr Mould informed members that Paul Hegley has said that under the current TPO regulations there needs to be credible evidence that they are under threat and that he would like Councillors to update him as to why they consider it expedient to protect just these two trees.

Cllr Coles said the trees are under threat from the land owner who was clearing mature trees along the track. There were some established trees along the hospital path cut down.

Cllr Harvey said he was alarmed at the number of trees which have been cut down in recent years. The trees are valued and the Council wants them to be protected.

**ACTION:** Clerk to respond.

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present

## 6. VISITORS

i. Borough Councillors

ii. County Councillor

KCCllr Whiting had sent a summary of his work over the past month:

*More drainage clearance and improvement work is being carried out along the A2 by KCC and by the water company at the eastern end of the village. These intrusions are disruptive for motorists, but hopefully will come to an end when KCC come and complete the pothole and patching repair work that is now marked out and we can have a period without traffic lights.*

*I have raised the matter of parking near the school which is causing concern because of the proximity to drains. I have had the following reply from Swale Borough Council, which controls on street parking, to concerns I raised on residents' behalf:*

*Mike I have also liaised with planning colleagues, who advise as follows. Parking on School Lane is not a planning issue. It is also noted that the complaint states that the issue mainly occurs when parents are coming to the school to collect children and park along the Lane. Having said this, it is noted that the issue is happening close to the new housing development on land at Parsonage Farm, where planning permission has been granted for 14 dwellings (see reference SW/14/0486). This scheme includes off-road car parking, the amount and layout of which were agreed in conjunction with KCC Highways. Among other things, the parking provision will have been designed to be sufficient to meet the needs of the new housing, without adding materially to parking on School Lane." Emma Wiggins | Director Regeneration | Swale Borough Council*

*I am waiting on a reply from KCC Highways because of the damage to verges and the potential damage to the drain in that vicinity.*

*With regard to HGVs, I have responded today to a query raised by your clerk regarding Bull Lane. Also, I raised HGVs in Wormdale Hill recently, and received the following reply:*

*Dear Mr Whiting*

*The issue of lorries using unsuitable routes is a difficult problem to deal with. On a strategic level the council has adopted a Freight Action Plan that has a specific objective to try and tackle the routing of HGVs. The intention is to encourage the use of strategic roads for the transportation of goods across the county to minimise the impact on communities. However, it must be recognised that the economy needs be supported, which means that local companies will sometimes use smaller roads to continue their businesses.*

*A bigger issue is the use of car 'Satellite Navigation' devices by lorry drivers that often direct them down narrow lanes that are unsuitable for large vehicles, often ignoring warning signs that highlight that the lane is suitable for large vehicles. We regularly report unsuitable roads to the mapping companies that supply the devices, but if the drivers are using the incorrect device this will not make a difference. This issue has been raised with government as it is a national problem and I understand that this is being looked at for legislation that requires drivers to use the correct devices.*

*Traffic signs indicating the Weight Restriction of 7.5T with an 'Except for access' supplementary plate are in-situ at the junction of Wormdale Hill and Maidstone Road. These existing signs have been checked and meet European Standards and reflectivity and, as a result, all drivers should adhere to the restriction ahead unless for deliveries within the restriction.*

*The restriction has in place a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and as a result is enforceable by the Police. We have raised your concerns with Kent Police and requested enforcement.*

*Our Freight Officers can help and if residents email [freight@kent.gov.uk](mailto:freight@kent.gov.uk) with details of the HGVs entering the road, preferably with photographic evidence attached, then they will be happy to identify the main offenders and make contact with the freight companies responsible to put some pressure on them to use appropriate HGV routes.*

*Please be assured that the KCC Development & Transport Planning Team will review the highway aspects of the planning application to change the car park entrance when we receive it from the Borough Council Planning team.*

*I had a complaint about the works being done to the pavement in Wickham Close. I have raised this with Highways and am waiting on a reply.*

*With regard Keycol Hill Farm, I have received a number of complaints about waste disposal at the site. I have spoken with officers at Swale and KCC and understand this is a matter Swale and the Environment Agency (EA) are leading on. KCC is ready to help if appropriate, but it seems any alleged activity is covered by the responsibilities of Swale and the EA.*

*The issues with the pavement outside the Working Men's Club is being pursued by the Crossings Team at KCC.*

KCCllr Whiting said that he had managed to get zero tolerance with the Police for the lorries in Spade Lane.

Cllr Coles said HGVs in Bull Lane is a common occurrence when there are issues on other roads and asked if measures could be put in place to mitigate this.

KCCllr Whiting said Highways England could be asked for extra signage and said he will ask Kent Police to take a zero tolerance approach. Extra blue signs could be installed. The left turn on Danaway Road has been reviewed and is OK. If Bull Lane became one-way it might make a difference. KCC has a small working party of Members liaising with the Police and is looking to ban HGVs on inappropriate roads, this will be reported back in October.

KCCllr Whiting said the biggest number of complaints is about roadworks on the A2 especially SGN works. KCC tries to co-ordinate road works but it is not always possible. Residents have also raised concerns about flood issues from the development at 99 High Street, Southern Water are installing drains.

Cllr Mould said the A2 at Ellen's Place seems to be continually dug up.

KCCllr Whiting said that if a utility company wants to dig the road up they have to pay a lane rental charge to KCC.

Cllr Harvey said he was concerned that there was a condition for temporary lights to be manually operated and the contractor went home at 5pm and it is impossible to contact KCC. KCCllr Whiting said the company can be fined and KCC did fine SGN when they worked in Playstool Road.

Cllr Palmer said the parking at the school is bad as when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road no other vehicle can pass through.

KCCllr Whiting said the verges are being damaged and there is potential damage to the drains. KCC usual install bollards which will help prevent parking, as this is not a safety related issue KCC will not fund this but the Swale members' Fund could.

Cllr Harris said he had been concerned about the works in Callaways Lane but there were no issues and the road remained open.

KCCllr Whiting said he had contacted KCC and obtained assurances that they would not close the road.

Cllr Layer said there used to be a Speed Indicator Device on the approach to the village from Rainham.

KCCllr Whiting said that the devices are sometimes moved to another location.

Cllr Mould said the Speed Indicator Device was the only thing the village had to help slow the traffic.

KCCllr Whiting said he will look into the matter.

*ACTION: Clerk to email KCCllr Whiting with details.*

The visiting Ward Member reported that he had looked at the problems of parking near Newington School and one-ton granite blocks were being installed by the new development. Cllr Mould said the school governors are actively looking at leasing the field the contractors used although there is a problem that the children cannot come out of the car park and into the road to go to school.

Cllr Mould thanked KCCllr Whiting for attending the meeting and for his report.

*KCCllr Whiting and the visiting Ward Member left the meeting.*

## **7. PLANNING**

### i. To receive an update

Application: 19/500029/FULL 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 that a decision is yet to be made.

Application: MC/19/0188 Orchard Kennels, Meresborough Road, Rainham

Proposal: Outline planning application with some matters reserved (access, appearance and scale) for the development of up to 130 residential dwellings with associated parking and open space

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

Application:: 18/506279/FULL 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 Parish Council withdrew its objections and the application has been permitted.

Application: 19/500177/FULL 15 School Lane, Newington ME9 7LB

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

Cllr Harvey reported to Councillors the application has been permitted.

Application Number SW/16/507594/RVAR (KCC/SW/0526/2018)

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

Cllr Harvey said there is no news on this application, the Clerk has asked KCC for access to the documents lodged.

*ACTION: Clerk to follow up request to KCC for access to documents lodged.*

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

Proposal: Erection of a first floor rear extension and loft extension with front dormer

Cllr Harvey reported to Councillors 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 reported the application had been permitted, the proposal is for an alternative and not a second pitch.

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 reported to Councillors 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 said 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 (Revised

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 appeal is yet to be determined.

*In the Court of Appeal, Civil Division*

Order made by the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Lindblom

'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.

Reference: C1/2017/3476

Cllr Harvey said the matter has not been determined.

Cllr Harvey said he had been contacted by residents concerned about the mud on the road by the development at 99 High Street and informed Swale Borough Council. Planning officers were due to call back but did not. It is unclear whether conditions have been put in. If there are conditions they need to be enforced, if it is because the developer is not responding Swale could put a stop order on the work. There has been a promise of phone calls from Planning but this did not happen. James Freeman, Head of Planning Services Swale Borough Council, has been contacted and is now treating this as a formal complaint and SBCllr Lewin has also confirmed this. Swale have been requested to ensure the S106 money is safe.

ii. Ref: 19/500844/FULL Address: Land At Callaways Lane Newington Kent ME9 7LU

Proposal: Minor material amendment to condition 2 and removal of condition 5 of 18/503564/FULL (Erection of a four bedroom detached dwelling with a double garage/ store parking barn with associated courtyard and access.) to allow garage wall finish to be changed

to brick to match the dwelling, and the use of UPVC windows, doors, fascias, bargeboards, rather than timber.

Cllr Harvey said the applicant wants to change the type of brick and also use UPVC. The address is the property with the telegraph pole and dog waste bin, the red line on the plans clearly shows the corner is cut off and the pole is on the outside.

Cllr Harvey said if the dog waste bin is moved it will not be in the right place.

Cllr Milburn said the tarmac road goes back to the telegraph pole and there is a lot of vegetation growth on the road.

Cllr Harris said Open Reach needs to be contacted regarding the telegraph pole.

It was **AGREED** there were no objections to the amendments and to inform Swale Borough Council that the Parish Council is aware currently of a dispute over the ownership boundaries of this land and is seeking further information.

iii. Ref: 18/506309/FULL Address: Land Adj to Cromas, Callaways Lane, Newington ME9 7LX Proposal: Construction of a detached single residential dwelling (resubmission of 17/503997/FULL). Revised plans

Cllr Harvey said the revised plans has the driveway accessing the bridleway.

Cllr Milburn said the proposed driveway is not very wide and access and egress would be difficult.

Councillors **AGREED** that whilst the Council accepts the decision to grant planning permission it opposes the revised plans on the grounds of safety as the driveway opens onto a bridleway which has occasional vehicular access to stables.

iv: PINS reference: APP/V2255/W/19/3221958

Ref: 18/502834/FULL Lodge Farm, Old House Lane, Hartlip ME9 &SN

Proposal: Removal of condition 2 of application reference SW/98/0796 (Agricultural dwelling)

Cllr Harvey said he has notified Hartlip Parish Council which was not aware of the application. Agricultural workers are valued in the area.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Harvey write the submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

v. To consider the principle of preliminary S106 discussions with the Local Planning Authority

Cllr Harvey said that following the Wises Lane decision, James Freeman asked whether Newington Parish Council would enter in to preliminary S106 discussions. Safeguards could be put in to ensure that such discussions were on the public agenda and publicly minutes. The Parish Council would not be welcoming developments but it could be asking for benefits for the village if a development were to be approved. The Council would not move from its stance of not having private meetings with developers. A meeting with developers would be minuted and there would always be two Councillors in attendance.

Cllr Harris said the Council previously opposed a development which was overturned by the Planning Inspectorate and lost out on S106 money.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that in future, whilst the Council may oppose unsuitable development it will authorise two Councillors to talk to Swale Borough Council and developers regarding S106 money at an official minuted meeting.

## **8. AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

i. To receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 19 March 2019 and consider the recommendations

Cllr Harvey requested item 13. Footpaths and Bridleways be amended to read “*Cllr Harvey said that his understanding is unless something is gated once a year it becomes a Public Right of Way.*”

Cllr Coles **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes, as amended, of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 19 March 2019 as a true record; **SECONDED** by Cllr Harvey: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Layer duly signed the minutes as a true record.

Cllr Layer reported the Newington Spring Clean was well attended and very successful, Biffa collected the rubbish yesterday. There had been a rise in car vandalism and car thefts. There

has been a report of drugs in alley between Station Road and Church Lane. The five-aside football posts will be installed on Friday and quotes are being obtained for a zip wire. The Friends of Newington Recreation Ground have been successful in securing a grant from the Swale Environment Fund for a litter bin and are at stage two of a Postcode Lottery application. The Fun Fair has decided not to visit Newington this year. The church has a youth worker and they want to start a youth club.

Cllr Mould said this is still in discussion and the Parish Council has been approached regarding using the Pavilion for the group.

Cllr Palmer said he and Cllr Milburn will run another defibrillator training session possibly in May.

Cllr Layer reported the new fence sections at the allotments will be erected on 15 April.

Cllr Layer said the lighting contractor has found another streetlight in Boxted Lane.

Cllr Coles reported a street light in Pear Tree Walk is hanging off and this needs to be revisited at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

Cllr Harvey said there are two other lights which compensate for the light.

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr Layer for his report.

#### ii. To consider arboricultural work on the oak tree at the Recreation Ground

Cllr Layer said the resident has been approached to contribute towards the tree work.

Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** that if there is no response, the quotation from Treefolk for £500 be accepted and the work to be carried out when suitable to the contractor; **SECONDED** by Cllr Mould: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### **9. VILLAGE VOICE AND MEDIA**

#### i. To receive an update

Cllr Mould circulated a draft of the Village Voice, a Parish Council report will also be included.

#### ii. To consider accepting inserts in the Village Voice

Cllr Mould said he has been approached by the Newington Concert Party and the Newington History Group to put A5 inserts in the Village Voice. The Council has declined this in the past. Cllr Mould said he though it should be permitted if it is a village amenity or charity and that he is willing to put the inserts in. If there is a commercial leaflet the Council could charge the cost of printing the Village Voice.

Cllr Palmer said he had no problem with accepting leaflets from village groups. With regards to commercial organisations, Swale Borough Council has advertising in its magazine and charge for this, it protects council tax payers' money.

Cllr Harvey said a charge of £75 could be made and there could be a one-liner on the cover that the edition was sponsored by the advertising. It would have to be made clear that only A5 leaflets would be accepted

Cllr Mould said advertising in the Village Voice has been resisted due to restriction of space and any leaflets would be at the Council's discretion.

Cllr Harris said it could be difficult to accept one but not another and that he is in favour of promoting local groups' leaflet but not commercial. Commercial leaflets will need invoicing and the payment accepted. There is a budget for the Village Voice.

Cllr Mould **PROPOSED** to accept A5 leaflets from village groups; **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** to accept commercial A5 leaflets for a fee, with a strapline on the Village Voice; **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer: **2- FOR; 5- AGAINST; 1- ABSTENTION- MOTION FAILED**.

**10. FINANCE****i. Cheque list: to consider invoices for payment**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>
Vincent James Landscapes	Football pitch cut January 2019	<b>£60.00</b>	<b>2949</b>
CPRE	Membership	<b>£36.00</b>	<b>2950</b>
Profile Business Supplies	Village Voice- March 2019	<b>£60.00</b>	<b>2951</b>
Mrs P Rowe	Litter Picking Recreation Ground and sight check equipment Mar 2019 110.00 Re-issue of cheque no 2939 111.05 <b>Total</b>	<b>£221.05</b>	<b>2952</b>
Mr MJ Marshall	Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance March 2019	<b>£490.00</b>	<b>2953</b>
HMRC	PAYE & NI	<b>£69.75</b>	<b>2954</b>
Mrs W Licence	Salary and expenses	<b>£712.11</b>	<b>2955</b>
DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd	Payroll fees March	<b>£30.00</b>	<b>2956</b>
Ms L Wright <i>For A Heavey</i>	Litter picking March 2019	<b>£280.50</b>	<b>2957</b>
Streetlights	Lighting repairs surcharge	<b>£19.20</b>	<b>2958</b>
Mr M Harris	Keys for bollard padlock	<b>£16.50</b>	<b>2959</b>

Cllr Harris **PROPOSED** the signing of the cheques; **SECONDED** by Cllr Layer: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Receipts**

£30.00 Mr R Jackson Pavilion Hire  
£20.00 Swans Fitness Group Pavilion Hire

**ii. To consider request from Newington History Group for a grant**

It was agreed that Cllr Palmer Chair this item.

Cllr Mould read comments from Cllr Haigh *"The Council needs to be clear on the difference of a grant to NHG vs a charitable donation. As you know we shy away from donations even if it is a village based organisation so be very careful I would suggest.*

*If I were present, I would voice these concerns and ask why a grant / gift of money could not be sought from the Wickham Trust. They are always telling me they have more money than they know what to do with."*

Cllr Coles said the Newington History Group does receive regular grants from the Wickham Trust. The Parish Council has not done anything for the World War 1 commemorations, so

instead of obtaining grants from Borough Councillors or Swale Borough Council, the History group could fund this project but thought it would be an opportunity for the parish Council to do something for World War 1, the signs would say that they have been paid for by Newington Parish Council. The Parish Council could purchase the signs, the History group has carried out the research and could give the information to the Parish Council to make the signs.

Cllr Harvey asked what the History Group has done, the national commemorations were carried out by the church.

Cllr Coles said that every memorial in the country was paid for by subscription after the end of World War 1. Most of the centenary commemorations were driven by organisations such as the Royal British Legion. Newington History Group has carried out fund raising. The World War 1 Beacons of Light was proposed by the Queen's Pageant Master and the armed forces and Royal British Legion came up with the design. The History Group commissioned a beacon and approached a local landowner to site the beacon where the original fortifications were. The History Group wants to put one sign on the bridleway leading up to the beacon and another on telegraph hill. Quotes have been obtained for 2 A3 signs on a framework and these will cost £720 plus VAT.

Cllr Palmer said consideration needs to be given as to whether to give a grant or purchase the signs.

Cllr Layer said the Parish Council could install the signs with the help of the History Group.

Cllr Harris said money from Swale Borough Council and County and Borough Councillors comes from grant funds. Swale Borough Council had a fund for the World War 1 Centenary and other Parish Council have given towards projects. Consideration needs to be given to how the Parish Council supports some groups and some items,

Cllr Harris **PROPOSED** the Parish Council purchase the signs to give to the Newington History Group to be put in place; **SECONDED** by Cllr Milburn: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

*Cllrs Coles, Harvey, Layer and Mould did not take part in the vote.*

## 11. CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY

Cllr Harris reported that he has purchased keys for the cemetery bollard. There is a mole infestation at the cemetery.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council*

Cllr Harris said a cemetery clean up day will be organised.

## 12. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Layer informed members that he has reported the Church Lane sign to Swale.

Cllr Harris said that he has previously pushed for a speed table in Church Lane and to canvas residents for their views. There could be concern about pollution, noise and vibration caused by speed tables and it needs to be ascertained how long the road would be closed for if the work were to be carried out.

Cllr Palmer said Minister for Transport, Jesse Norman MP, has given Councils a directive to review their policies and KCC is doing this.

Cllr Godmon asked if there is a problem with having a speed table on a hill, there could be problems with drainage and water running down the road. If the speed table is the same height as the path it could pose a risk to pedestrians if cars mount the pavement to pass. The kerb is the only protection pedestrians have.

Cllr Harvey said the matter should wait as when the Persimmon development is finished there may be a raised pedestrian crossing.

Cllr Harvey said he had circulated the statistics regarding the road count, the types of vehicles and supporting data. The Swale Environmental Team is working on a new policy and there will be another meeting for residents to attend. The KCC survey is detailed with type of vehicles, engine sizes and pollution levels. Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council does not commission its own survey at this stage: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

### **13. STREET LIGHTING**

Cllr Harris informed members that details have been sent to Salix prior to the documents being uploaded to the site. When Salix approves the loan, the contractor is able to start in April and will be finished by July or August.

Cllr Harris said Haven Power have sent the new prices for electricity and suggested the Council wait until the lighting contractor gives a better estimate of consumption.

Cllr Mould said the extra light will need to be added to the inventory.

### **14. NEWINGTON SPRING CLEAN**

Cllr Mould said the village litter pick was a success and thanked everyone for helping, the Council will consider doing this again next year. Residents responded to the article in the Village Voice.

Cllr Harvey thanked Cllr Palmer for collecting the equipment from Swale Borough Council.

### **15. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Palmer informed Members that he had attended the KALC Swale Area Committee meeting on 11 March. The new Police Chief Inspector Alan Rogers was present and told the meeting that Kent is one of the highest places for the increase in knife crime but it is not a major issue in Swale. There will be three hundred and thirty police officers available to deal with any problems regarding Brexit.

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr Palmer for attending the KALC meeting and for his report.

### **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. 28.03.19: UKPN work on Callaways Lane
2. 01.03.19: KALC Newsletter
3. 01.03.19: resident's concern regarding parking issues in School Lane
4. 04.03.19: UpARA Newsletter
5. 04.03.19: Swale Community Safety Unit- PCSO Contact and attendance at meetings
6. 07.03.19- SBC: response to inconsiderate parking in School Lane
7. 11.03.19- KCC pothole update
8. 11.03.19- KCCllr Whiting re School Lane parking
9. 11.03.19- resident query about tree ownership in Playstool Close
10. 15.03.19- SBC Rural Round-Up
11. 18.03.19- KCCllr Whiting- copy of response to resident regarding School Lane parking
12. 21.03.19- resident email regarding the dog bin in Callaways Lane and boundary map
13. 22.03.19- SBC: reminder regarding nomination papers
14. 22.03.19- KCC: Operation Brock
15. 22.03.19- Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter
16. 22.03.19- TPO update- Response from Paul Hegley, Swale Borough Council.

Cllr Harris said there has been a response from the stone mason regarding the memorial issue at the cemetery which has been circulated to the Cemetery Working Group members.

*ACTION: Cllr Harris to draft a response.*

### **17. MEETING DATES**

Cllr Mould said the next Amenities Committee meeting will be at the Parish Room on 16 April. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday 30 April 2019.

### **18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Harvey said notification of a planning appeal on Ashfield Farm has been received, Planning Committee Members will be consulted. Cllr Harvey proposed that no further response be made.

Cllr Marris said that he has decided that he will not stand again for election to the Parish Council but he is happy to be co-opted onto committees.

Cllr Mould thanked Cllr Harris for his sterling work on the Council.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 23 April 2019**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.24pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman  
Date: 23 April 2019