

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 July 2018 in Stalisfield Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Cat Horn (Chair), Cllr Holly Alexander and Cllr Nina Williams; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

1. Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Horn reported no applications had been received.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Tracy Dove (holiday); apology accepted.

Apologies had also been received from KC Cllr Andrew Bowles (at another meeting) and Ward Councillor Colin Prescott (at another meeting); apologies noted.

3. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 15 June 2018

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2018 and Cllr Horn duly signed the minutes as a true record.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Village litter pick- Cllr Horn reported this had been successful although Swale Borough Council did not deliver the litter pickers and bags. The volunteers managed to litter pick the whole village and it was agreed to do it again when the verges are cut.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council to ascertain why the equipment was not received.

6. Public Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

7. Planning Matters

i. Any planning matter received by 25 July 2018

Ref: 18/502095/FULL Address: Green Farm Barn Stalisfield Road Stalisfield ME13 0HY

Councillors noted that a decision is yet to be made.

8. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. To consider request for grant from Swale Citizens Advice Bureau

Cllr Horn **PROPOSED** to make a grant of £20 to Swale Citizens Advice Bureau; **SECONDED** by Cllr Williams: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

iii. To consider request for grant from Carers Support

Cllr Williams **PROPOSED** to make a grant of £20 to Carers Support; **SECONDED** by Cllr Horn: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Horn reported the notice board blew down last winter and broke so a new one is needed. The Village Hall does not have a sign and the current notice board says Stalisfield Parish

Council although it has village Hall notices in it. The Village Hall Committee may wish to share a new notice board.

ACTION 1: Clerk to ascertain details of Eastling Parish Council's new notice board.

ACTION 2: Clerk to ask the Ward Councillor for a grant and also contact the Village Hall Committee to see if they wish to share the notice board.

9. Policies and procedures

Cllr Horn **PROPOSED** to adopt the NALC model Standing Orders.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Horn read a letter received from SBCllr Prescott:

I have to inform you that after due consideration I have decided not to offer myself as a candidate for the Borough Council elections in May 2019.

This has been a difficult and well thought out process. I first considered this many months ago but decided to continue as my love of the ward and my desire to help improve and also maintain rural life was paramount at all times.

I have been a Borough Councillor since 1986 when I was elected to Cherwell District Council until moving back to Kent in 1991. After a short break I became councillor for East Downs Ward in 1992, until the present day.

Representing this ward has been an immensely satisfying role. I have been able to build my electoral base each election, culminating in 2015 with the highest turnout in Faversham of 53.3%. and a personal percentage of the vote of 75.25%

This has only been achieved by diligence and commitment and I am proud that my personal and non partisan dealings within the ward have always been recognised.

This second term as the First Citizen of the Borough has been extremely satisfying, culminating in the largest ever sum raised for the mayoral charities, the second largest was during my first term in 2004-05. I have met many organisations and groups who have approached me to combine forces with them to help them in their voluntary work and the call is impelling. I have also been asked to consider a possible business venture within the Borough.

Recently I was installed as Vice President of Swale Lions and in the next few weeks I am joining several committees within the voluntary sector.

My decision therefore is to continue my commitment to aid and support the community as I have done in my 30 years as a Conservative councillor but in the future it will be in a more varied and useful way.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to represent the people of East Downs Ward for so long but rest assured that if I can be of any help to anyone in the future I shall assist in any way that I can.

Councillors thanked SBCllr Prescott for his years of service and hoped that he continues to have a happy and fruitful time after his term of office.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm