

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 June 2017 at the Youth & Community Centre, North Square, New Ash Green, commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr J Crane (arrived 7.51pm)
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr P Nightingale

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council

- 7151/17 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Brown (holiday), Cllrs F Cottee, Mrs Hobbs, and I Mann (prior engagements), Cllr M Howie (work) and Cllr J Scott (family commitment). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted. District Councillors C Clark and A Pett also sent their apologies.
- 7152/17 Declarations Of Interest a. None
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.
- 7153/17 Dispensations No requests received
- 7154/17 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 May 17 be approved and signed as a true record. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Connell SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7155/17 Annual Parish Meeting The notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 May 2017 were signed with the following amendments: (Cllr J Crane arrived)
Page 2 – Kent Air Ambulance: change the word 'hours' to 'calls' per night.
Page 4 – 1st line to add the word which – 'the shopping centre which was'
And the addition of the word park to the last sentence on the page, 'not illegal to park there.'
- 7156/17 Planning a. Applications
SE/17/01464: Caling Croft, New Ash Green – Creation of additional car parking bays. Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

SE/17/01616: Grass Verge, North of Millfield Lane, New Ash Green - Construction of car parking bays. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council recognises that there is an issue with parking on Millfield Lane that needs to be addressed with additional spaces, however, the right-angle parking design of phases 2 and 3 of the proposed development are potentially dangerous, as drivers will be reversing into a busy road.

7156/17
Planning

This will not prevent cars being parked opposite the parking bays, causing further obstruction and difficulty accessing the parking bays.

The Parish Council would prefer to see the parallel parking extended along Millfield Lane in front of houses 5 – 13 Millfield and to have parallel parking on the north verge, along the length of the road. This would provide safer parking and also leave the carriage way free of parked vehicles.

It was a concern that there was no pedestrian access to the bays and people would have to walk along the road to access the bays.

Should this application be granted, we would request that necessary banking and planting are carried out to shield nearby houses. **SECONDED:** Cllr Mrs Connell and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

SE/17/01653: Topaz Cottage, The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB – Demolition of the existing garage, outbuilding, porch and lean to and erection of new single storey rear extension and front porch, alterations to boundary wall and alterations to fenestration and the provision of a longer driveway to allow safe off street parking for two cars. Cllr J Kelly **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application, subject to the 50% rule and as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy.

b. Decisions

The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/06/17 were **RECEIVED** and **NOTED.**

c. Appeals

None at the time of the Agenda. **NOTED.**

d. Enforcements

e. Cllr Mrs Clucas pointed out that there is a requirement for a member on the Planning Committee to deal with applications from the North West Ward.

f. The Clerk advised that Cllr Piper from Sevenoaks District Council was unable to attend this evening's meeting, but will be attending the Planning Committee meeting to be held on 06 July 2017.

g. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 01 June 2017 were **NOTED.**

h. The notes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party held on 23 May 2017 were **NOTED.**

7157/17
Finance

a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were **NOTED.** Cllr V Ngwenya advised that the % spend on the Subscriptions budget is due to the bulk of renewals falling in the beginning of the financial year and the same for the Insurance budget. The budgets are as expected.

b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. **PROPOSED:** Cllr Mrs Clark **SECONDED:** Cllr V Ngwenya and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22 May 2017 were **NOTED.**

d. Cllr MRS Clark **PROPOSED** that the attendance of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to Getting to Grips with IT training on 18 July 2017 is authorised at a cost of £60 each plus VAT. **SECONDED:** Cllr Mrs Connell and **AGREED.**

e. Cllr Mrs Clucas **PROPOSED** that the attendance of Cllrs Mrs Brammer and F Cottee to the Councillors' Conference to be held on 08 July 2017 at a cost of £60 each plus VAT is authorised. **SECONDED:** Cllr P

Nightingale and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

- 7158/17 Sports Centre a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 02 October 2017.
- 7159/17 Barnfield Park a. It was NOTED that the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group scheduled for 05 June 2017 was not quorate and did not take place.
- 7160/17 Northfield a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 22 May 2017 were NOTED.
- 7161/17 Burial Ground a. The minutes the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on 15 May 2017 were NOTED. The next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee will be held on 23 June 2017.
- 7162/17 Youth a. West Kent Communities – it was NOTED that the Service Level Agreement has been signed and the start date has been set for 01 July 2017.
b. 8 – 12's – no report
c. It was NOTED that the Family Fun Days in the Summer have been booked for 8, 22 and 29 August 2017 on the Minnis.
- 7163/17 Highways Cllr J Crane reported that the route to the A20 was in good order.

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

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

The meeting reconvened at 8.41pm

- 7164/17 Footpaths a. It was NOTED that footpath SD234 from Redhill Road to Ash Church is overgrown. This has been reported to KCC PROW and they have advised that this footpath is not on the cutting regime for 2017, but volunteers will be asked to clear it.
- 7165/17 Transport a. Damage to the timetable casing at Olivers Mill Bus Stop has been reported to KCC and will be replaced. It was NOTED that the bus services to Gravesend and Bluewater leave New Ash Green at the same time. This has been discussed with Arriva.
- 7166/17 Ash, Hodsoll Street, Ash & New Ash Green a. Ash –
• Cllr Mrs Brammer reported that bookings of Ash Hall have increased since the refurbishment of the hall and the Ash Village Hall Committee thank the Parish Council for their grant.
• Lances Alms house Charity – the composition of Trustees has been changed to 3 Church representatives and 3 Parish Council representatives.
• Ash Fete will be held on 24 June 2017.
b. Hodsoll Street – Hodsoll Street Fete will take place on Sunday 25 June 2017 on the Village Green starting at 2pm.
c. Ridley – no report.
d. New Ash Green 50th Anniversary – the Parish Council regret that they will not have a stand at Village Day. A programme is being distributed to

all households in New Ash Green detailing events celebrating the 50th Anniversary. Cllr Mrs Clucas has produced a Quiz Trail round the village from the school to the shopping centre, the Minnis, Orchard and Meadow and Punch Croft. Answers will be available from the Sports Centre, Library and Hartley Estates.

- 7167/17
Bulletin and
Website
- a. Bulletin – it was NOTED that the deadline for the next edition is 07 July 2017.
b. Website -
c. Outdoor Theatre – it was NOTED that tickets for the Rude Mechanical Theatre Company's production of 'The Commercial Traveller' to be held on Sunday 04 June 2017 are available from 01323 501260 or through www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk.
- 7168/17
Focus Group
and Police
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 03 July 2017. Missing No Cycling signs in the shopping centre need to be replaced as cyclists are cycling through the shopping centre. Concerns were raised regarding young people on bicycles riding in the road, ignoring vehicle traffic.
- 7169/17
Lunch
Provision
- Cllr Mrs Clucas thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for providing lunch for two weeks while the Cook was on holiday. The lunch will close for 2 – 3 weeks in August as the Youth Centre will be carrying out renovations to the toilets.
- 7170/17
KALC
- Cllr Mrs Brammer attended the Sevenoaks Area meeting on 9 June 2017, the speaker was Cllr Roddy Hogarth, SDC Portfolio Holder, Economic & Community Development.
- 7171/17
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/06/17 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: