### STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018 AT FAIRSEAT VILLAGE HALL, VIGO ROAD, FAIRSEAT AT 8.00 pm

Chairman

**PRESENT:** Cllr Harry Bott

Cllr Tom Brooker

Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth Cllr Michael Osborne Cllr Daren Sefer

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Cllr Harry Rayner

1 member of the public

**Kent County Council** 

Item Action point

Minute no 2018/19/

#### 1 **APOLOGIES**

285 Apologies for absence were received from

> Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer Away from home for work

**Cllr Kevin Sparkes** On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed these apologies be accepted. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllrs Martin Coffin and Robin Betts, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and from Mr Tom Sheldon, Stansted School Steering Group.

#### 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER**

286 None.

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2018** 3

It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed the 287 minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2018 be signed as a true record.

#### **MATTERS ARISING** 4

None. 288

#### WORLD WARS COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBITION 5

289 Cllr Bott said preparations were going well. The launch party was sold out. The exhibition would close for the ceremony at the war memorial on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November and reopen immediately afterwards.

# 6 STANSTED SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

290 Cllr Mrs Goodworth said that no meeting had been held. The next meeting would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Cllr Rayner give his report.

Cllr Rayner said that a bus through the villages to Sevenoaks would be started as a pilot scheme. He would provide an article for the magazine to help promote it. Progress was being made on the encroachment issue.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rayner and reconvened the meeting.

### 7 PLANNING

# a Applications

i TM/18//02341/FL: Thriftwood, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted: Demolition of existing reception, office and tourist booth building and the construction of a new office building on same footprint as existing, incorporating, reception, managers office, general office and accounts and tourist information

No objection.

## 292 **b** Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

## c Enforcement

# 293 i Lucy's Barn Camping Site, Ash Lane

Nothing further had been heard.

# 294 ii Parson's Orchard, Parsons Lane, Stansted

The enforcement officer had been informed there was activity on the site.

# 295 d Appeals

None.

### e Local Plan

# 296 i Response

Cllr Bott proposed that the Council object to that part of the plan concerning up to 3,000 homes being built in and around Borough Green and Wrotham. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed. Cllr Bott would work on the response. The deadline for submission was 19<sup>th</sup> November. He had noticed there was no policy on light pollution. Cllr Rayner indicated that Borough Green Parish Council had agreed

its letter. It was clear that UK Power Networks had a problem in the area as the substations were at or above capacity. Cllr Bott said that it was a statutory duty for water companies to supply water.

# 297 ii Proposal to Join Other Parish Councils in Campaign

Cllr Bott proposed that the Council join with Wrotham, Borough Green, St Mary Platt, Ightham and Seal Parish Councils in opposing that part of the plan that affected the area and that £4,500 be made available for the campaign. This was seconded by Cllr Brooker and agreed unanimously.

# f Any Other Planning Issues

# 298 i Anchor and Hope, South Ash Road

The Clerk reported on a telephone call concerning apparent occupation of land at the rear of the Anchor and Hope. Cllr Brooker said that Ash Paving was using it for storage. This would be reported to the Enforcement Officer.

### 8 FINANCE

### 299 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

# 300 b Payments made since Last Meeting

The payments made since the last meeting as listed on the agenda were approved.

# 301 c Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 896 – 898, one standing order and one direct debit).

### 302 d Audit 2017/18

It was noted that the audit for the year 2017/18 had been concluded.

# 303 e Draft Budget 2019/20

The second draft of the budget had been circulated with the agenda. The final draft would be put to the Council at the December meeting and would include the figures relating to the school building. A "payback" to the residents was discussed and it was felt this should be done in 2 tranches of £5,000 each.

## 9 GRANT APPLICATIONS

### 304 None.

### 10 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

### a Recreation Ground

- 305 i. General Matters. Nothing to report
- 306 ii. Hire of Ground. Nothing to report.

### 307 **b** Car Park

This was being dealt with by the School Project Steering Group.

# 308 c Playpark

Nothing to report.

### 309 d War Memorial and Garden

The Clerk had reminded the landscape contractor to ensure the area was pristine ready for Armistice Day.

# 310 e Telephone Kiosk

Cllr Brooker said he regretted he was too busy to put up the frame for the knitting group and said they should look elsewhere.

### 311 f Church Bank

Nothing to report.

# 312 g Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane

Nothing to report.

# 313 h Brownes Bequest

Nothing to report.

# 314 h Notice Boards

Nothing to report.

# 315 j Registration of Land

The Clerk said that Colin Hall had said that when he had last visited Stansted he had agreed that registration as village greens was the correct option. Cllr Bott said he would urge him to progress this when he next spoke to him.

### 11 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

# 316 a Public Rights of Way

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Roy Barry to speak.

Mr Barry reported that FP 199 at Wyse's Meadow was obstructed by the crop. The route was invisible at the bottom of byway 200. The waymarker sign of FP 218 in Malthouse Road had been broken. Cllr Brooker said he would see to it.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barry and reconvened the meeting.

# 317 b Encroachment Working Party

Ongoing with the County Council.

# f Any Other Highways or Transport Issues

# 318 i Verge by Old Rectory, Stansted

It was reported that a pile of mud had been put on the verge outside the Old Rectory in Plaxdale Green Road.

### 12 VILLAGE HALLS

# 319 a Stansted Village Hall

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report

# 320 **b** Fairseat Village Hall

Nothing to report.

## 13 POLICE MATTERS

321 Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

## 14 MARGARET MCMILLAN CENTRE

322 Cllr Bott had obtained a copy of the title deed from the Land Registry and had asked for a copy of the covenants. Wrotham Parish Council was applying to have it listed as an asset of community value and was happy to deal with the matter as the Centre was in Wrotham parish.

# 15 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK

323 None.

## 16 CONSULTATION

No documents received.

# 17 CORRESPONDENCE

325 None.

#### 18 **REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

326 None received.

#### 19 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

327 No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at  $8.50\ pm$ 

Signed  ${\it Harry Bott}$  Chairman

On the  $3^{rd}$  day of December 2018