

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.45pm on Thursday 17 March 2016 at Hodsoil Street & Ridley Village Hall, Hodsoil Street

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr J Crane
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr I Mann
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr I Paddy

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk
Cllr C Clark – District Councillor

- 6851/16 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Cornelius (prior engagement), Cllr S Glover (work) and Cllr J Scott (holiday). District Councillor A Pett sent apologies
- 6852/16 Declarations Of Interest a. Declarations of Interest – All councillors living in New Ash Green who were present declared personal interests in matters for discussion relating to the New Ash Green Village Association.
b. Members were reminded that any alteration or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.
- 6853/16 Dispensations No requests received
- 6854/16 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2016 be approved with the amendment to 6848/16 to read '... the finger post current at this meeting ... PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 6855/16 Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons a. It was NOTED that Rev Ruth Oates has confirmed that the church would like to be involved in the beacon lighting event.
b. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the time of the Parish Council meeting to be held on 21 April 2016 is moved from 7.45pm to 8.30pm to accommodate the lighting of the beacon at 7.30pm. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. The Head teacher has advised that the Head Boy and Head Girl will not take part in the lighting of the beacon.
- 6856/16 Planning a. Applications
SE/16/00590: 113 Penenden, New Ash Green, DA3 8LT – Erection of a two storey rear and side extension. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council has no objection to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr S Hobbs and AGREED

SE/16/00612: Cader Idris, Gravesend Road, TN15 7JS – Subdivision of plot

and conversion of existing residential outbuilding into a one bedroom bungalow. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not wish to support this application but cannot find any reasons under planning policy to raise an objection. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED

The applications for information only were NOTED.

b. Decisions

The decision, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/03/16 was NOTED.

c. Appeals

None at the time of the Agenda.

d. Enforcements

None at the time of the Agenda

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 03 March 2016 were NOTED.

f. The notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party meeting held on 01 March 2016 were NOTED.

g. It was NOTED that there were no comments received regarding the Public Consultation Draft of the Sevenoaks District Community Plan 2016-19.

h. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council supports the on-line petition to give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann FOR: 11 AGAINST: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 1

a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.

b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr I Paddy SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and AGREED.

c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22 February 2016 were NOTED.

d. Pensions – Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Finance Officer investigates further and that this item is brought back to the next meeting with costs. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

e. Annual Review of the Financial Regulations - Cllr V Ngwenya PROPOSED that the Parish Council approves the amendments recommended by the Finance Committee. SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and AGREED.

f. Annual Review of the Financial Risk Assessment - Cllr V Ngwenya PROPOSED that the Parish Council approves the Finance Committee's recommended amendments. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and AGREED.

g. It was NOTED that the Finance Committee had carried out a review of the Standing Orders without amendment.

h. Cllr J Crane PROPOSED that the Parish Council awards a grant in the amount of £400.00 to the Citizen's Advice Sevenoaks. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

i. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that a grant in the amount of £10,000 is awarded to the New Ash Green Village Association towards the alterations to the village hall kitchen on condition that this amount is match funded. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED an amendment that any grant would be subject to the responses received for the queries to be raised with the Village Association, including the provision of a business plan, details of expected match funding and to ask if improvements will be made to the disabled access of the hall and toilets. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

j. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council awards a grant in the

amount of £50.00 to the Kent County Playing Fields Association in recognition of their 90th Anniversary Appeal. SECONDED: Cllr I Paddy
FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 3

- 6858/16 Sports Centre It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 17 May 2016.
- 6859/16 Barnfield Park a. The notes of the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group be held on 07 March 2016 were NOTED.
- 6860/16 Northfield a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 02 March 2016 were NOTED.
- 6861/16 Burial Ground a. It was NOTED that the meeting of 07 March 2016 was inquorate and did not take place. It was suggested that a text message is sent to members on the day of the meeting as a reminder. The Clerk advised that this would be time consuming and possibly require an upgrade of the pabx. The Clerk advised that dates for the next meeting is set at the meeting and included in the minutes which are presented at the next parish council meeting and the date is noted on the agenda. An agenda is sent out before the meeting, so members have ample opportunity to advise if they are able to attend.
- 6862/16 Youth a. Youth Club – it was NOTED that the Kent County Council commissioning document has not yet been released and further meetings with parish councils interested in supporting a consortium bid to cover the Sevenoaks District.
b. 8 – 12's Steering Group –
c. It was NOTED that following enquiries with PlayPlace, the cost of the Family Fun Days in summer have been reduced from £576.00 to £462.21 per day and that two days have been booked with African Drumming on one session.
- 6863/16 Highways a. The Highways Report up to 10 March 2016 was NOTED.

The meeting was suspended at 8.40pm to receive reports from the County and District Councillors.

The report from the County and District Councillors is attached to these minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 9.03pm

- 6864/16 Footpaths a. It was NOTED that the finger post on the footpath on North Ash Road has been moved.
b. SD252 – The Public Path Order was discussed and members felt that the original objections had been discounted and not addressed. An objection will be lodged with the original objections and requesting the following requesting:
- What evidence is there of someone looking through the bedroom window, other than circumstantial? Were the Police informed and dates and times given?
 - If the landowner is concerned with privacy and security, why did he remove the hedge/fence round the edge of his garden? .
 - If the order to divert is agreed, who will prepare the new footpath

surface, which is rough at present and who will maintain the hedge and fence ?

- What is a double fence and will it be in keeping with the area?
- With regard to litter, residents who use this path daily have advised that they do not see any litter on the path.

6865/16
Transport

No report

6866/16
Ash, Hodsoll
Street & Ash

- Ash – no report
- Hodsoll Street – no report.
- Ridley – no report.

6867/16
Bulletin &
Website

a. Bulletin: It was NOTED that the deadline for the next edition will be 21 April 2016.
b: Website: It was NOTED that Cllr I Mann and the Clerk will be attending website training provided by KALC at the end of March

6868/16
Focus Group
and Police

a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 11 April 2016.

6869/16
Lunch
Provision

It was reported that there are currently over 30 people registered to attend the lunch. There has been no response to appeals for volunteer drivers to assist with transporting members with mobility problems.

6870/16
KALC

No report.

6871/16
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond.

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/03/16 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: