



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 at 7.30pm in The Gallery, Rolvenden Village Hall, Maytham Road, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4ND.

Present: Cllr D Murray (Chairman) Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Deputy Chairman), Cllr M Hook, Cllr Mrs I Newman, Cllr Mrs J Stace, and Cllr J Wilkins

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Locum Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

150. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr B Hindley (unwell), Cllr G Tiltman (holiday) and Cllr R Wilcox (personal matter).

151. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

a. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of the War Memorial Trust

Cllr Mrs I Newman, trustee of the War Memorial Trust

Cllr M Hook, trustee of the War Memorial Trust

b. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

None

c. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

Cllr M Hook, membership of the Weald of Kent Preservation Society and Rolvenden History Group.

Cllr J Wilkins, church fabric committee. Planning 2 Thornden Farm Cottages, as living close.

Cllr D Curtain re-imburement of husband's Blue Lamp test fee.

152. MINUTES:

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 18th September 2018 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

153. Public Participation:

The PCSO's were in attendance and advised that reported crime was low. It was reported that distraction burglaries are on the increase especially when utilities works are being undertaken in the neighbourhood. If anything is thought to be out of place report it.

It was reported that door to door sales people are in the area and have aggressive behaviour traits if unhappy do not buy and report.

It was reported that the footpath from Frogs Lane to World of Water is very overgrown and a hazard to walkers. This is to be reported to the footpaths officer at KCC.

The school are struggling to fill the vacancy for a crossing patrol, if this is not filled shortly the funding given to the school will be withdrawn.

154. Planning:

18/01476/AS – 2 Thornden Farm Cottages, Thornden Lane, Rolvenden – Replacement front shed (retrospective)

RESOLVED: The Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that the drawings do not indicate the size or location of the shed being replaced, the drawings indicate an external staircase indicating the presence of an upper level (not shown). The “completed shed” is of substandard construction and poorly located within the plot. The application site is located within the AONB.

155. Finance

Payments authorised at the meeting

Cheque number	Payee	Amount
300074	P Setterfield	£577.04
300075	P Setterfield	£24.10
300076	H M Customs & Excise	£185.28
300077	J P Oakeley	£820.00
300078	S Brooks	£120.00
300079	Cornex Garage Ltd	£76.00
300080	Bourne Amenity	£1,044.00
300081	St Mary the Virgin, Rolvenden	£600.00
300082	Kent Association of Local Councils	£72.00
300083	D Curtain	£87.00
300084	Rolvenden War Memorial Trust	£20.00

The battery on the defibrillator situated at the Streyte needs replacing at a cost of £230 plus VAT Cllr Newman to progress invoice to be presented for payment.

The second instalment of the Precept from Ashford Borough Council has been received.

It was agreed that Cllr Curtain would submit a £500 grant application to Ashford Borough Council for funding the Blue Lamp tests.

156. Rolvenden Rocket:

Cllr Tiltman provided councillors with an overview of progress to date. Group bookings and registrations are on the increase, but the Shopper service needs review as it is not proving popular.

It was agreed that a premium should be charged if groups are not providing their own driver as the service relies on volunteers and they are expected to wait around it was felt that a refreshment allowance should be offered to the drivers.

It was also agreed that for certain trips that a refundable deposit be taken which would be refunded if the minibus did not need cleaning at the end of the trip.

157. Telephone Kiosks:

No progress to date with local tradesmen for the repainting.

158. Halden Field:

The letter to the enforcement officer regarding the tree roots is to be followed up.

159. Barrett Field:

Nothing to report.

160. Pavilion Project:

To date only two responses have been received regarding the proposals.

161. Neighbourhood Plan:

The pros and cons of submission date were debated and it was agreed that the submission should be made as soon as possible.

162. Playground equipment:

The designs have been shown to the pre-school group and the primary school with votes being cast. The designs are currently on display at the Ewe and Lamb until Friday when they will be transferred to the Church.

163. Highways matters:

No progress has been made with the verge opposite the village hall this is to be pursued.

The Bull Inn are still insisting on placing a second A board on the footpath despite letters having been sent reminding them of the agreement that they signed. It was agreed that the time had come to remove the board.

164. Any Other Business:

It was reported that the dog from the Bull was taking itself for a walk and visiting the play area. The dog warden is to be contacted.

Cllr Newman advised that one of the BT boxes in the village is not wired for optical fibre therefore impacting upon speeds.

Cllr Hook reported that the churchyard was being very well maintained.