

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 September 2016 at Hodsoll Street and Ridley Village Hall, Hodsoll Street, commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Howie (arrived 7.48pm)
Cllr I Mann
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr J Scott (arrived 7.56pm)

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk
Cllr C Clark – District Councillor
4 members of the public

- 6968/16 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Brown and J Crane (ill),
Apologies Cllr J Kelly (holiday), Mrs Hobbs (prior commitment). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas
SECONDED: Cllr I Mann
District Councillors Mrs Pearsall gave her apologies.
- 6969/16 a. Declarations of Interest – None
Declarations Of Interest 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.
- 6970/16 No requests received
Dispensations
- 6971/16 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday
Minutes 21 July 2016 be approved and signed as a true record PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clark SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 6972/16 Cllr Mrs Clark PROPOSED that in accordance with **Standing Orders 1p and 5viii** a motion is passed to fill the casual vacancy by paper ballot.
Casual SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED. Mr P Nightingale was co-opted
Vacancy for the South East Ward. Mr Nightingale signed his declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.
(Cllr J Scott arrived)
- 6973/16 a. Applications
Planning **SE/16/2275: 150 Knights Croft, New Ash Green, DA3 8HZ** – the erection of a first floor rear extension. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and AGREED.
- SE/16/02564: 5 Millfield, New Ash Green, DA3 8JP** – Two storey rear extension and associated internal and external alterations. Cllr Mrs

6973/16
Planning

Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application as both the front and rear proposals are contrary to the street scene and to draw the concerns raised in the letter of objection from the neighbour to the Planning Officer. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1.

b. Decisions

The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/09/16 were RECEIVED and 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 04 August 2016, 18 August 2016 and 01 September 2016 were NOTED.

f. The notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party held on 04 August 2016 were NOTED.

6974/16
Finance

a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED. Cllr V Ngwenya took members through the reports.

b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised.

PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18 July 2016 were NOTED .

d. Internal Auditor – Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that Mr L Robins is appointed Internal Auditor for the year 2016/17. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

e. The external auditor's Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2016 for the Parish Council was NOTED. The relevant notices will remain on display for 14 Days in compliance with the **Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011**.

f. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED the quotation from the Parish Council Noticeboard Company in respect of replacement noticeboards in the Centre and Ash Village Hall in the amount of £805.00 plus VAT. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and AGREED.

6975/16
Service of
Remembrance

a. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that a Service of Remembrance is held at Ash War Memorial on Friday 11 November 2016 with Ash Church, commencing at 10.45am and to be followed by tea and coffee in the Village Hall. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

b. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that two wreaths are purchased at a cost of £75.00, being £50.00 under **Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972** for the Parish Council and a grant for £25.00 made to New Ash Green Primary School for the second wreath. Cllr Mrs Clark PROPOSED an amendment to the proposal to donate £50 from the Parish Council under **Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972** and to invoice New Ash Green Primary School for the cost of the second wreath in the amount of £25.00. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

- 6976/16
Sports Centre
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 11 October 2016.
 - b. It was NOTED that there is still no resolution regarding the removal of the hoist which obstructs one of the Badminton courts.
- 6977/16
Barnfield Park
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held on 26 September 2016.
 - b. It was NOTED that South Ash Road/The Street would be closed from 13:00 to 14:00 on Friday 16 September 2016 to allow for a pedestrian funeral procession from Barnfield Park to Ash Burial Ground.
- 6978/16
Northfield
- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 12 September 2016 will be distributed with the October Agenda.
 - b. It was NOTED with sadness, that Mr Alan Barnett passed away in August. Barnetts Wood on Northfield was named after him in recognition of his tremendous contribution to the establishment of Northfield.
- 6979/16
Burial Ground
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on 30 August 2016 were NOTED.
- 6980/16
Youth
- a. Youth Club – the report from Play Place was NOTED.
 - b. It was NOTED that two Fun Days were held on the Minnis and one on Northfield.
 - c. 8 – 12's – no report
- 6981/16
Highways
- The Highways report for the period to 08 September 2016 was emailed to members.

The meeting was suspended at 8.47pm to receive a report from the District Councillor.

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

The meeting reconvened at 8.56pm

- 6982/16
Footpaths
- a. Public Footpath SD252 – it was NOTED that the Parish Council's objection to the diversion order for the abovementioned footpath has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 6983/16
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva and the Parishes will be held on 20 September 2016.
 - b. Waitrose Car Park – Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that a letter is written to Waitrose Head Office in protest to the 90 minute parking restriction at its Longfield store, which is detrimental to residents, visitors and businesses in Longfield and request that consideration is given to increasing the parking time to three hours. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and AGREED.
- 6984/16
Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ash
- a. Ash – the work on the Village Hall floor has started and should be finished by the end of September.
 - b. Hodsoll Street – the Play Area Safety Inspection Report was NOTED.
 - c. Ridley – No report.
 - d. New Ash Green 50th Anniversary – Cllr Mrs Brammer attended a meeting to discuss the celebrations. One suggestion was to host a lunch for the elderly. On request from the Chairman, this item was

deferred to the October meeting for decision.

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| 6985/16
Bulletin and
Website | a. Bulletin – it was NOTED that the deadline for the next edition has been brought forward to 13 October 2016 to allow for distribution before the Service of Remembrance.
b. Website - it was NOTED that the Assistant Clerk will be attending free website training on 21 October 2016 for the Sports Centre Website. |
| 6986/16
Focus Group
and Police | a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 03 October 2016 .
b. It was NOTED that there was a car fire on Colt Stead. |
| 6987/16
Lunch
Provision | During renovations to the Youth Centre and staff holiday, the lunch club was not held for four weeks. The lunch attracts between 26 and 30 residents a week. |
| 6988/16
KALC | No report. |
| 6989/16
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond. | The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/09/16 were NOTED. |

The meeting closed at 9.19pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: