**SMARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12th MARCH 2018**

Present: John Lowings, Mark Wilson, Clifford Ridley, Jo Morton, Pete Watts, Brian Bristow, Geraldine Dyer and Catherine Stanley (Clerk).

1 Parishioner present.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Sarah Ellison, Marion Hudson and Jocelyn Craig

**2. LIST OF THE DEPARTED**

Sandra Noel, June Bloomfield and Celia Staddon

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th FEBRUARY 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of 12th February 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman and publication on the website agreed.

**4. PLANNING**

Nothing to report

**5. BURIAL GROUND**

Mark has been making enquiries as to how the Burial Ground can be locked.

**6. POST OFFICE**

Following the Parish Meeting on 21st February 2018 a new Steering Group comprising the Chairman of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Charter Hall plus other representatives of the Parish Council and Charter Hall Trustees has been established.

Brian reported that Mike Barkway (as a Trustee of the Charter Hall) has spoken to the owners of the land adjoining the Charter Hall car park.

**7. MINNIS and CORNES MEADOW**

Pete reported that it is very wet.

Catherine clarified the order for the Playground Rota.

Catherine is to chase Michelle Byrne at Ashford Borough Council for the grant monies that we have applied for.

**8. HIGHWAYS and LORRYWATCH**

Brian reported that there has been an application for a disabled person’s parking bay in Chessenden Lane. Catherine was asked to send a letter of support.

A Parishioner has complained that there is a parking problem outside Jubilee House when matches are played.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**10. FINANCE and MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

Accounts – Catherine presented the account for February and the items of expenditure for March were approved.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS**

The draft article for the Parish Magazine was approved.

**12. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED/FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

Nothing to report.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was set for Wednesday 9th May.

Geraldine confirmed that there are no restrictions on the buses.

The date for the Tidy Evening has been set as 4th April at 6pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

**Smarden Parish Council Planning Meeting 26th February 2018**

**Present: Mark Wilson,Jocelyn Craig, Brian Bristow, Clifford Ridley, John Lowings, Sarah Ellison, Marion Hudson, Jo Morton, Peter Watts**

**20/02/18**

**Application No. 18/00246**

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear/side extension to replace the existing garage, an extension to the stable block and the change of use of part of the adjacent paddock to residential use.

Location: Taunton Cottage, Bethersden Road, Smarden TN28 8QH

Comments: No Comment

Action:

**14/02/18**

**Application No. 18/00219/AS**

Proposal: 1) Demolition of existing single storey side extension – Proposed replacement single storey side extension. Proposed single storey rear extension. First Floor window to be blocked up, addition of conservation rooflight to rear elevation.

Location: Waterside House East, Water Lane, Smarden TN27 8QB

Comments: No Comment

Action:

**14/02/18**

**Application No. 18/00215/AS**

Proposal: Demolish existing workshop/garage, and in its place build a new workshop/garage.

Location: The Oast House, Pluckley Road, Smarden TN27 8NQ

Comments: No Comment

Action:

**AOB:**

It was agreed that Smarden Parish Council would respond to the Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation. They felt that this was too little too late and that by the time it is adopted the damage will be done. Smarden Parish Council does not own any suitable land for sites for the Travelling Community and do not know of any within the Parish.

**Land Adjacent to the Charter Hall**

Smarden Parish Council confirmed that the split suggested by ABC for the 35% affordable housing was in order and SE has confirmed this to Alister Hume Consultancy.