



# Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in St Mary the Virgin Church, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4ND.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Curtain, (Chairman) Cllr Mrs L Walker (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Bryant, Cllr A Johnstone, Cllr Mrs F May, Cllr Mrs I Newman, Cllr G Tiltman and Cllr Mrs T Turner

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

Also attending 15 members of the public.

**313. Speedwatch – an introduction to how the scheme works:**

Unfortunately the co-ordinator who was due to come and speak was indisposed. Councillor Walker gave a brief outline and said that a number of volunteers had come forward showing an interest. More details would be given at the Working Group meeting for Highways at its meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**314. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr E Barham

**315. Declarations of Interest:**

1. **Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**  
none.

2. **Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:**

Cllr Mrs I Newman, trustee of the War Memorial Trust.

Cllr Mrs L Walker Rolvenden Village Fete

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of War Memorial Trust

3. **Declarations of Members' Other Interests:**

Cllr G Tiltman, member of the Village Hall Management committee

Cllr S Bryant Chairman Rolvenden Football Club

**316. Public participation:**

A resident voiced concern that a promised apology from Taylor Wimpey about the noise and dust emanating from the Halden Field site has not been forthcoming.

**317. Minutes:**

The minutes of the meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**318. Planning:**

Under Section 70 of the Town and Country Planning Act as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017, local planning authorities must have regard to a post Examination Neighbourhood Plan if an Examiner has recommended that a local planning authority should finalise the draft plan with modifications.

So all future planning applications that we consider must refer to specific Neighbourhood Plan policies when being assessed and where relevant indicate which Neighbourhood Plan policy a proposal is not in compliance with and why, and vice versa.

**19/01235/AS** – Maytham Wharf Farm, Maytham Road, Rolvenden – Re-siting of redundant agricultural barn and re-erection in new location and conversion to form two holiday let units with parking.

**Resolved: The Parish Council whilst wishing to support businesses in the rural environment object to the application as it does not comply with Policy RNP11- conversion of rural buildings to business use; tourist accommodation or tourist attraction of the Rolvenden Neighbourhood Plan in that the re-siting of the redundant agricultural barn in a new location is a clear breach of clause a) the building does not require complete or substantial reconstruction. In addition the approach road traverses flood zones 2 and 3.**

**19/01281/AS** – Coveney's, Tenterden Road, Rolvenden – Erection of stud-work partition within existing bedroom to form new en-suite bathroom with associated pipework and external connection to existing soil vent pipe to rear.

**Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.**

**319. Finance:**

Payments authorised at the meeting

Cheque No.	Payee	Net amount	VAT	Payment
300191, 300192 &300193	Staff costs			£709.31
300194	Litter Picking			£120.00
300195	Cornex Garage	£257.23	£51.45	£308.68
300196	Tompsett Landscaping	£1,280.00	£256.00	£1,536.00
300197	Ashford Borough Council	£4,044.00	£808.80	£4,852.80
300198	Bourne Amenity	£894.00	£178.80	£1,072.80
Direct debit	ID Mobile			£5.00

Report RPC/19/08 brings to the Parish Council a summary of the receipts and payments together with bank reconciliation and funds statement for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To receive and note Report RPC/19/08**
- 2. To receive and acknowledge the financial movements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.**

Councillors Curtain and Newman confirmed verification of the entries to the bank account.

**320. Financial Regulations:**

The National Association of Local Councils has issued a revised set of model financial regulations which comply with current legislation. The opportunity has been taken to produce an up to date version for the Parish Council. There are no changes in relation to the practices in place apart from how items are published which are covered by Data Protection regulations.

**321. Rolvenden Rocket:**

Councillor Tiltman advised that it had been a busy month as evidenced by the fuel bill. Bookings are good through to November and it is planned to organise some trips.

**322. Halden Field:**

The Borough Council have confirmed that only 5 completions have happened and therefore the Section 106 funds are not yet available as the trigger point is 15 for the first phase. West Kent Housing report that they had 6 couples attend the information evening at the Village Hall.

**323. Playground equipment:**

The recent inspection carried out by RoSPA on the two play areas has highlighted that some of the equipment needs attention. The Parish Council is asked to determine what it wishes to do with these items as there is no timescale on the expected Section 106 monies intended for the replacement of the equipment.

It was agreed to obtain a quotation for the repair of the items of equipment that were showing as red on the report for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**324. Village Hall Boiler:**

At the August meeting of the Parish Council the Village Hall Management Committee submitted a quotation for the replacement of the boiler for consideration. The Parish Council is asked to consider how it wishes to deal with this request.

It was decided that further information should be sought before any decision was made and in this context the Chairman and Treasurer were to be invited to attend the October meeting to provide further information and clarity.

**325. Neighbourhood Plan:**

The Neighbourhood plan has now passed the examination stage and the Borough Council will now be arranging for the referendum to take place.

**326. Highways matter:**

The working group for the Highways Improvement Plan is scheduled to meet on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Concerns were raised about parking on the junction of Sparkeswood and the A28 and on Glebe Field it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the PCSO to check and advise on the issue.

**327. Defibrillator cabinets:**

The replacement doors have now been fitted and the Electrician has carried out the safety checks.

**328. Telephone Kiosks:**

The Parish Council is asked to consider what it would like to use the telephone kiosks for in order that quotations can be obtained for any conversion works and their restoration.

It was agreed at this stage there were not the finances to consider any works.

**329. Future Projects:**

The Parish Council is asked to consider what projects it would like to consider undertaking in the next three years in order that estimates can be prepared for consideration when setting the budget in December.

**330. Items for information:**

It has been noted that there is an apparent increase in the amount of dog fouling in the Pix Lane area.

There has been an increase in dog fouling on the football pitches as the fence between there and the Cricket field has been removed ready for replacement. This is being dealt with by the War Memorial Trust.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Monypenny.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.