Ospringe Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Water Lane, Ospringe. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present:

A Keel – Chairman

R Simmons

H Williams

B Flynn

J Dean-Kimili

S Wright

C Elworthy

K. Lockwood Clerk

Apologies:

A Greason

Cllr A Bowles

Cllr C Prescott

# 066/18 Dispensations

Cllrs J Dean-Kimili, A Greason, S Wright, H Williams, R Simmons and the Chairman A Keel have been granted dispensations to deal with matters relating to the setting of the precept.

The Chairman raised the need to extend the dispensation for the Chairman A Keel, Cllrs A Greason and B Flynn as members of the VAC to permit A Keel, Cllr A Greason and Cllr B Flynn to discuss matters related to the VAC and outline planning permission for the Village Hall.

# 067/18 Public Participation

No formal public participation but there was one member of the public in attendance.

# 068/18 Signing of Minutes

All were in agreement for the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record of the business transacted at the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th June 2018.

# 069/18 Matters arising

Brogdale Road traffic concerns:- there had been no further issues.

## Highway Matters:-Porters Lane and Plumford Lane are to remain closed for the duration of the closure of the A251 between the M2 junction and the A2. The Chairman, Cllr C Elworthy and Andrew Bowles had met with KHS and informed them that Porters Lane and Plumford Lane were equally rat runnable as Salters Lane which has already been closed, and there were serious concerns of safety for pedestrians, horse riders and motorists, as well as the likelihood of congestion of narrow lanes. KHS advised that making the lanes one way would not be permissible on safety grounds. There would be detailed signage about the closures, and monitoring but this would not be 24/7.

## Action: The Chairman to contact KHS and obtain a contact number in case of problems.

## The weight restriction sign at the Brogdale Road end of Vicarage Lane:-this had been spray painted

## Action: The Chairman to ask Gary Gibbs to look at it.

It was noted that the verges on the Brogdale Road had been cut but that the footpath past Ash Tree Cottages was covered by brambles and nettles.

The gullies at the bottom of Dark Hill on the corner by the stables are blocked and need to be cleared. This has been requested previously but it is not known if this was done.

**Action: The Chairman to chase Gary Gibbs about cleansing the gullies.**

Litter bin outside Champion Hall:- this had not yet arrived.

**Action: Chairman to chase this up.**

Bus Consultation:-this is a continuing issue.

GDPR:- The Chairman and the Clerk had met with Ben Malley to gain advice on how to make sure that parish council was GDPR compliant. Ben Malley would be carrying out a Data Impact Assessment for the council and also providing working precedents and guidance for compliance.

Lighting:- the Streetlights maintenance contract

**Action:-Chairman to review the contract.**

SBC Corporate Plan 2019-2022:-Cllr A Bowles’s letter was noted. Cllr Bowles will be attending OPC’s September meeting.

The Summer Festival of Music and Flowers was held last weekend at Ospringe Curch:- the information on the event had been passed to the VAC and the VAC had had a stall.

SBC member briefing on planning enforcement to be held on 26th July 2018: Cllrs S Wright, R Simmons and C Elworthy to attend.

# 070/18 Parish Councillor Vacancies

There remains one parish Councillor vacancy. The Chairman is keen to find a suitable candidate.

# 071/18 Risk Assessment

## Action: The Chairman to review the document by the September meeting.

# 072/18 Planning

18/50287/agric 2. 2 Little Kennaways:- The notification of approval had been issued before the parish council had commented.

18/503555/PNPA and 18/503568/PNPA Churchmans Farm Stalisfield Road Ospringe Faversham Kent ME13 0HA:- Prior notifications for the change of use from premises in light industrial use (class B1(c)) and any land within its curtilage to 1 Dwelling house. For its prior approval to: - Transport and Highways impacts of the development. - Contamination risks on the site. - Flooding risks on the site. - Where the building is located in an area that is important for industrial services or storage or distribution services or a mix of those services, whether the introduction of, or an increase in, a residential use of premises in the area would have an adverse impact on the sustainability of the provision of those services. The parish council commented as follows:

The parish council would like SBC to consider whether the application sites fall within the curtilage of a listed building Churchmans Farm notwithstanding that Churchmans Farm is separated from the sites by a boundary structure. The Council would expect the design to be of high quality bearing in mind that the site is within an ANOB and adjacent to a listed building.

18/503538/SUB:-Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 7 (Proposed Road Details) and Condition 34 Part i (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) Subject to 15/504264/OUT, Land At Perry Court London Road Faversham Kent ME13 8YA. The parish council would look into whether this part of the planning application was of concern to the parish.

Appeals:- It was noted that the Hilltop Farm appeal App/v2255/c/17/3179355 had been dismissed.

Cllr B Flynn arrived at 20.01 pm

KCC/SW/0090/2018 East Kent Recycling:- Redevelopment of an existing waste management facility and inclusion of additional land into a waste management use (part retrospective). Land at, and adjacent to, site D Oare Creek, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7TX. The Council has previously been supportive of the arguments against the redevelopment of the existing waste management facility. The Council commented as follows: Despite the amendments made to the original proposal, Ospringe Parish Council still finds this an objectionable development. The council continues to be concerned about the increase in traffic movements on the A2 which would become worse. The council also finds the hours of operation:5am – 8pm to be excessive and would like to highlight the fact that Ospringe Street is a AQMA and additional traffic will exacerbate the problem.

# 073/18 Finance

Payments for Approval:

Chq No 1382 Donation to CAB Swale £25.00

Chq No 1383 For use of the Church hall £20.00

Chq No 1384 Reimbursement to Clerk for ICO Registration free £40.00

Chq No 1385 Swale Borough Council mowing £195.17

Chq No 1386 CPRE Subscription £38.00

Chq No 1387 ROSPA Play safety report £92.40

EDF and electricity bills

Current Account Receipts -none reported.

Allotments Receipts-none reported.

The Chairman informed the council that a lot of work needed to be carried out on the fence along the top of the allotments which would incur significant expenditure.

The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation as at 1st June and the budget monitoring document. The budget variances were noted.

The Clerk had expressed an interest in attending the KALC annual Clerk conference on 13th September 2018. The council approved the cheque to be written at a later date for £72.00 including VAT.

# 074/18 Internal Auditor appointment

**The Council approved Lionel Robbins as the Internal Auditor for 2018-19.**

# 075/18 Correspondence

The ROSPA play safety report had been received. The big swing had been highlighted as high risk. The Chairman and Tony Hoile had looked at the play equipment. Various pieces of equipment need attention. There is likely to be quitesignificant expenditure.

**Action: - The Chairman to ask Tony Hoile if he wishes to undertake the work.**

Graveney PC had written to the council to ask for support against the Cleve Hill Solar Park. **The council resolved to comment when the full application comes out.**

**Action: The Clerk to write to Graveney PC to acknowledge their email.**

Swale Area 20s Plenty working group meeting on speed limits on rural roads is being held on 1st August at 7.30pm in Newington.

The KCC Rights of Way consultation closes on 12th September. KCC is working on an improvement plan to improve the network and public access.

**076/18 Members’ reports**

The Lorenden Trust meeting had been cancelled.

# 077/18 Any other business

Ospringe in Bloom:-Cllr H Williams reported that this year had been the 3rd year of the competition after the previous gap of 4 years. The gardens had been judged from the pavement unless invited in. Vouchers for The Alma public house had been awarded to each of the winners. In 2019 a ‘best verge’ category would be introduced and the small and large garden categories would be merged.

The parish council asked Cllr H Williams to pass on their thanks to Mary Williams for organising the event and approved a cheque for £50.00 to be written at a later date to reimburse Mary Williams.

The meeting ended at 21.07pm

Next meeting: 5th September 2018 at 7.30pm