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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th April 2022**

**following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall Club Room**

**Present:** Cllrs J Smith (Chairman), S Mash, C Sykes, P Venning, A Lloyd Smith, 1 member of the public and Mrs Y Osborne (Clerk)

4351. **Apologies & reasons for absence:** Cllrs Collins & Brown reasons accepted.

4352. **(i) Declaration by Members of any interest, Pecuniary or Other than Pecuniary, in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct and its Guide to the Declaration of Councillors’ interests and related matters.** None

 **(ii) To approve or reject any application put to the meeting by the Chairman in respect of Members seeking a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011,s.33.** None

 **(iii) A reminder that this meeting is being recorded.**

 **Public Session** – see appendix at the end of these Minutes.

4353. **To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th April 2022.** Agreed and signed as a correct record.

4354. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 5th April 2022**

Response to Appeal into refusal of 20/01782/AS Poplar Farm House/Lloyds Green – This had been submitted on 11th April 2022 and acknowledged.

 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 8th March 2022**

1. Highway Improvement Plan – County Councillor Mike Hill confirmed that the Parish Council needed to complete an HIP before any work can even get started on the proposed footway between the Memorial Garden gate and the Hairdressers.
2. Litter Picking – Following the article in the Outlook on Oxney one resident had come forward to collect litter in her area for which she had been thanked. *To note that one other has since offered to litter pick in her area.*
3. Southern Water Campaign – The Chairman reported that he had had further conversations with an officer.
4. Lych Gate Latch – Clerk reported that Paul Stern had repaired the latch at no cost to the Council for which he had been thanked.
5. Coffee Caravan – Clerk reported that the first visit will be on Monday 25th April. Flyers will be distributed and posters are already in the Notice Boards and will be put on the Website, Facebook and Nextdoor and information sent to the School.
6. Speed Watch – Following the article in the Outlook on Oxney Roger Parker had offered to help but he was the only one. Further action will be needed for this to become a reality.

4355. **Planning Application**: (previously notified to Councillors)

 **22/00405/AS Sycamore Cottage, 11 Swan Street.** Single storey front extension. – Councillors had heard further information from the Applicant during the Public Session and after a short discussion **agreed to support** it.

4356. **KCC Strategic Consultation**. The Chairman will be attending a meeting. There is nothing in it with regard to affordable or social housing but this is probably because that is ABC’s responsibility, however the Chairman will ensure that this is mentioned.

4357. **To consider and agree the updated quote from Paul Stern for a metal fence to fill the gap in the perimeter wall of the Church where the stone wall has collapsed. £1,200.** It is apparent that dog

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walkers are using the gap in the wall as a short cut to the footpath on the other side of it with unpleasant evidence in the graveyard. After a short discussion this quote was accepted with any variations delegated to the Clerk.

4358. **Correspondence:**

 a) Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance – Letter of thanks for our donation.

 b) ACRK – Membership Renewal 2022 – 2023 £60. Agreed.

 c) PKF Littlejohn – Notice of submission date for AGAR 30th June 2022.

 d) PCSO Kate Richardson – Frequency of attendance at PC meetings. Agreed this should be 3 monthly.

4359. **Working Party Reports:**

 a) Caretaker – Nothing new to report.

 b) Finance:

i) Monthly Transaction statements noted.

ii) End of Year Budget Statement and Receipts & Payments Account noted.

 c) Planning – Decisions received.

 i) **22/00193/AS Oxney House** Listed Building Consent - **Granted**

 ii) **21/02139/AS Hope Farm House** – Proposed 4 Bay Garage & Associated Access – **Withdrawn**.

 d) Highways – Pothole between Stocksway & Acton Lane reported.

e) Public Rights of Way – Clerk reported that the ‘floating bridge’ between the New Forge and the orchard on AT82 has been repaired and there is evidence that the width of AT89 where it leaves the bridleway has been reduced. This has been reported to KCC.

f) Open Spaces – Nothing to report.

g) Cemetery & Churchyard – Cemetery is looking really pretty now with spring flowers.

4360. **Date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**: 10th May 2022

4361. **Items for Information:** None.

 The meeting closed at 21.32hrs.

**Appendix**

Planning Application 22/00405/AS Sycamore Cottage. – The applicant gave further information.