

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2016 at the Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road, New Ash Green, commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr V Ngwenya

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk
Cllr C Clark – District Councillor

- 7010/16 Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Crane (ill), Cllr I Mann and Cllr Mrs Howie (prior commitment) and Cllr F Cottee (holiday). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.
- 7011/16 Declarations Of Interest a. No 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.
- 7012/16 Dispensations No requests received
- 7013/16 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2016 be approved and signed as a true record with the addition of SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Brammer to the end of items 7003/16a and 'stands' to item 7004/16 '... the land on which the War Memorial stands.' PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7014/16 Planning a. Applications
None at the time of the Agenda
b. Decisions
The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/11/16 were RECEIVED and NOTED with the addition of the decision on SE/16/02564 – 5 Millfield. Following a discussion on the lights to the front of Bovis on North Ash Road, it was AGREED that a letter will be sent to Sevenoaks District Council enforcement and copied to Bovis advising of a near accident due to the siting and brightness of the lights.
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 meeting of 03 November 2016 were NOTED.

f. The notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party meetings of 21 October and 08 November 2016 were NOTED.

7015/16
Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports – Cllr V Ngwenya took members through the reports.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised.
PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 08 November 2016 were NOTED.
- d. Sports Centre Budget – Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the Sports Centre budget is APPROVED. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
- e. Budget 2017/18 – Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the draft 2017/18 budget be APPROVED with a precept increase of 5% to £95,090, being an increase of approximately £1.88 on a Band D property and the amount of £9,968 taken from General Reserves to balance the budget. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

7016/16
Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the next Sports Centre Management Committee meeting will be held on 13 February 2017.

7017/16
Barnfield
Park

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held on 05 December 2016.

7018/16
Northfield

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 07 November 2016 were NOTED.

7019/16
Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee will be held on 05 December 2016.

7020/16
Youth

- a. Youth Provision – it was NOTED that due to staff shortages the Youth Club has not run in November.
- b. 8 – 12's – no report

7021/16
Highways

Due to technical issues on Kent Highways website, the Highways report for the period to 10 November 2016 was not emailed to members.

The meeting was suspended at 8.10pm to receive a report from the District Councillors.

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

The meeting reconvened at 8.25pm

7022/16
Footpaths

- a. Public Footpath SD252 Appeal to proposed diversion – the decision is awaited. The Inspector will make a site visit in December.

7023/16
Transport

- a. Waitrose Car Park – it was NOTED that letters have been sent to Waitrose Head Office and Dartford Borough Council.
- b. Bus stops – all the flags have been cleaned by KCC.

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| 7024/16
Ash, Hodsoil
Street & Ash | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ash – Members of the Parish Council and their partners have been invited to the Re-launching of Ash Village Hall following the repairs to the floor on the evening of 3 December 2016. b. Hodsoil Street – It was NOTED that the Police have removed a burnt out car from the Village Hall car park. The Hodsoil Street and Ridley 2017 calendar is available at a cost of £5. c. Ridley – No report. d. New Ash Green 50th Anniversary – Cllr M Brown reported that all events will be included in a programme and requests were made for organisations to advise what the dates of events they were planning to host. The next meeting will be held on 6 December 2016. e. Youth & Community Centre – the bequest from the late Cllr Peter Masson has been spent on refurbishing the Youth & Community Centre and will be re-opened on Saturday afternoon at 3pm and all Councillors are invited to attend. |
| 7025/16
Bulletin and
Website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bulletin – no report b. Website - no report. |
| 7026/16
Focus Group
and Police | a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 09 January 2017 . |
| 7027/16
Lunch
Provision | It was NOTED that the Christmas Lunch will be held on 08 December 2016. |
| 7028/16
KALC | No report. |
| 7029/16
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond. | The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/11/16 were NOTED. |

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: