

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2019 at Hodsoll Street & Ridley Village Hall, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LN commencing at 7.45pm

Present:

- Cllr M Brown
- Cllr Mrs Brammer
- Cllr Mrs Clark
- Cllr Mrs Clucas
- Cllr Mrs Connell
- Cllr F Cottee
- Cllr Mrs Howie
- Cllr J Kelly
- Cllr N Lejot
- Cllr M Manley
- Cllr I Mann
- Cllr V Ngwenya
- Cllr P Nightingale (arrived 7.50pm)

In attendance:

- Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
- Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
- Cllr A Pett – Sevenoaks District Council
- Cllr G Pender – Sevenoaks District Council

- 7730/19
Apologies
- Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Hobbs (Holiday) and Cllr J Scott (family engagement). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.
- 7731/19
Declarations
Of Interest
- a. Declarations of Interest – None.
 - 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.
- 7732/19
Dispensations
- None received
- 7733/19
Minutes
- It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2019 be approved and signed as a true record. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. (Cllr P Nightingale arrived)
- NHS Consultation - It was NOTED that following Cllr Mrs Clucas attendance and report on the public session for this consultation that members opted for Option 1 as agreed at the October Parish Council Meeting (minute 7720/19)
- 7734/19
Planning
- a. Applications
 - None at the time of the Agenda
 - The applications for information only were NOTED.
 - b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/11/19 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
 - c. Appeals
 - None at time of Agenda.
 - d. Enforcements

7734/19
Planning

None at time of Agenda.

- e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 07 November 2019 were NOTED.
- f. Planning training provided by Sevenoaks District Council on 20 November 2019 did not provide any new information or guidance.
- g. Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan - It was NOTED that Badgers Mount and Hartley Parish Councils have both written to the Planning Inspectorate in support of the Plan. Members were reminded of the Parish Council's submission with regard to the Duty to Cooperate as follows:
"It is impossible to agree whether the duty to cooperate has been complied with since the last formal DtC document was published a couple of years ago when the Plan was at a much earlier stage. This is an important issue when considering as it is the merits of redefining parts of the green belt. Paragraph 137 of the NPPF makes it clear that consideration of redefinition of the green belt is amongst other criteria dependent upon what steps have been taken by the council through the DtC to investigate the extent to which neighbouring authorities could meet any of that unmet need. It is impossible to therefore agree that the DtC has been complied without an up to date statement. I understand that this will be forthcoming but only after this consultation is completed which in the circumstances is less than satisfactory."
https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/986/duty_to_co-operate_statement.pdf

7735/19
Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised.
PROPOSED: Cllr P Nightingale SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and AGREED.
- c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29 October 2019 were NOTED
- d. Ash Green Sports Centre Budget 2020/21 - Cllr I Mann PROPOSED that the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Sports Centre Budget for the 2020/21 is ratified. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED. It was NOTED that the subsidy from the Parish Council will remain at £15,000 on the basis that it will only be drawn upon as needed.
- e. Budget 2020/2021 – Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the recommendation from the Finance Committee to set the precept at £115,358, being a 4.9% increase which equates to an increase of £2.19 per annum for a Band D property based on the 2019/20 figures is APPROVED. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- f. Internal Audit – the report from the Internal Auditor for the interim audit carried out on 14 October 2019 was NOTED.
- g. Cllr F Cottey PROPOSED that the recommendation from the Finance Committee to make an application for grant funding to install energy efficient air source heat pumps for the circuit training room and squash courts and the replacement of remaining light fittings to LEDs. If successful, the grant will cover 40% of the costs and installation. SECONDED: Cllr I Mann and AGREED.
- h. Financial Regulations – Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council adopts the Financial Regulations as recommended by the Finance Committee. SECONDED: Cllr J Kelly and AREED.

- 7736/19
Sports Centre
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 21 October 2019 were NOTED.
- 7737/19
Barnfield
Park
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Liaison Group will be held on 02 December 2019.
- 7738/19
Northfield
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 09 October 2019 were NOTED.
- 7739/19
Burial Ground
- a. It was NOTED that the date of the next Burial Ground Committee meeting has not been set.
- 7740/19
Youth
- a. It was NOTED that Cllr D Brazier has arranged a meeting with the Youth Hub Delivery Manager, Swanley and Hartley West Kingsdown and Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Councils on 27 November 2019
b. 8 – 12's - No report

The meeting was suspended at 8.04pm to receive reports from the County and District Councillors.

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

The meeting reconvened at 8.23pm

- 7741/19
Highways
- a. Cllr Mrs Connell and the Clerk attended the Highways Seminar on 20 November 2019. It was disappointing; the venue was not suitable, the parking was a distance from the venue, it was difficult to hear some of the speakers and it was not possible to read the presentation slides. There were stands from different KCC functions, such as waste, drainage and rights of way.
- 7742/19
Footpaths
- a. No report
- 7743/19
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva, KCC and the Parish Councils will be held on 02 March 2020.
b. It was NOTED that there has been a change in the Wilmington School timetable.
- 7744/19
Ash, Hodsoil
Street, Ash &
New Ash
Green
- a. Ash - i. Service of Remembrance – the service was well attended and pupils representing New Ash Green Primary School and Milestone Academy laid wreaths. The Chairman thanked those involved in the provision of refreshments and cakes.
ii. Christmas Tree Festival – it was AGREED that the Parish Council will enter the Ash Church Christmas Tree Festival and members were asked to forward any photographs or information that they think would be suitable.
b. Hodsoil Street – the Coffee Morning was held on 21 November 2019 and was well attended. The Big Breakfast will be held on 7 December 2019 and Carols on The Green will be held on 20 December 2019 at 7pm.
c. Ridley - Ridley Carol Service will be held on 15 December 2019 at

Ridley Church.

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| 7745/19
Bulletin and
Website | a. Bulletin – the Bulletin has been printed and delivered.
b. Website – it was NOTED that Hugo Fox, the Parish Council and Sports Centre website hosting company are compliant with the ICO GDPR requirements. |
| 7746/19
Focus Group
and Police | a. The minutes of the Focus Group meeting held on 14 October 2019 were NOTED. |
| 7747/19
Lunch
Provision | a. It was NOTED that the Thursday Lunch Provision has received a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 – Very Good following an inspection on 07 November 2019
b. It was NOTED that the Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday 05 December 2019. |
| 7748/19
KALC | a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sevenoaks Branch will take place on Friday 22 November 2019.
b. Cllrs Mrs Brammer and M Manley will attend the Annual General Meeting on 30 November 2019.
c. KALC Community Awards Scheme 2020 - Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that KCC Community Warden Jackie West is nominated to receive the Community Award for 2020. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED |
| 7749/19
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond. | The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/11/19 were NOTED. |

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: