

**STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2019 AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	Vice-chairman	In the chair
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth		
	Cllr Michael Osborne		
	Cllr Daren Sefer		
	Cllr Kevin Sparkes		
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk	
<b>In attendance</b>	Cllr Harry Rayner	Kent County Council	
	Cllr Martin Coffin	Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council	
	Mr Tom Sheldon	Chairman, Stansted School Project Steering Group	
	1 member of the public		

**Item** *Action point*  
Minute no 2018/19/

**1 APOLOGIES**

363 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Harry Bott	On holiday
Cllr Thomas Brooker	Indisposed

These apologies were accepted by the Council. An apology for absence was also received from Cllr Robin Betts, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER**

364 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2018**

365 It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

366 None.

**5 STANSTED SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE**

367 The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Sheldon to speak.

Mr Sheldon said that he hoped the project would conclude by 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sheldon and reconvened the meeting.

Three quotations had been obtained for the external repaint and after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed to accept that of Kingshill Decorators, who had been recommended by Grange Park School and who were currently undertaking the internal redecoration on behalf of the school.

### COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Cllrs Rayner and Coffin give their reports.

Cllr Rayner said there was a meeting about the taxi bus service and asked that a member of the Parish Council go. There was further consultation on reducing library hours and they were looking for volunteer staff.

Cllr Coffin said he had nothing to report.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Rayner and Coffin and reconvened the meeting.

It was then agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

#### 13 MARGARET MACMILLAN CENTRE

368 The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Cllrs Rayner and Coffin join in the discussion.

Cllr Rayner said the Centre was now listed as an asset of community value. He suggested that if the community were to attempt to purchase the site, it would be necessary to form a consortium to do so and it would be a good idea to get Kent County Council involved. He said a group should be formed, to include both Wrotham and Stansted Parish Councils. Cllr Coffin expressed his willingness to join such a group and Mr Sheldon was asked if he would do so.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Rayner and Coffin and reconvened the meeting.

A discussion was held about who should represent the Council on the group and it was decided that Cllr Bott be asked to do so. Cllr Mrs Falconer also volunteered and it was suggested that Helen Georgiou be approached. Cllr Mrs Falconer said she would instigate the first meeting.

#### 6 PLANNING

##### a Applications

369 i **TM/18/03056/TNCA:** Staples Cottage, Vigo Road, Fairseat: Replace a second Sycamore tree with an English Beech. Remove Wild Cherry (in decline from drought and branches falling onto driveway)

No objection

##### 370 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

371 c **Enforcement**

No new cases reported.

372 d **Appeals**

None.

e **Local Plans**373 i **Tonbridge and Malling**

An invoice from Wrotham Parish Council towards the legal costs so far incurred on behalf of the group of seven parishes was awaited.

374 ii **Sevenoaks**

The Sevenoaks Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation was now open. The Clerk was asked to explain the proposals for Ash-cum-Ridley parish and how they would impact on Stansted parish. In addition to the Local Plan proposals, which were for a total of 54 units, a proposal submitted by Berkeley Homes for 580 units was being put forward by the developer to be included in the final Local Plan and this was being consulted on concurrently with the Local Plan and would be determined by the Inspector at the Inquiry. The land concerned was part of Ash Place Farm, between Hartley Bottom Road and Ash Road, to the north of Ash Church and Ash Manor and to the south of Redhill Wood, Bowes Wood and Westfield New Ash Green neighbourhoods. Ash-cum-Ridley was objecting to this land being taken out of the Metropolitan Green Belt and zoned for housing development. After discussion it was agreed the Council would support Ash-cum-Ridley and object. Cllr Rayner indicated that Wrotham Parish Council would also be in support and Cllr Coffin indicated he would take it back to the Borough Council. A comment was made about the lack of joined-up thinking.

375 f **Any Other Planning Issues**

None.

**7 FINANCE**376 a **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

377 b **Payments made since Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed the payments made since the last meeting as listed on the agenda be approved.

378 c **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Sparkes, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 909 – 912).

379 e **Budget 2019/20**

As agreed at the last meeting, the final figures for the approved budget had been circulated. The Clerk reported that both hall committees had accepted the offer of an increased annual grant, with free use of the halls. The budget figure for software had also been increased as HMRC were now bringing in a ruling that third party software would be required to submit VAT returns. There was no change to the final figures as these additional items of expenditure had been deducted from the special projects reserve.

8 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

380 None.

9 **MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY**a **Recreation Ground**

381 i. General Matters. Nothing to report

382 ii. Hire of Ground. Nothing to report.

383 b **Car Park**

Nothing to report.

384 c **Playpark**

Nothing to report

385 d **War Memorial and Garden**

Nothing to report.

356 e **Telephone Kiosk**

Nothing to report.

386 f **Church Bank**

Nothing to report.

387 g **Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

388 h **Brownes Bequest**

Nothing to report.

389 h **Notice Boards**

Nothing to report.

390 j **Registration of Land**

In Cllr Bott's absence, there was no report.

**10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**391 a **Public Rights of Way**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Roy Barry to speak.

Mr Barry said that the play stepping stones re-sited from the school had been installed on the line of the public footpath and he would have to report it. The path at Stansted Lodge Farm was blocked in two places by stock fencing and Cllr Mrs Goorworth said she would inform the farmer. The path at Thriftwood was still obstructed. FP 119 had been reinstated but there was a query whether it had been sprayed for weeds as well. A 2-step stile opposite Dairy House Farm was dangerous and Cllr Mrs Falconer said she would see to it.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barry and reconvened the meeting.

392 b **Encroachment Working Party**

Ongoing with the County Council.

354 c **Any Other Highways or Transport Issues**

No matters were raised.

393 i **Verge outside Old Rectory, Plaxdale Green Road**

It was understood from Cllr Coffin that Highways was aware of the earth on the verge but were not removing it yet.

**11 VILLAGE HALLS**394 a **Stansted Village Hall**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

395 b **Fairseat Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

**12 POLICE MATTERS**

396 It was reported that there was still farm crime activity.

**14 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK**

397 None.

**15 CONSULTATION**

398 No documents received.

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

399 None.

**17 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

400 None received.

**18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

401 No matters were raised.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.52 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the ..... day of ..... 2019