

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 January 2022 at Ash Village Hall,
The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB, commencing at 7:45pm

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr S Fishenden
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr I MacLeod
Cllr M Manley
Cllr P Nightingale (arrived 7.49pm)
Cllr J Scott

In attendance:

Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr A Pett - Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr C Nelson – Sevenoaks District Council
Mr D Joel – New Ash Green Village Association
Ms S Brine – New Ash Green Village Association

8280/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Glover (ill), Cllr Miss Sapiets (family commitment) and Cllr V Ngwenya (holiday).
Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
County Councillor David Brazier and Sevenoaks District Councillor P Cole also sent their apologies.

8281/22 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Brammer declared an interest in item 7g as her granddaughter works for one of the companies' providing quotations.
- 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.

8282/22 Dispensations

None received.

8283/22 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2021 be approved. PROPOSED Cllr S Fishenden SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8284/22 Calendar of Dates

- a. The Calendar of Dates for the year 2022/23 were NOTED with the September 2022 meeting moved from the third Thursday to the fifth Thursday.
- b. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was set for 04 May 2022.

8285/22 Planning

a. Applications

SE/21/04201: Willow Garth, The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB – Retention of replacement front garden boundary treatments with installation of brick piers and gate to entrance of driveway. Cllr M Manley PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to the retention of this proposal as it is contrary to the street scene, being very dominant and out of character of the village. In addition, there are external lights on the six pillars which cause light pollution on this rural road.

SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/01/22 were RECEIVED and NOTED.

c. Appeals

None at time of Agenda.

d. Enforcements

None at time of Agenda.

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 06 January 2022 were NOTED.

8286/21 Finance

a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.

b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.

c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 15 February 2022.

d. Containment Outbreak Management Fund – Cllr S Fishenden PROPOSED that the recommendation from the Planning Committee to submit an application to cover some of the costs of COVID-19 is ratified. SECONDED Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

e. Cllr S Fishenden PROPOSED that the membership of the Clerk to the Society of Local Council Clerks for the year 2022 in the amount of £294.00 is renewed. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

f. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Satswana is appointed as Data Protection Officer for the Council in the amount of £150.00 plus VAT. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and AGREED.

g. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the quotation from Veolia to provide a 1100l general waste bin in Ash Burial Ground to be collected fortnightly. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

h. Welcome Back Fund – Sevenoaks District Council have confirmed that 4 benches have been ordered, one each for Ridley and Ash and two for New Ash Green. The position of the New Ash Green benches will be agreed with the Village Association.

i. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that £450.00 is granted to Hi Kent. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and AGREED.

8287/21 New Ash Green Village Association

a. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that Cllr M Manley is selected as the Parish Council representative to the Village Association. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8288/21 The Queen's Canopy

a. Cllr Mrs Howie has not been able to get prices for fruit trees from local suppliers. More investigations will be made.

- b. Ownership of the piece of land in front of Park View, Hodsoll Street will be brought up with Kent Highways.

8289/21 Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on completion of the New Year classes promotion.

8290/21 Barnfield Park

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held on 28 March 2022 were NOTED.

8291/21 Northfield

- a. The next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 21 February 2022.

8292/21 Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee will be held on 08 February 2022.

The meeting was suspended at 8.19pm to receive report from the District Councillor.

The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes

The meeting reconvened at 8.49pm

8293/21 Climate Change

- a. Consideration to forming a working party to calculate the Parish Council's carbon footprint and formulate a policy will be brought back to the February Parish Council meeting.

8294/21 Youth

- a. It was NOTED that a meeting will be held with KCC Youth workers on 02 February 2022.

8295/21 Highways

- a. It was NOTED that we will meet with Kent Highways on 24 January 2022.

8296/21 Footpaths

- a. No report.

8297/21 Transport

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes will be held on 08 March 2022.

8298/21 Health

- a. The notes of the meeting with Dr Bhanot (Jubilee Medical Practice) were NOTED. The Chairman will write a follow up letter.

8299/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Focus Group held on 10 January 2022 were NOTED.

8300/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – the film shows will resume in March 2022 .
- b. Hodsoll Street –
 - There has been no change in staffing at Holywell house. There has been a major COVID-19 outbreak with all residents confined to their rooms. There have been no fatalities.
 - The Green Man Recovery Group - the site and re-building of the pub will cost in the region of £1.2 million - £1.4 million pounds. Rural pubs are not worth that and so the building will be worth less than the cost to build it.
 - It is Village Halls Week next week and Hodsoll Street's Pop-up Café will be featured.
- c. Ridley – A street party will be held in front of the Church to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

8301/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – The next edition is due out in February.
- b. Website – No report.

8302/21 Thursday Lunch Provision

- a. Numbers at lunch are down slightly, we have a few new members attending.

8303/21 KALC

- a. Chief Executive, Terry Martin is retiring at the end of January and Charmaine Keatly has been appointed to his post.
- b. KALC Community Awards Scheme – Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that Pat Kirtley is nominated to receive the KALC Community Award for 2022.
SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

8304/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/01/22 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.00PM

Signed:
Chairman

Date: