

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the online meeting held on Thursday 18 June 2020, commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer (arrived 7.50pm)
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr S Glover
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr M Manley
Cllr P Nightingale

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr P Cole – Sevenoaks District Council

7890/20 Apologies Sevenoaks District Councillor A Pett sent his apologies.

7891/20 Declarations Of Interest a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr J Kelly declared an interest in item 7a as he is friends with the applicant for SE/20/01490 & SE/20/01535
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.

7892/20 Dispensations None received

7893/20 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 April 2020 be approved and will be signed by the Chairman at the next physical meeting of the Parish Council. PROPOSED: Cllr M Manley
SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED. (Cllr Mrs Brammer arrived)

7894/20 Casual Vacancy It was NOTED that confirmation has been received that no requests have been made to fill the casual vacancy, in the Parish, by election. It was AGREED that the vacancy will be advertised in the next edition of the Bulletin , for Co-option in September.

7895/20 COVID-19 a. No Report

7896/20 Planning a. Applications
SE/20/01490 and SE/20/01535: Anchor and Hope, south Ash Road, TN15 7ER – Demolition of existing public house and outbuilding and erection of 3 no 4-bed detached dwellings with associated material change of use of land from public house to residential plus use of existing vehicular access to South Ash Road. Cllr M Manley
PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to both applications:

- They do not meet the requirements for the introduction of additional dwellings in the Green Belt and as only part of the site is

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being used, results in the over concentration of the site, with insufficient parking provision.

- Change of use from Public House to residential would result in a loss of employment.
- Should change of use to residential be considered, low cost housing, utilising the whole site would be preferable.

SECONDED: Cllr S Glover FOR:11 AGAINST: 0 NO VOTE: 1

SE/20/01371: Pettings Court, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LH – demolition of existing stables and erection of a single store granny annexe with basement level. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council has no objection to the principle of a “Granny Annexe” in this location. We note that the proposed building is almost double the size of the previously approved plan. Because this is a substantial three bed-roomed property we therefore request that should approval be granted then an incorporeal hereditament condition be included on the decision notice to ensure that the annexe remains ancillary to the dwelling in order to prevent the annexe being sold off in the future as a separate dwelling. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

SE/20/01042: The Manor House, North Ash Road, DA3 8HQ – Amendment to 19/02006. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not submit a comment as no objection to this amendment has been submitted. AGREED.

- a. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/06/20 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- a. Appeals
None at time of Agenda.
- b. Enforcements
None at time of Agenda.
- c. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 04 June 2020 were NOTED.

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- 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 Mrs Clucas and AGREED.
- c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19 May 2020 were NOTED.
- d. It was NOTED that the Internal Audit for the Parish Council and Ash Green Sports Centre was completed 08 June 2020 and the Annual Internal Audit Report from the Annual Governance Statement (AGAR) has been signed by the Internal Auditor.
- e. Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Parish Council and Sports Centre was completed with members recording ‘Yes’ to questions 1 – 8 and n/a to question 9. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer sign accordingly. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- f. Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 for the Parish Council, including the Sports Centre are APPROVED and signed by the Chairman and Clerk and that Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was signed by the

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- Chairman. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- g. It was CONFIRMED that the dates selected for the period of exercised of public rights are Monday 22 June 2020 to Friday 31 July 2020 inclusive.
- h. Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the renewal of the registration with the Information Commissioner's Office under the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** and the **Data Protection Act 2018** in the amount of £40.00 is APPROVED SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and AGREED.
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Sports Centre
- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee meeting held on 11 June 2020 will be distributed with the July Agenda.
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Northfield
- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Northfield Management Committee meeting held on 11 June 2020 will be distributed with the July AGENDA.
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Burial Ground
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on 10 June 2020 were NOTED.
- b. Cllr Mrs Connell stated that now that the memorial wall has been finished, building wise that is, there is someone I wish to thank, without whom the project would never have become a reality. That person is Alison. The whole project has given her an enormous amount of extra work over the last few years, from turning the idea into a reality, getting planning permission, briefing architects, overseeing the building of the wall, to name just a few of the many tasks, all over and above her normal duties. Thank you Alison for all your hard work and your vision. Without you we would never have got to this point. Cllr Mrs Hobbs PROPOSED that flowers are purchased for the Clerk SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- c. Current availability of burial plots is seven.
- 7901/20
Highways
- a. Michaels Lane has been repaired, however, the passing points have not been repaired and all of them have big holes, some of which are deep.
- 7902/20
Footpaths
- a. Public footpaths are busy and it is good to see people using them.
- 7903/20
Transport
- a. Bus services continue to run, but with very few passengers.
- 7904/20
Health
- a. Cllr Mrs Clucas reported that Darent Valley Hospital is getting back to normal. She recently attended an appointment with her husband and noted that all the shops in the hospital were open.
- 7905/20
Ash, Hodsoil
Street, Ash &
New Ash
Green
- a. Ash – Ash Village Hall Committee held a virtual meeting and have received guidance from Action with Communities in Rural England on the re-opening of Village Halls in July if they run a preschool or food distribution – neither of which apply to Ash. The Committee received the Government grant for small business rates relief. The cleaner continues with her duties.

- b. Hodsoll Street – Cllr F Cottee reported that Hodsoll Street and Ridley Village hall had received the same information as Ash and that members of the committee had been going in and running the water etc. They will hold a meeting to decide when and how they will re-open, noting that many of their user groups have moved to holding on-line meetings. Holywell Care Home continues COVID-19 FREE.
- c. Ridley – Cllr Mrs Howie reported that a group of four generations of a family had met up at Bowdler's Well and enjoyed an ice-cream from the farm shop (Ridley's Little Hut)

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Bulletin and
Website

- a. Bulletin – Cllr M Brown and the Clerk will produce the next edition of the Bulletin.
- b. Website –

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Lunch
Provision

- a. The Cook continues to work from the Youth Centre preparing 16 take away meals to members of the Thursday Lunch Club that are delivered by volunteers. The Cook, her husband, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were thanked for their work.

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- a. No Report

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Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond.

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/06/20 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.09pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: