

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2016 at New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre, North Square

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr J Crane
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr I Mann
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr I Paddy
Cllr J Scott

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

- 6829/16 Apologies No apologies for absence had been received.
County Councillor D Brazier sent apologies
- 6830/16 Declarations Of Interest a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in item 11 Northfield Minutes as a payment has been to her son.
b. Members were reminded that any alteration or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.
- 6831/16 Dispensations No requests received
- 6832/16 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 January 2016 be approved with amendment to item 6810/16 to add the proposer and seconder item 6826/16 to add once they had arrived in New Ash Green after 10 minutes to find a house ... signed PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 6833/16 Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council in conjunction with Ash Church takes part in the Beacon Lighting Ceremony. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. Cllr M Brown suggested asking the Head Boy and Head Girl from the Primary School to light the beacon. The Clerk will contact the Rector.
- 6834/16 Planning a. Applications
SE/16/00179: Holywell Farm House, Greenfields, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LE –
Demolition of a conservatory and erection of a glazed single storey rear extension. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

The applications for information only were NOTED.

- b. Decisions
The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/02/16 were NOTED.
 - c. Appeals
The appeals, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/02/16 were NOTED.
 - d. Enforcements
None at the time of the Agenda
 - e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 02 February 2016 were NOTED.
 - f. The notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party meeting held on 01 February 2016 were NOTED.
- 6835/16 Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
 - b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised.
PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
 - c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 22 February 2016.
 - d. It was NOTED that the internal audit was carried out on 16 February 2016
 - e. Cllr J Crane PROPOSED that the purchase of the 9th edition of Arnold-Baker Local Council Administration at a cost of £69.30 SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED
 - f. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the annual membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England in the amount of £36.00 is authorised. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas FOR: 12 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2
- 6836/16 Grass Cutting Contract
- Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the quotation from T D Munday is accepted for the Grass Cutting Contract for 2016/17 and 2017/18 in the amount of £4,864.00 and £4,896.00 respectively.
- 6837/16 Sports Centre
- The minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee meeting held on 19 January 2016 were NOTED.
- 6838/16 Barnfield Park
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held on 07 March 2016.
 - b. The RSPCA and the Police carried out an inspection of horses on Attwood Field, Barnfield Park and the London Golf Course land resulting in the removal of 37 horses.
- 6839/16 Northfield
- a. The meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 25 January 2016 were NOTED.
- 6840/16 Burial Ground
- a. The meeting of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 18 January 2016 were NOTED.
 - b. Cllr J Crane PROPOSED that the Parish Council withdraws its interest in Attwood Field as a potential burial ground due to the complications with the land. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell FOR: 12 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2
- 6841/16 Youth
- a. Youth Club – the Youth Provision Report was NOTED.
 - b. 8 – 12's Steering Group –
 - c. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that subject to satisfactory reasons for the significant increase in costs, the Parish Council provides two Family Fun Days in the Summer with one day supplemented with African Drumming.

SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

6842/16
Highways

- a. The Highways Report up to 10 March 2016 was NOTED.
- b. It was NOTED that the Lower Thames Crossing Consultation will be considered by the Planning Committee at their March meeting. Any comments should be emailed to the Clerk before 02 March 2016.

The meeting was suspended at 8.23pm to receive reports from the County Councillors.

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

The meeting reconvened at 8.31pm

6843/165
Footpaths

SD252 – The response from the Public Rights of Way Officer was NOTED. Members felt that the current finger post and path way are more convenient for walkers and had been in place for more than 40 years.

6844/16
Transport

Air Traffic – the response from the Civil Aviation Authority was NOTED. It was felt that the low flying military helicopters were more intrusive than aeroplane and members were asked to forward dates and times of this traffic in the next couple of weeks. A letter will be written to Mr M Fallon MP on receipt of the relevant information.

6845/16
Ash, Hodsoll
Street & Ash

- Ash – no report
- Hodsoll Street – no report.
- Ridley – no report.

6846/16
Bulletin &
Website

- a. Bulletin: It was NOTED that the delivery of the Bulletin due in the first week of the month had not been completed. The Clerk will investigate.
- b. Website: It was NOTED that Cllr I Mann and the Clerk will be attending website training provided by KALC at the end of March

6847/16
Focus Group
and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 11 April 2016.

6848/16
Lunch
Provision

It was NOTED that the Parish Council has been awarded a reduced grant for the 2016/17 provision of the Lunch.

6849/16
KALC

It was NOTED that the next Sevenoaks Area meeting will be held on 11 March 2016.

6850/16
Reports,
Circulars and
Correspond.

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/01/16 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.48pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: