

## ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 January 2016 at New Ash Green Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road

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 I Mann
- Cllr V Ngwenya
- Cllr I Paddy
- Cllr J Scott

In attendance:

- Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk
- Cllr D Brazier – County Councillor
- Cllr C Clark – District Councillor

- 6807/16 Apologies Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs S Cornelius, S Glover (work) and J Kelly (SDC meeting). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted. District Cllr A Pett also sent his apologies as he had to attend an SDC meeting.
- 680816 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.
- 6809/16 Dispensations No requests received
- 6810/16 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 December 2015 be approved with amendment to item 6799/15 and signed PROPOSED: Cllr SECONDED: Cllr and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 6811/16 Annual Parish Meeting a. The Annual Parish Meeting was set for 12 May 2016 at 8pm. Guest speakers will be invited from the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the PCSO, Community Warden, Kent Fire and Rescue and the Community First Responders. The venue will be emailed to members.
- 6812/15 Planning a. Applications  
None at the time of the Agenda. The applications for information only were NOTED.  
b. Decisions  
The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/01/16 were NOTED.  
c. Appeals  
None at the time of the Agenda  
e. Enforcements  
None at the time of the Agenda

- f. The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 07 January 2016 were NOTED.
- g. The notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party meeting held on 15 December 2015 were NOTED.
- 6813/16 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 'Meet the Auditor' event will be held on Tuesday 09 February 2016 at 9.30am.
  - d. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 22 February 2016.
  - e. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the attendance of the Clerk to the SLCC Roadshow to be held on 03 February 2016 at a cost of £60.00 is authorised. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
  - f. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the attendance of Cllr Mrs Brammer to the KALC Chairmanship Conference on 26 February 2016 at a cost of £60 is authorised. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 6814/16 Sports Centre
- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee meeting held on 19 January 2016 will be distributed with the February 2016 Agenda.
- 6815/16 Barnfield Park
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held on 07 March 2016.
- 6816/16 Northfield
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 25 January 2016.
- 6817/16 Burial Ground
- a. To NOTE that the minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 18 January 2016 will be distributed with the February 2016 Agenda.
- 6818/16 Youth
- a. Youth Club – the youth club has started with low attendance.
  - b. 8 – 12's Steering Group – running at full capacity.
- 6819/16 Highways
- The Highways Report up to 14 January 2016 was NOTED.

**The meeting was suspended at 8.06pm to receive reports from the County Councillors.**

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

**The meeting reconvened at 8.30pm**

- 6820/165 Footpaths
- Cllr Mrs Connell reported that she had spoken to the Village Association regarding the gate that has been erected along North Ash Road across the footpath and a query has been raised with Kent Public Rights of Way. Repairs needed to a stile on Wise's Lane and clearance of vegetation near Terry's Lodge were reported.
- 6821/16 Transport
- It was NOTED that the next meeting with Arriva and the parishes will be held on 23 February 2016.

- 6822/16  
Ash, Hodsohl  
Street & Ash
- Ash – Following the decision to place the Ash Place Farm Roll of Honour in Ash Village Hall, concerns were raised by the Village Hall Committee that as the village hall is used to host children's parties and activities it could be damaged. It was suggested that it is placed in Ash Church if the Parochial Parish Council are in agreement. Enquiries will be made to see if the Library in New Ash Green would be interested in displaying a copy.
  - Hodsohl Street – The successful opening of the Village Hall kitchen took place on 16 January 2016.
  - Ridley – no report.
- 6823/16  
Bulletin &  
Website
- a. Bulletin: The deadlines for the 2016 editions were NOTED.  
b. Website: no report
- 6824/16  
Focus Group  
and Police
- a. The notes of the meeting of the Focus Group held on 11 January 2016 were NOTED.
- 6825/16  
Lunch  
Provision
- We have good attendance with over 20 people attending each week. Kent County Council Adult Services have advised that we will receive a reduced grant, if any for the year 2016/17. This was expected and is reflected in the Budget.
- 6826/16  
Health
- It was NOTED that the ambulance service took over 10 minutes to locate a property in New Ash Green and that there had been no attendance from the Community First Responders. Information on this service will be obtained and an article prepared for the next edition of the Bulletin.
- 6827/16  
KALC
- No report.
- 6828/16  
Reports,  
Circulars and  
Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/01/16 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....