



Rolvenden Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Rolvenden Parish Council held in Rolvenden Village Hall on 21st April 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs D Curtain (Chairman), Cllr E Barham, Cllr S Bryant, Cllr A Johnstone, Cllr Mrs F May, Cllr Mrs I Newman, Cllr Mrs T Turner, and Cllr Mrs L Walker

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk and Responsible Officer.

Also present: 16 members of the public

713. Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

714. Declarations of Interest:

1. Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

None.

2. Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests:

Cllr Mrs D Curtain, trustee of War Memorial Trust.

Cllr Mrs I Newman, trustee of War Memorial Trust, trustee of the Non-Ecclesiastical Charities. Member of the Village Hall Committee

Cllr E Barham trustee of Basil Russel Trust, trustee of the Windmill Trust, Royal British Legion. Minute 718 (planning applications 22/00514/AS, 22/00515/AS & 22/00477/AS)

Cllr Mrs L Walker, treasurer Village Fete committee

Cllr Mrs F May, Secretary Rolvenden Village Hall

Cllr S Bryant Minute 718 (planning application 22/00422/AS)

3. Declarations of Members' Other Interests:

None

715. Public Participation:

There were no public submissions.

716. Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th March 2022, were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

717. Rolvenden Hill:

Residents on Rolvenden Hill are petitioning for a reduction in the speed limit on the A28 in the vicinity of their properties. One of the first stages in the process will be for an automated speed count on the road over a period of a week which the Parish Council can request from Kent Highways.

The Parish Council is asked to consider the funding of an automated survey to ascertain the true speeds and identify if it is possible to have a reduction in the speed limit.

The Chairman permitted residents to speak and inform the Parish Council of the issues that they are currently facing.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to fund a survey over the period of one week on up to 4 individual locations and to ask Kent Highways to look at each of the junctions to see if there are any improvements that can be made.

718. Planning:

22/00422/AS Korkers Sausages Ltd, High Street, Rolvenden – Variation to condition 5 of planning permission 20/00821/AS (Proposed demolition of existing flat roofed side extension on the west elevation together with removal of 3 No. refrigeration units from the yard area and erection of an extension providing storage and freezer facilities.) The applicant requests that the condition be amended as follows:- On completion of the works and following commissioning of the refrigeration units, if required by the Local Planning Authority, Korkers Sausages Ltd shall appoint a competent person with suitable qualifications in acoustics to undertake an Environmental Noise Survey to confirm if the existing mitigation (acoustic fencing) is sufficient or if additional mitigation is required.

Councillor Bryant left the meeting.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application and would request that consideration be given to additional Noise Survey if requested by neighbours.

Councillor Bryant returned to the meeting

Councillor Walker left the meeting

22/00450/AS 8 Sparkeswood Close, Rolvenden – Proposed single storey rear extension and conversion of existing store to shower / utility room.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

Councillor Walker returned to the meeting

Councillor Barham left the meeting

22/00514/AS Pooh Corner, Benenden Road, Rolvenden – Proposed erection of greenhouse.

Resolved: The parish Council supports the application.

22/00515/AS Pooh Corner, Benenden Road, Rolvenden – Proposed erection of replacement agricultural barn.

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that this is not an agricultural holding and that the trees on the neighbouring property boundary have not been taken into consideration on the application.

22/00477/AS Lake Farm, Thornden Lane, Rolvenden – Proposed two storey extension with new entrance to the main house, 4 metre high window to southwest existing elevation. Single storey two bay car port with covered link to the main house, single storey outbuilding to provide changing facilities for the pool area with extended wall and relocated Pergola to southeast of the pool, Outdoor kitchen, reconfigured driveway to support carport and associated landscaping.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application.

Councillor Barham returned to the meeting.

719. Insurance:

The Parish Council insurance is due for renewal on 20th May 2022 the premium being £894.82 however, should the Parish Council wish to take advantage of a three year long term agreement the premium would be £857.76 or a five year long term agreement the premium comes down to £820.72.

The current insurer is Zurich Municipal a specialist in the field of Local Government Insurance.

Resolved: The Parish Council wish to take advantage of the five year long term agreement.

720. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Staff Costs	£1,078.71
Litter Picking	£150.00
Tompsett Landscaping	£1,752.82 (VAT £292.14)
KALC (Subscription)	£683.88 (VAT £113.98)

Resolved to authorise the payments in the schedule of payments.

721. Pollen Bars:

The area in front of Tanyard flats has been tidied and smoothed following the damage caused by traffic attempting to avoid the road closure. Members of the Bumble Bee Conservation Group have planted primroses, cowslips and cornflowers.

722. Phone Boxes:

The sound museum has been opened in the Layne box, the art installation for the Streyte box is nearing completion and the painting of the outside will take place next month.

723. Highways:

Kent Highways have agreed to supply 3 sets of 30mph roundels and to paint a school sign on the road. At the junction of Regent Street and the High Street the first parking space is to be given hatch markings to discourage its use and improve visibility. A further speed survey is to be carried out in the vicinity of the school now that the 20mph signs are in regular use.

The remedial works to the roads where the verges were damaged during the roadworks are being scheduled.

724. Stolen Funds:

The Parish Council's solicitor has advised that he has received correspondence to indicate that Lloyds Bank have instructed solicitors to act on their behalf in responding to the claim against them and requested that no action be taken before they respond by 18th May.

725. Land Bequest:

No updates received.

726. Platinum Jubilee Events:

The fruit trees donated to commemorate the jubilee have been planted, 2 on the cricket field, 2 on the Layne playing field, 3 on the open space in Sparkeswood Avenue and 3 at the primary school.

Tickets are available for the beacon lighting, free of charge subject to proof of residency. The newsletter giving details of all the events is at the printers to be delivered to every household.

727. Other items for information:

The annual newsletter has been finalised and will be placed on the website, with a link to it being placed on Rolvenden Update, hardcopy available upon request.

Arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting on 28th April are all in hand.

Councillor Tiltman has tendered his resignation, the Parish Clerk will notify Ashford Borough Council in accordance with legislation.

Councillor Bryant expressed thanks to those that have been undertaking litter picking throughout the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.