Ospringe Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Water Lane, Ospringe. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present:

A Keel – Chairman

R Simmons

J Dean-Kimili

C Elworthy

K. Lockwood Clerk

Apologies:

B Flynn

A Greason

S Wright

H Williams

Cllr A Bowles

Cllr C Prescott

# 091/18 Dispensations

Cllrs J Dean-Kimili, A Greason, S Wright, H Williams, R Simmons and the Chairman A Keel have been granted dispensations to deal with matters relating to the setting of the precept.

The Chairman informed the council that the VAC had succeeded in changing its status to a registered ICO- ‘The Painters Forstal Community Association’ . In legal terms this is a new entity and the old charity will be wound down.

The Chairman raised the need to extend the dispensation for the Chairman A Keel, Cllrs A Greason and B Flynn as members of the ‘The Painters Forstal Community Association’ (PFCA) to permit A Keel, Cllr A Greason and Cllr B Flynn to discuss matters related to the ‘The Painters Forstal Community Association’ (PFCA) and planning permission for the proposed Village Hall.

# 092/18 Public Participation

No public participation.

# 093/18 Signing of Minutes

All were in agreement for the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record of the business transacted at the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2018 save for Item 082/18 Cllr R Simmons had had to write to KCC twice but the footpath was now cleared of brambles past Ash Tree Cottages. The Chairman amended this item and signed the amendment.

# 094/18 Matters arising

Highway Matters.: - The weight restriction sign at the Brogdale Road end of Vicarage Lane. The Chairman said he had not been able to get in contact with Gary Gibbs about this or any other matter.

**Action: Chairman to follow up with Gary Gibbs.**

Lighting: - Chairman to liaise with Cllr H Williams about the report from the maintenance company.

The Chairman highlighted the fact that there were no streetlights on the length of footpath from Cades Orchard to the forstal. Given the proposal for the construction of a Village Hall some illumination would potentially be required. This would likely be a budget item for the future. It would also be necessary to look into whether KCC or OPC would provide the lighting.

Allotments: -The Chairman and Tony Hoile had visited the allotments and looked at the fencing that needs replacing. The drain at the bottom of the Allotment track needs to be looked at as it has silted up so when it rains heavily it overflows and the water pools onto Water Lane.

Playground equipment: - Tony Hoile has certain repairs in hand; new seats for the large swing have been installed, and new pegs for one of the rockers, and bearings for the carousal will be fitted.

The ROSPA report had highlighted the large swing as a risk regarding one of the brackets securing the frame at the top . This had been inspected closely by Tony Hoile and the Chairman, following removal of the top of the bracket by Mr Hoile and investigation of the bracket itself. Both Mr Hoile and the Chairman were satisfied that the bracket was secure and the swing safe, and that the risk perceived by the RoSPA inspector was unfounded. The council agreed that the Chairman should write a report, sign it with Tony Hoile and that it should be kept with the ROSPA report.

# 095/18 Parish Councillor Vacancies

There remains one parish councillor vacancy. The Chairman is keen to find a suitable candidate

# 096/18 Planning

18/504389/SUB: - submission of details to discharge condition 3(Garden design, planting, proposed ground and other levels, boundary treatments and hard landscaping) subject to SW/13/0660. Brogdale Farm, Brogdale Collections, Brogdale Road, Ospringe ME13 8XU. The Clerk had drawn this application to the attention of the parish council having spotted on the planning tracker that SBC had approved the application. The Clerk had contacted Graham Thomas to find out why this application had not appeared on the weekly list and had been advised that parish councils are not consulted on this type of application.

**Action: Clerk to write to Graham Thomas to express the parish council’s concern about residents not being given the opportunity to be consulted about this application given the previous contentious Brogdale planning applications.**

KCC/SW/0090/2018 East Kent Recycling:-the application was still pending. The Clerk had written to the Clerk of Oare PC but had not as yet received a response. The Clerk had written to Uproare who advised that they had no further updates.

Appeals: -

APP/V2255/W/18/3207891 Little Kennaways: -The Council noted the applicant’s appeal against SBC’s refusal to grant permission for application: 17/506423/FULL- part retrospective application for the construction of an agricultural barn. The Council agreed to reiterate its objection to the proposal and write to the Inspectorate.

**Action: Clerk to write to the Inspectorate before the deadline of 25th October 2018.**

# 097/18 Finance

Payments for Approval:

Chq No 1396 For use of the Church hall £20.00

Allotment Account:

Chq No 0312 St John’s Collage for Allotment rent £500.00

EDF and electricity bills:-nothing to report.

Current Account Receipts.

Clerk advised the council that she had received notification that the second half of the Precept and lighting grant £4,465.00 would be paid by SBC directly into the OPC current account.

Allotments Receipts-none reported.

The Clerk circulated the Bank Reconciliation as at 1st September 2018 and budget monitoring document.

Variances to note: less spent on Insurance due to new 3 year deal negotiated, less expenditure on mowing due to SBC mowing less land; and increased expenditure on GDPR which was unbudgeted.

The council would need to decide on whether to incur expenditure on streetlight maintenance which had been highlighted by the maintenance contractor’s report – the report to be looked at by the Chairman and Cllr Williams. Repairs to playground equipment would also incur expenditure in the final 2 quarters of the year and again not specifically budgeted.

# 098/18 GDPR- to adopt OPC’s Retention Policy and Privacy Policy

The GDPR consultants commissioned by the Council had supplied the council with Retention and Privacy Policies which had been adapted to suit the purposes of OPC. This Privacy Policy had also been compared by the Clerk to the NALC/KALC’s Privacy Policy and amended accordingly. It was the amended Policy which was place before the Council for approval.

**The Council approved and resolved to adopt OPC’s Retention Policy and Privacy Policy as presented.**

**Action: Clerk to ask Cllr B Flynn to put OPC’s Privacy Policy onto OPC’s website.**

# 099/18 Risk Assessment

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

# 100/18 Standing Orders

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

# 101/18 Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated a list of email correspondence.

Email from Chris Oswald Jones about Land at Perry Court: application 18/503538/SUB. Noted.

KCC Household waste Recycling Centre Consultation email– proposal to charge for removal of household waste. Noted

Email from Mid Kent Highways regarding a Parish Seminar on 2nd November. Noted.

**102/18 Members’ reports –** None

# 103/18 Any other business

R Simmons had not been able to attend the October KALC SAC meeting.

The Clerk informed the council that BT had advised that the phone box was on their removal list and that it should be removed between now and March 2019.

The council noted the presentation by The Duchy of Cornwall on 15th Oct about the proposed housing development on Duchy land that lies south of Faversham town centre between the A2 and M2.

The meeting ended at 20.40pm

Next meeting: 7th November at 7.30pm