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## **HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 8:00pm to 9:00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr J. Geliot (Chairman of meeting)  
Cllr P. Couzens Cllr S. Edgington Cllr G. Bobbin

**Also Present:** Mrs R. Parr (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

### **470 APOLOGIES**

Cllr S. Norman Cllr M. Cooper Cllr M Woodcock  
Cllr A. Bowles Cllr B. Heller

### **471 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

### **472 MINUTES**

The minutes of the following meetings, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman;

1. Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019 (minutes 448-469).

### **473 MATTERS ARISING**

- A. Local Needs Housing. The second public consultation event will take place in the village hall on Tuesday the 9th April from 2.30pm -8.00pm. Leaflets advertising the event have been placed on the village noticeboards and a flyer also included with each copy of the Hernhill News. Cllr Geliot will open up for 2.30pm, Cllr Couzens will attend between 4pm and 6pm. Cllr Edgington for 6pm until 8pm. The Clerk to arrange for closure of the hall.
- B. Double Yellow Lines. The double yellow lines on Staplestreet have now been painted. It was observed that the lines are occasionally park on. The Clerk is to prepare a notice to apply to any car that infringes upon the yellow lines to state that they are there for safety and that any infringements will be enforced. If a vehicle is causing an obstruction and is parked on the yellow lines on the road, Swale Borough Council parking enforcement team should be contacted via customer services and if a parking warden is in the area, they can potential issue a penalty charge notice.
- C. Update on the new Litter Bin at The Dove. The new litter bin has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.
- D. Arrangement for the Annual Meeting. The meeting is due on the 24<sup>th</sup> April from 7.15pm. The Parish Clerk has sent out invitations to event to the various village groups and societies including the PSCO.
- E. Salt Bin, Staplestreet. Permission has been granted by the landowner for the new salt bin on the verge outside Mount Farmhouse. The Parish Clerk will now to approach Swale Borough Council to request the new salt bin.
- F. Parish in Bloom Scheme. No volunteers have come forward.
- G. Trees at Waterham. Cllr Heller has contact the relevant enforcement team at Swale Borough Council who will investigate the issue.

- H. Parish Council Elections. The official notice for the forthcoming elections has been placed on the noticeboard. Anyone interested in standing as a councillor for the Parish must submit their completed nomination papers to Swale Borough Council between Monday 18th March and Wednesday 3rd April by 4pm in person. The application forms can be obtained from Katherine Bescoby 01795 417330 or Keith Alabaster 01795 417558 or elections@swale.gov.uk.
- I. Annual Insurance. The annual insurance that covers street furniture was discussed as it expires at the end of May 2019. It was decided that to cover of £4689.79 that applied last year was appropriate going forward as cover for defibrillators of £5,000 was applied separate to that of street furniture. The Clerk is to revert confirming the amounts of cover are suitable and to obtain a final quote.

#### **474 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- A. Cllr Heller in a note prior to the meeting confirmed that she has attended the meeting for the elected member update briefing from the project team of the Cleve Hill Solar Park. An update will be provided by Cllr Heller at the next Parish Council meeting.
- B. Cllr P. Couzens commented that a newspaper report had mentioned that the owners of Thirwell Farm has absconded during their court case for illegal waste and that there was a warrant for their arrest. A pothole was noticed at the junction of the Thanet Way flyover and Staplestreet near to the Dunster House site. Another pothole was noticed by Kemsdale Bungalow. It was requested for the Parish Clerk to report these.

#### **475 PLANNING**

- A. Planning Applications.19/501100/LBC: Fairbrook House, Staplestreet, Hernhill. Demolition of laundry room and the addition of a two-storey extension. There were no adverse comments.
- B. Planning Decisions  
19/500111/FULL - Little Miss Acres. New three-bedroom self-build eco-home. This planning application has been agreed by SBC.

#### **476 FINANCE**

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation report dated 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 which was approved and signed.
- B. The following payments were approved by those present:
 

Chq-1412 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing)	£131.84
Chq-1413 Hernhill Bookings (Hall Hire)	£15.00
Chq-1414 R. Parr (Salary and expenses)	£232.50
Chq-1415 Tony Chapman (Hernhill News mileage expenses)	£28.35
Chq-1416 R Parr (stamps)	£33.50
Chq-1417 Finns (1865) Client Account (Allotment)	£450.00
Chq-1418 Tony Chapman (Paper)	£15.00
Chq-1419 Kent County Council (Copier)	£81.54
- C. The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Auditor, Lionel Robbins had been booked for the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **477 ADMINISTRATION**

- A. None.

#### **478 CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. The March newsletter from KCC Councillor Andrew Bowles had been received.
- B. The Parish Council had received correspondence from Swale Borough Council regarding interest for the Great British Spring Clean 2019. It was decided that details for this would be placed in the April Hernhill News and if there was sufficient interest and support for the initiative, the Parish Council would then arrange for the necessary

equipment. A date of Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> April was agreed and anyone interest should register their interest with the Parish Clerk by the 14<sup>th</sup> April. A Risk Assessment would also be undertaken by the Clerk should the initiative go ahead. Jeff Tutt offered to forward the Risk Assessment undertaken by Dunkirk Parish Council for a similar exercise in 2018.

- C. District PSCOs. Correspondence had been received asking for the dates of the Parish Council meetings in 2018 with a few for possibly attending some meetings by a PSCO representative. We also extended an invitation of our Annual Meeting with a view to the PSCOs explaining their role and how the Parish Council can work with them. A response to the invitation is awaited.
- D. The Lord Lieutenant of Kent has sent up a website where organisations can advertise their volunteering opportunities and people can search for volunteering opportunities. [www.kentvolunteers.co.uk](http://www.kentvolunteers.co.uk)
- E. Notification has been received that there will be a road closure at Brickfield Lane on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April between 9.30am and 3.30pm for overhead cable work. Diversions will be in place.

#### **479 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public were invited to address the Chairman with their comments on Parish matters.

- A. Mr J. Smith raised concerns regarding the planning application for the Pit Stop site at Dargate. The Council confirmed that the site was now subject to the Swale Planning process and that any concerns and objections regarding the application should be raised with the Planning Team.
- B. Comments were raised with regards to the amount of litter in the area of the BP and Shell Garage on the Thanet Way. Whilst it was agreed that there was little that could be done by the garages for people that chuck litter from passing cars, it was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to the garages asking them if they could ensure that litter was cleared and tidied from their respective areas.

#### **480 CHAIRMAN & CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS**

- A. The Chairman confirmed that the new three-year allotment lease had been signed.

#### **481 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MARCH AGENDA**

- A. Local Needs Housing on Staplestreet
- B. Double yellow lines
- C. Salt bin
- D. Litter picking
- E. Litter Bin by The Dove
- F. Trees at Waterham
- G. Cleve Hill feedback
- H. Neighbourhood Watch

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9pm.

CHAIRMAN