



## HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 8:00pm to 9:35pm.**

**Present:** Cllr A. Chapman (Chairman)  
Cllr M. Woodcock      Cllr P. Couzens      Cllr J. Geliot      Cllr S. Norman  
Cllr S. Edgington      Cllr M. Cooper

**Also Present:** Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

Prior to the start of the meeting, those present held a minute of silence in respect of the late Mr Michael Woods (past Chairman and Councillor)

### **328 APOLOGIES**

Cllr A. Bowles

### **329 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

### **330 MINUTES**

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

1. Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 (minutes 319-327)

### **331 MATTERS ARISING**

- A. The Clerk reported that the Hernhill Housing Needs drop-in event will be going ahead on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March between 3pm and 7pm. Alison Thompson from English Rural was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting to provide an update in person but had informed the Clerk that current proposed plans for the site would be available on the day and that contact forms for the public to register interest in the project would also be available.
- B. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the KCC regarding the issue of sightlines at the junction of Church Hill/Staplestreet and that KCC would not be able to fund the project. The Clerk is to investigate the cost of privately funding a project to install double yellow lines at the site and provide a report at the next Parish Council meeting.
- C. The Clerk reported that she had written to Video Illusions regarding their intentions for the site now known as Monkshill Showground and had received a response stating that they were intending to hold events in a field furthest away from Monkshill Road and that licencing applications were in progress. The Clerk also noted that she had spoken to KCC who were dealing with the application and that the meeting to discuss this had not yet taken place.
- D. It has now been confirmed that the BT Fibre Broadband cabinet will be located adjacent to Church Farm House, at the main entrance to the farm. It is anticipated

that there will be minimal highways disruption during installation works and that the works should be completed by early summer. The Parish Council will write a letter of thanks to Mr N. O'Shea for making his private land available for the benefit of faster broadband in the community.

- E. Following on from the Defibrillator Awareness training in January, the Clerk has received grant funding from Cllr A. Bowles and Cllr G. Bobbin (£150 each) to provide a CPR/Defibrillator training course for the community). The Clerk will seek to gauge interest in the scheme before making any final arrangements.
- F. Parish Councillors and the Clerk agreed to attend the Hernhill Housing Needs event and scheduled a timetable of attendance, to provide a Parish Council presence at the event.
- G. Mr P. Wilson (public) who attended the meeting requested that the agenda for the meetings be placed on the noticeboard in the Fostal area and that he would be happy to facilitate this.

### **332 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- A. Cllr J. Geliot noted that following the recent bad weather some areas of the Parish could benefit from local salt bins. She asked if the Clerk could request salt bins to be located at Godfreys Grave and also by the Three Horseshoes.
- B. Cllr M. Cooper noted that the pothole on Kays Lane has been reported to KCC for repairs.
- C. Cllr P. Couzens reported that there is significant mud coming out of the site access to Thirwell Farm and onto the slip road by the Thanet Way. It was also reported that there are potholes near the Black Oast (Godfrey's Grave) and at Fairbrook. The Clerk will report all these matters to KCC.
- D. Cllr M. Woodcock reported that he had been told of a water leak onto the highway near the Black Oast. The Clerk agreed to check on the situation but noted that it was most likely to be water run-off from the field.
- E. Cllr D. Edgington reported that the footpath sign is scheduled to be repaired within the next 10 weeks.

### **333 PLANNING**

- A. 18/500331/FULL - Formation of open carpark. *4 Waterham Business Park*  
The Parish Council currently object to this application as insufficient information has been provided as to why the parking spaces are needed and why they are needed outside the curtilage of the existing business site. If the above information can be provided then the Parish Council will reconsider its stance.
- B. 18/500779/FULL - Demolition of existing garage and sheds and erection of a single storey side extension. Paving of driveway and erection of closed boarded fencing to west boundary. *1 The Bungalows, Highstreet Road*  
The Parish Council recorded their support for this application.
- C. 18/500630/FULL - Amendments to 3 bay garage with room above (approved under 15/510617/FULL). *Forstal House, Church Hill*  
The Parish Council object to the application with the following comments: The proposed balcony is not considered in keeping with the site being developed as a garage rather than a domestic dwelling. Why is a balcony required? The proposed additional rooflights are not in keeping with the site being developed as a garage rather than a domestic dwelling.

### **334 FINANCE**

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation reports dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 which was approved and signed.

- B. The following payments were approved by those present:  
Clerk's Office Allowance (*Standing Order*)  
Clerk's Salary (*Standing Order*)  
Chq-1357 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing Feb) £128.00  
Chq-1358 Hernhill Bookings (Hall Hire) £15.00  
Chq-1359 Kent County Council (Photocopier charges) £72.31  
Chq-1360 S. Muteham (Postage & Expenses) £96.61  
Chq-1361 CPRE (Subscription) £36.00

**335 CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. January newsletter from KCC Councillor Andrew Bowles  
B. Invitation to join pilot scheme for "Parishes in Bloom" - after consideration of the detail involved in taking part in the scheme it was agreed by those present not to proceed.

**336 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MARCH AGENDA**

- A. CCTV for village  
B. Update on parking/sightline issues at Church Hill/Staplestreet  
C. Update on planning matters at Monkshill Farm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN