



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th April 2018 from 8:00pm to 9:40pm.

Present: Cllr A. Chapman (Chairman)
Cllr J. Geliot Cllr P. Couzens Cllr S. Edgington Cllr A. Bowles

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 18 members of the public

346 APOLOGIES

Cllr M. Cooper, Cllr M. Woodcock, Cllr S. Norman, Cllr G. Bobbin

347 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

348 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 28th March 2018 (minutes 337-345)

349 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Alison Thompson from English Rural attended the meeting to answer questions from the public and Parish Councillors on matters relating to the proposed housing development on Staplestreet. Alison re-iterated how the process has been operating since inception in 2015 with the Housing Needs Survey, how potential sites were identified and how the process had determined that there were currently two possible sites in the scheme, both of which were on Staplestreet. Reasons were given for choosing the favoured site. Mr D. Brenchley (attending public) asked the Parish Council if they would consider attending a residents meeting regarding the proposed housing development and Parish Councillors declined the offer. Those Parish Councillors present took all information into consideration and while there was still some concern regarding the driveway access to the proposed development, all voted in favour of continuing the process and moving forward to the next stage. The Clerk will formally ask Alison Thompson to move the process forward and start the relevant surveys.
- B. The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with Mr Mike Knowles at Swale Borough Council regarding the possible installation of double yellow lines at the junction of Church Hill and Staplestreet. The Clerk reported that Swale Borough Council were willing to undertake an informal survey in the area to assess any potential requirement for double yellow lines and consider the outcome of the survey prior to making a formal application for the Traffic Regulation Order. Those Parish Councillors present all voted in favour of moving the project forward and requested that the Clerk instruct Mr Knowles to proceed with an informal survey..
- C. The Clerk reported that she had currently only received two registrations of interest

for attending the free First Aid course paid for by the Parish Council. The Clerk was requested to re-advertise the course making the information clear that the course is free to attend and will run for approximately three hours, covering basic first aid and the use of a defibrillator. It was agreed to reconsider booking the course at the May meeting.

- D. A Premises Licence application has been made for the site now known as Monkshill Showground and the Parish Council discussed the application. Those present registered an objection to the application with consideration to the prevention of public nuisance and consideration to the protection of public safety.
- E. The Clerk reported that the work has started to install Fibre Broadband which will be accessible to most of the village and that the work was expected to be completed by the end of May.

350 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- A. Cllr A. Bowles reported that the authorities continue to monitor activity at Thirwell Farm however no resolution has yet been reached.
- B. Cllr J. Geliot suggested that a file copy of the Hernhill News be kept from now-on to provide a historical record of the monthly newsletter.
- C. Cllr P. Couzens requested that the Clerk chase Swale Borough Council on enforcement action at Black Oast and also make a request for an update on what is happening at the old shop with regard to its condition in a conservation area. Cllr Couzens also requested that parishioners clear litter from outside their properties (regardless of how it arrived there) and that the Clerk make a request for suggestions for locations of new litter bins.
- D. Cllr A. Chapman noted that it should be considered to locate a second defibrillator at the Three Horseshoes on Staplestreet. He agreed to liaise with the landlord to see if this is a viable option before potentially moving the project forward.

351 PLANNING

- A. 18/501918/AGRREQ - Prior notification for proposed Forestry Road. For its prior approval for the siting and means of construction of the private way. *George Bell Farm, Plumpudding Lane*

The Parish Council recorded their objection for this application with the following comments:

- Construction of a road to provide winter access to enable planting of trees is unnecessary since the land has previously been accessed by agricultural vehicles without any specific issues.
- The application states that the road would continue to be used after the forest has been planted, but does not specify for what purpose it would be used.
- Historically, the land at this site has been planted with trees which have not grown well. The Parish Council questions why and how it would now be suitable for planting a forest?

352 FINANCE

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation reports dated 19th April 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-1365 Hernhill Bookings (Room Hire) £15.00
 - Chq-1366 Kent Association Local Councils (Annual Subscription) £282.19
 - Chq-1367 Kent County Council (Copier charges) £81.65

353 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. March newsletter from KCC Councillor Andrew Bowles.
- B. Invitation to Mayor Making Ceremony (Faversham Town Council) on 14th May 2018

354 CHAIRMAN & CLERK's SUNDRY REPORTS

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the cricket club who play on the pitch at the playing field, asking if the Parish Council would consider re-arranging the mowing schedule. The Clerk informed those present that the current contractors cut the field every fortnight during the summer and it is not a suitable option to rearrange the cutting schedule once the season has started. Those Parish Councillors present agreed that the Parish Council facilitates the mowing of the playing field for the general public rather than for specific sporting groups or activities. It was agreed that if any additional cuts were required for the playing field then the relevant party should make their own arrangements.

354 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MAY AGENDA

- A. Update on possible double yellow lines at Church Hill/Staplestreet
- B. Update on proposed housing development on Staplestreet
- C. Update on First Aid course
- D. Set date for annual allotment inspection

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 30th May 2018. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN