



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th November 2016 from 8:00pm to 9:11pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

186 APOLOGIES

Cllr M. Cooper, Cllr A. Bowles, Cllr G. Bobbin

187 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

188 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 26th October 2016 (minutes 175-185)

189 PLANNING

- A. Discuss proposed affordable housing site on Kays Lane. Several members of the public expressed concern at the proposal from Clifford Construction for 5 affordable houses on a plot at Kays Lane. The Parish Council listened to their concerns and advised that at this stage they were unable to provide any further information as the planning application for the site had not yet been formally submitted to Swale Borough Council. Concerned parties were advised to contact the developer directly.
- B. **16/507703/AGRREQ** - An application for prior approval of the local planning authority for the erection of an agricultural barn for storing animal feed and machinery (following a determination from Swale Borough Council under application 16/506454 that prior approval is required for the siting, design and external appearance of the building). *Evaluna, Plumpudding Lane*. After discussion, those present recorded an objection to the application with the following comments: The proposed size of the barn is too large in proportion to the size of the plot and the siting of the barn is too close to the road, creating a building which is detrimental to the visual amenity of the area. The site is on the edge of an Area of High Landscape Value and the proposed barn would create a detrimental change of character and appearance of the local area. The area is prone to flooding and would not be generally considered suitable for such a building. The Parish Council consider that the applicant should adhere to the existing eviction notice and restore the land to its original state before any further applications on the site should be considered.
- C. **16/507606/FULL** - Proposed conversion of existing outbuilding into 1 dwelling

house. *Brook Hall House, Waterham Road.* After discussion, those present recorded no objection to the application.

- D. **16/507908/FULL** - Change of use from existing barn store (domestic) to two holiday lets. *Chapel Plantation, Dargate.* After discussion, those present recorded no objection to the application.
- E. **16/503740/FULL** - Discuss amendments and possible withdrawal of objection to Black Barns Farm. This item was moved to the January 2017 agenda.

190 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Those present discussed suitability of polytunnels at allotment site and agreed that no polytunnels of a walk-in size would be allowed at the allotment site and that the clerk would update the allotment contracts accordingly.
- B. The visual amenity of the area outside the old shop (where the hay bales are currently located) was discussed and the Clerk informed those present that Swale Borough Council were investigating the matter and that she was awaiting an updated report on the situation.

191 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- A. Cllr P. Couzens expressed concern over the condition of the barn behind the old shop, which appears to have suffered damage during recent bad winds and queried the visual aesthetics of the hay bales in the layby in front of the old shop. The Clerk reported that Swale Borough Council are looking in to the matter.

192 FINANCE REPORTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- A. The Clerk showed the financial reports dated 18th November 2016 and the bank reconciliation was signed.
- B. The following payments were approved by those present:
 - Clerks Office Allowance (*Standing Order*)
 - Chq 1295: Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (*Mowing*) £128.00
 - Chq 1296: M. Wellington (*Litter Bin*) £95.00
 - Chq 1297: Hernhill Bookings (*Hall Hire*) £30.00
 - Chq 1298: Kent County Council (*Photocopier*) £82.56
 - Chq 1299: RBL Poppy Appeal (*Wreath*) £50.00
- C. The Clerk provided a draft budget for 2017/18 which was approved in principal. The budget included accumulating funds for tarmac repairs around the village green, which are currently estimated at £8,000.
- D. The precept for 2017/18 was discussed and the Parish Council agreed to consider increasing the precept amount to £9,000 to allow for increases in expenditure as per the proposed budget figures. The exact amount will be agreed at the January meeting once the taxbase information from Swale Borough Council has been made available.

193 ADMINISTRATION

- A. There were several applications for the position of Parish Councillor which were considered by those present and it was agreed to co-opt Mr S. Norman to the Council at the January 2017 meeting.
- B. A request was made to provide some funding towards repairs at the children's playground outside the village hall. It was agreed by those present to offer £500.00 towards the cost of repairs.
- C. It was reported that the disabled parking signs at the edge of the village green were alleviating the parking problems. It was also agreed to re-locate one of the signs so

that they were more evenly spaced along the relevant stretch of road.

- D. The Clerk reported that she had secured additional funding for litter bins and that Swale Borough Council were also in a position to offer a litter bin. The litter bin on the village green is to remain in-situ, after liaison with Mr P. Rawlins it was agreed to try to locate a suitable litter bin on the edge of the playing fields near the clamber stack and also a small litter bin on the fence by the childrens play area.

194 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Email newsletter received for October/November 2016 from Andrew Bowles
- B. The Clerk received a request for a meeting with Hernhill Housing Model team. Those present agreed to invite the team to the January Parish Council meeting to provide an update on model.
- C. The Clerk received an invitation for Councillors to attend the Christmas Carol Service at Boughton Church. It was proposed that Cllr M. Cooper attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

195 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON JANUARY AGENDA

- A. Allotment fencing
- B. Budget & Precept

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 25th January 2017. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN