



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th January 2017 from 8:00pm to 9:14pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 8 members of the public

199 APOLOGIES

Cllr M. Woodcock, Cllr P. Couzens, Cllr A. Bowles, Cllr G. Bobbin

200 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

201 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 30th November 2016 (minutes 186-195)
2. Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017 (minutes 196-198)

202 PLANNING

- A. Karen Banks (in conjunction with Clifford Construction) provided an update on the Hernhill Housing Model. It was noted that the model is currently on hold. Clifford Construction expressed an interest in working with the Parish Council to try and provide suitable affordable housing in the Parish at a future date. The Parish Council responded that they are currently in the process of identifying suitable sites for possible affordable housing, in conjunction with Swale Borough Council and Action with Communities in Rural Kent (as part of the Housing Needs Survey). Depending on the outcome of the current project, the Parish Council may then consider working with Clifford Construction in the future.
- B. **16/503740/FULL** - Mr G. Wallis provided an update to the amended plans for Black Barns Farm. It was noted that the main front doors to each premises would be located on the church side of the land and that the doors on to Crockham Lane would be the secondary/fire exit doors. It was also noted that there would be a restriction on the opening of a side window on the upper level of the premises. The Parish Council agreed to withdraw their original objection to the application and update Swale Borough Council accordingly.

203 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Cllr M. Cooper reported that he is still waiting to speak with the landowner regarding additional fencing at the allotment site.

- B. The Clerk reported that Swale Borough Council have a black litter bin on order, to be placed near the clamber stack on the village playing fields. This is scheduled for installation in early April.

204 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- A. Cllr J. Geliot reported that she had received contact from someone expressing an interest in obtaining an allotment plot. It was also noted that whilst the disabled parking signs at the village green have been relatively successful in their purpose, vehicles are still unfairly utilising the parking spaces overnight.
- B. Cllr A. Chapman reported that he had been contacted by a Parishioner who expressed concern over a periodic loud bang sound in the Dargate area. It was suggested that this could possibly be due to the firing range at Southend.

205 FINANCE REPORTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation reports dated 19th December 2016 and 19th January 2017 which were approved and signed.
- B. The following payments were approved by those present:
 - Clerks Office Allowance (*Standing Order*)
 - Chq 1300: Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (*Mowing*) £256.00
 - Chq 1301: Hernhill Bookings (*Hall Hire*) £23.00
 - Chq 1302: S. Muteham (*Stationery expenses*) £65.71
 - Chq 1303: N.S.A.L.G. (*Annual subscription*) £66.00
 - Chq 1304: H.M.R.C. (PAYE Q3-16) £12.40

206 ADMINISTRATION

- A. The Clerk proposed that the Parish Council create and maintain its own website, following the reduction in quality of the site provided free of charge by KCC. It was agreed by those present that the Clerk would purchase a domain name at approximately £10.00 per year and pay hosting fees of approx £5.00 per month (excluding VAT).

207 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Email newsletter received for November/December 2016 from Andrew Bowles
- B. Invitation for attendance at the annual Civic Service at Rochester Cathedral on 14th March 2017 (*Mr A. Chapman agreed to attend*)
- C. Letter from Swale Borough Council giving notification of Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 2017 at Thirwell Farm, Drove Lane.

208 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FEBRUARY AGENDA

- A. Allotment fencing
- B. Phone Box & village "Tidy Team" (as requested by member of the public)

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 22nd February 2017. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN