



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th July 2017 from 8:00pm to 8:37pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

263 APOLOGIES

Cllr S. Edgington, Cllr A. Bowles, Cllr G. Bobbin

264 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

265 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 June 2017 (minutes 253-262)

266 UPDATE ON A NEWDAY FESTIVAL

The organisers of A Newday Festival (to be held at Mount Ephraim) attended the meeting to give an update on what is planned for the forthcoming festival in August. The Parish Council expressed thanks to the organisers for the efficiency and organisation demonstrated at the event in 2016.

267 PLANNING

- A. 17/503255/FULL - Change of use of managers accommodation into holiday let unit ancillary to use of the public house - no building works. *Red Lion, Crockham Lane*. The Parish Council made no objection to the application.
- B. Discussion relating to potential planning application for disability access at a residential property.
Mr M. Godden attended the meeting to show the Parish Council proposed plans for two planning applications relating to disability access for a family member and asked if the Parish Council had any questions or concerns prior to the applications being formally submitted to Swale Borough Council. The Parish Council had no concerns at this stage and will await the formal applications before making any formal comments.
- C. Discussion relating to planning application 17/503400/PNQCLA and associated vehicle traffic.
Mr J. Gorringe raised concerns regarding the volume of traffic using Staplestreet (in particular between Church Hill and Bull Lane) and the application for Prior

Notification at Forge Farm. The Clerk advised that concerns relating to parking of vehicles on Staplestreet have been notified to the police and KCC in previous years, but due to the nature of the rural lane and existing speed limit, nothing can be done at present.

268 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Cllr S. Norman reported that he had investigated the purchase of a defibrillator for the community and was going to prepare a formal paper on the subject to be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting. It was also suggested that a defibrillator could potentially be located in one of the BT phone boxes and the Clerk will make enquiries on the usage of the phone boxes directly with BT.
- B. Mr P. Wilson attended the meeting and requested that the two wooden benches on the village green be replaced as they are in poor condition. Those present discussed the matter and agreed that two new oak benches should be purchased at a size identical to the existing ones and at an approximate cost of £320.00 per bench + VAT.

269 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- A. Cllr J. Geliot reported that there is no public footpath sign at the entrance to the footpath adjacent to Summer Lees. It was also noted that there is a large hole in the footway on Kays Lane, near Jack Bailey Row. The Clerk will report both matters to KCC. It was also noted that Cllr J. Geliot had put new plants at the war memorial.
- B. Cllr M. Cooper reported that he had cleared the vegetation around the bench on Staplestreet. He also asked the Clerk to follow up with Swale Borough Council with on any action that may be taken regarding the caravans located in Monkshill and Kemsdale Road.
- C. Cllr P. Couzens requested that the Clerk chase up with Swale Borough Council regarding the concerns raised by the Parish Council over the hay bales on Church Hill (near the old shop). The Conservation Officer has not been forthcoming with any information to date and it was considered prudent to request this information from a more senior member of staff.

270 FINANCE REPORTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation reports dated 19th July 2017 which were approved and signed.
- B. The following payments were approved by those present:
 - Clerk's Office Allowance (*Standing Order*)
 - Chq 1327: Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (*Mowing*) £128.00
 - Chq 1328: KALC (*Annual subscription*) £281.50
 - Chq 1329: D. Harris (*Hernhill News*) £28.35
 - Chq 1330: Kent County Council (*Copier Charges*) £94.00
 - Chq 1331: S. Muteham (*Expenses*) £48.33

271 ADMINISTRATION

- A. It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would take place on Wednesday 30th August 2017. The Clerk advised that she may not be present at the meeting and Cllr J. Geliot offered to take the minutes in her absence.n.

272 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. June newsletter from Cllr. Andrew Bowles was circulated via email.
- B. Notification of TPO No.1 2017

273 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON AUGUST AGENDA

- A. Discuss purchase of defibrillator
- B. Set date for annual allotment inspection

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 30th August 2017. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN