



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24th April 2019 from 8:05pm to 9:20pm.

Present: Cllr J. Geliot (Chairman of meeting) Cllr B. Heller
Cllr P. Couzens Cllr S. Edgington Cllr A. Bowles Cllr M. Cooper

Also Present: Mrs R. Parr (Clerk) and 10 members of the public

482 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr S. Norman Cllr M Woodcock Cllr G. Bobbins

483 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

484 **MINUTES**

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

1. Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2019 (minutes 470-481).

485 **MATTERS ARISING**

- A. **Local Needs Housing.** The second public consultation event took place in the village hall on Tuesday the 9th April and the second stage of the survey has been sent to all households. It is anticipated that the results will be ready around the end of May. Once these results and a need is identified, the Parish Council will arrange a meeting with English Rural in order to discuss the details such as the accuracy of drawings and materials to be used.
- B. **Double Yellow Lines.** There double yellow lines are working well and people are adhering to them. No further discussion is currently required on this matter
- C. **Update on the new Litter Bin at The Dove.** The new litter bin has been delivered and is awaiting installation.
- D. **Update on the salt bin at Staplestreet.** The request for a new bin has been submitted to Swale Borough Council who in the summer will review all requests received and will consider each request on a case by case basis. Whether we are successful depends on the number of other requests received.
- E. **Update on the Trees at Waterham.** No update has been received. Cllr Heller will chase Swale Borough Council.
- F. **Cleve Hill Feedback.** Cllr Heller provided an update on the meeting she attended. Key points to note is that the sea Wall in the area was under a managed retreat policy. If the solar farm is to go ahead the sea wall from Faversham Creek to the Sportsman at Seasalter will become their responsibility. There has also been a reduction in the number of panel and an increase in biodiversity areas. Further consultations are due.

- G. Update on Litter Picking This is due to go ahead on Saturday 27th April at 10am. All to meet at the village Hall. The Clerk has collected litter pickers, bag hoops, hi-viz vests, bags, disposable gloves and completed a risk assessment. Cllr Edgington has offered to create a number of signs that can be placed at various places entering the village warning motorists that litter picking is in process. It has been arranged for Biffa to collect the waste. The Council also discussed the possibility of undertaking Litter Picking across the Parish a number of times each year and asked the Clerk to investigate costings for relevant equipment that could be purchased by the Council and loaned out accordingly.

486 **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- A. Cllr Couzens raised a report regarding a pothole in Crockham Lane, which he will report online at the SBC website.
- B. Cllr Cooper queried whether the Council had membership with the Kent Men of Trees as we had not received an inspection. The Clerk is to enquire. It was also mentioned that someone is enquiring regarding an allotment plot, for which we have one plot available. Cllr Cooper was to follow up.
- C. The Chairman commented that three Councillors did not put themselves forward for re-election due to work pressures. These are Cllr Woodcock, Cllr Norman and Cllr Cooper. The Chairman thanks them for their hard work in supporting the Council. The four remain Cllrs submitted nominations and were re-elected uncontested. This leaves three vacancies. Anyone interested in being co-opted should contact the Clerk. Enquiries from Waterham and Dargate would be especially welcome as there are currently no representatives on the Parish Council from these areas.
- D. The Chairman also commented that previously the Parish had an active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Therefore, the Council are looking for someone to coordinate and revive the scheme. Anyone who is interested should contact the Clerk.

487 **PLANNING**

- A. Planning Application 19/501640/FULL: Land North of Highstreet Road, Hernhill, Faversham, Kent. Erection of polytunnels and water storage tanks. The Council objected on grounds of the proposed scale and visual impact of the development as they will be permanently in situ.
- B. Planning Application 19/501546/FULL: Former Silver Sands Nursery Staplestreet, Hernhill, Faversham. Amendment to condition to build 14 "Passivehaus" to include underground LPG tanks. The Parish Council have no adverse comments. The Parish Council would like to comment and question the requirement for LPG tanks on the site (albeit underground). The approval is for "Passivehaus" dwellings and that application referred to the use of either air or ground source heat pumps for the generation of heat/hot water and solar panels for hot water, within the accompanying "Energy Efficiency Strategy" document.
- C. Planning Decisions: None received

488 **FINANCE**

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation report dated 19th April 2019 which was approved and signed.
- B. The following payments were approved by those present:
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| Chq-1420 Broxap Ltd (Litter Bin) | £295.14 |
| Chq-1421 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing) | £133.16 |
| Chq-1422 Hernhill Bookings (Village Hall Hire) | £15.00 |
| Chq-1423 R. Parr (Clerks Salary (£220.13) & Expenses (£20)) | £240.13 |

Chq-1424 Swale Borough Council (Yellow Lines)	£2,000.00
Chq-1425 KALC (Subscription)	£280.80

- C. Sign two new standing orders for future payments for the Clerks salary and expenses.

489 ADMINISTRATION

- A. None.

490 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. The April newsletter from KCC Councillor Andrew Bowles had been received.
 B. Notification has been received that there will be a road closure at Horselees Road in the vicinity of Marion Gardens from Monday 29th April for up to two weeks to enable the provision of new electricity supplies.

491 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to address the Chairman with their comments on Parish matters.

- A. Mr T. Webb raised concerns regarding broadband speed in the village following the installations of new cables in 2018. BT Openreach informed him about a community funding scheme. Following discussions, it appears that Openreach may be providing incorrect information regarding the speed obtained by Mr Webb and Mr Webb is to make further enquiries. Cllr Bowles requested that he be contacted by Mr Webb if his enquiries were not successful.

492 CHAIRMAN & CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- A. The Clerk commented that there was no noticeboard at Waterham as the old one there had perished some time previously. The council considered it important that Waterham should be informed regarding Parish Council matters and Village activities and asked the Clerk to investigate costings for a new noticeboard..

493 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MARCH AGENDA

- A. Election of Chairman / Vice Chairman
 B. Councillor Vacancies
 C. Local Needs Housing
 D. Litter Bin by The Dove
 E. Salt Bin
 F. Trees at Waterham
 G. Neighbourhood Watch
 H. Report on Litter Pick
 I. Noticeboard at Waterham
 J. Parish Newsletter

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 29th May 2019. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

CHAIRMAN