



## HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from 8:00pm to 9:33pm.**

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

**Also Present:** Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 14 members of the public

### **367 APOLOGIES**

Cllr A. Bowles, Cllr G. Bobbin

### **368 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr M. Woodcock declared an interest in agenda item 6C (Planning 18/502654/FULL) and left the room when the matter was being discussed.

### **369 MINUTES**

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

1. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (minutes 355-366)

### **370 MATTERS ARISING**

- A. Several residents attended the meeting to share views both for and against the proposed affordable housing site at Staplestreet. The Parish Council reported that the project is temporarily on hold to ensure that no further financial expenditure is taking place. The Parish Council is seeking further information on the project and expects to make a final decision on the matter at the August Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council has been in contact with English Rural to enquire if additional alternative sites could be considered and was informed that the only suitable sites from the searches made were on Staplestreet (of which the most suitable site is the one being proposed). The Parish Council has also expressed the concerns of many local residents over the number of driveways on to the proposed site and English Rural are investigating if the proposed layout plan could be amended to reflect more acceptable access.
- B. The Clerk and Chairman held a site meeting to look at an initial proposed location for the double yellow lines at the junction of Church Hill and Staplestreet. The proposal was put to Councillors present and agreed that the initial proposal would be around the corner of Forge Farm (Staplestreet and Church Hill) and around the corner of Laurel House and 4 Laurel Place (Staplestreet and Church Hill). Swale Borough Council will be instructed to undertake surveys for the proposals.
- C. The Clerk is seeking to book a First Aid Course to include basic life support, cuts/burns and defibrillator use for a half day in September. Dates should be

confirmed and advertised soon.

- D. A member of the public gave detail on the authority enforcement procedures which are (and are not) taking place at Thirwell Farm. Discussion was held and it was considered that perhaps Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council are not performing their duties correctly with regard to enforcing the enforcement procedures required for this site. The Clerk will write to senior members of both Kent County Council and Swale Borough Council requesting further information on the matter.
- E. A member of the public has made a request for a public footpath or access way to the village school from opposite Summer Lees. The school have not yet been supportive of the idea and the Parish Council will make some enquiries to see if the matter can be progressed using alternative means.

### **371 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- A. Cllr P. Couzens reported that Black Oast is now for sale with the appropriate planning conditions. It was also noted that the vegetation around the outside of the old shop is very overgrown. The Clerk will write to the landowner and KCC requesting that the vegetation be cut back. It was also requested that the Clerk chase up Swale Borough Council with regard to building at the rear of the old shop and its poor condition, given that it is in a conservation area.
- B. Cllr J. Geliot made a request that the Clerk investigate the options available if the Parish Council were to provide a small carpark in the community.
- C. Cllr S. Edgington requested an update on the installation of fibre broadband in the village. The Clerk had no update but will investigate the matter.

### **372 PLANNING**

- A. **18/502489/FULL** - Erection of single storey rear extension to form annexe. *Oakleigh, Butlers Hill*  
The Parish Council support the application.
- B. **18/502377/FULL** - Erection of single storey side extension. Resin bonded gravel to driveway. Demolition of existing garage. *1 The Bungalows, Highstreet Road*  
The Parish Council support the application.
- C. **18/502654/FULL** - Change of use of existing outbuilding (stable) to holiday let unit, with changes to window openings and proposed rooflights. *Myrtle Farm, Kemsdale Road*  
The Parish Council support the application with the following comment: if planning permission is granted the Parish Council request that conditions state that the outbuilding remain ancillary to the main dwelling.

### **373 FINANCE**

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation reports dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 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-1374 Information Commissioner (ICO/GDPR Fee) £40.00
  - Chq-1375 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing) £131.84
  - Chq-1376 Hernhill Bookings (Room Hire) £8.00
  - Chq-1377 S. Muteham (Printer expenses) £45.01

### **374 CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. May newsletter from KCC Councillor Andrew Bowles.
- B. Letter from Swale Borough Councillor Andrew Bowles regarding Corporate Plan

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- C. Email from Swale Borough Council advising that the licencing application for Monkshil has been withdrawn by the applicant.
- D. Email from KCC advising of overnight road closures on Thanet Way (A299) from 9th July 2018.

**375 CHAIRMAN & CLERK's SUNDRY REPORTS**

None

**376 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON JULY AGENDA**

- A. Affordable Housing on Staplestreet
- B. First Aid Course
- C. Allotment Inspection Report

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN