



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th August 2018 from 8:00pm to 9:25pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 35 members of the public

387 APOLOGIES

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

388 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

389 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 25th July 2018 (minutes 377-386)

390 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Local Needs Housing on Staplestreet. Cllr Geliot (Vice-Chair) gave a summary of events since the inception of the proposal for affordable housing in 2015 when a Housing Needs Survey was undertaken and identified a need for such dwellings within the Parish. The Parish Council have since pursued the scheme. Following the Consultation Event in 2018 Councillors have subsequently received objection to the scheme from residents. Having taken all information received since the start of the scheme, the Chairman asked Councillors present to vote on the motion of whether or not to progress the project to the next stage which would request English Rural to undertake further surveys of the proposed site/area prior to a formal planning application being made with detailed plans on house design, elevations based on the revised site plan. The majority of Councillors present voted in favour of the motion and the motion was passed. (For: Cllrs. Couzens, Geliot, Edgington, Chapman. Against: Cllrs. Woodcock, Norman). The business of the Parish Council after the vote was temporarily interrupted by discourteous and disrespectful behaviour by some members of the public and Parish Councillors were subjected to verbal abuse. The attending public who spoke on the matter of the Local Needs Housing continued to express their objections to the proposed housing scheme on Staplestreet and criticised the Parish Council's handling of the matter. The meeting was able to continue in an orderly manner after the disorderly members of the public had left the village hall. Mr D. Brenchley handed a copy of a letter addressed to Parish Councillors to the Clerk.
- B. Update on double yellow lines for Staplestreet/Church Hill. The Clerk circulated a

proposed layout of the double yellow lines to Councillors present. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the project at this stage and Swale Borough Council will send out the consultation letters to those in the immediate vicinity of the proposed lines.

- C. First Aid Course. The Clerk reminded those present that a free first aid course will take place in the village hall on Saturday 29th September at 1pm
- D. Allotment Inspection Report. Cllr M. Cooper was not present at the meeting so no report was given. The item has been moved to the September agenda.
- E. Ornate Village Sign. An attending member of the public made a request to the Parish Council for an ornate village sign to be located in a prominent position in the village. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for a possible sign and to seek out sources of funding. The Parish Council agreed to give thought to possible sites to locate such a sign if the project becomes financially viable.

391 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- A. Cllr Geliot reported that the flowers at the war memorial were blooming.
- B. Cllr Norman requested that the Clerk try to obtain funding for another community defibrillator to be located in the Parish.

392 PLANNING

- A. **18/503667/FULL** - Erection of commercial steel framed building clad in Kinspan panels. *Unit 7-8 Waterham Business Park.*
The Parish Council raises no objection to the application but makes the following comments: If planning permission is granted that all works conform to current regulations. The Parish Council is also unhappy with the retrospective nature of this application.
- B. **18/504121/FULL & 18/504122/LBC** - Erection of a two storey rear extension, including internal and external works. Demolition of existing utility room. *Fairbrook House, Staplestreet*
The Parish Council made no objection to the application.
- C. **18/502242/FULL** - Erection of a two storey side and rear Extension (Resubmission of SW/13/1238). *Kemsdale Stud Farm, Kemsdale Road*
The Parish Council support the application with the following comments: The application shows a well designed extension which is in keeping with the existing building

An attending member of the public requested that Councillors make consideration of land usage when considering planning applications.

393 FINANCE

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation report dated 17th August 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-1383 Hernhill Bookings (Room Hire) £38.00
 - Chq-1384 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing) £131.84

394 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. July newsletter from KCC Councillor Andrew Bowles.
- B. Information from Mr D. Brenchley relating to Staplestreet Housing questionnaire circulated to Parish Councillors

395 CHAIRMAN & CLERK's SUNDRY REPORTS

- A. The Clerk reported that she had received a request from the village school for the access code to the defibrillator. It was agreed that the school could have the details and that the remainder of the public should contact the emergency services on 999 to obtain the access code.

396 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON SEPTEMBER AGENDA

- A. Affordable Housing on Staplestreet
- B. Double yellow lines
- C. Review of policies
- D. Annual allotment inspection report
- E. Ornate village sign

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 26th September 2018. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN