



## HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 8:00pm to 8:45pm.**

**Present:** Cllr J. Geliot (acting as Chairman)  
Cllr P. Couzens            Cllr S. Norman            Cllr S. Edgington  
Cllr M. Cooper

**Also Present:** Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

### **221 APOLOGIES**

Cllr M. Woodcock, Cllr A. Chapman, Cllr A. Bowles, Cllr G. Bobbin

### **222 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

### **223 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 (minutes 209-217)
2. Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (minutes 218-220)

### **224 PLANNING**

- A. 17/501081/FULL - Demolition of existing garage/store and erection of replacement. Elm Tree Cottage, Butlers Hill. The Parish Council recorded no objection to the application but commented that should planning permission be granted the Parish Council would request that the conditions state the replacement building remains ancillary to the main dwelling.
- B. 17/501295/FULL - Single storey side extension. Springfield, Church Hill. The Parish Council recorded no objection to the application.

### **225 MATTERS ARISING**

- A. Cllr M. Cooper commented that he had not been able to make any progress on the proposals for fencing at the allotment site since the landowner has been away. The item will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the April meeting.
- B. Mr P. Wilson (attending public) suggested that the Parish seeks volunteers to create a "tidy team" to assist in general maintenance/keeping the village tidy (including dealing with litter at Wey Street, maintaining the benches on the village green and renewing the noticeboards). It was agreed that the Clerk would advertise this and would provide an update on progress at the April meeting. The area around the phone box outside the old shop requires some care and the Clerk was requested to investigate the proper ownership of the phone box.

## **226 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- A. Cllr J. Geliot reported that there were potholes that needed repairing near the junction of Kemsdale Road/Bull Lane.
- B. Cllr M. Cooper commented that a static caravan has appeared in the horsefield on Kemsdale Road (near the Wey Street bridge). The Clerk advised that Swale Borough Council are aware of the situation and are dealing with the matter..
- C. Cllr P. Couzens requested that the Clerk liaises with the conservation office to see if the visual amenity of the area outside the old shop (where there are currently hay bales) can be improved. Cllr P. Couzens also reported that he attended the recent KALC Planning Conference and found it to be of considerable benefit. Additional documentation from the conference was handed out to Councillors/Clerk who wished to receive it.

## **227 FINANCE REPORTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation reports dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 which were approved and signed.
- B. The following payments were approved by those present:
  - Clerks Office Allowance (*Standing Order*)
  - Chq 1310: Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (*Mowing*) £128.00
  - Chq 1311: J. Geliot (*HH News*) £55.00
  - Chq 1312: Finn's (*Annual allotment rental*) £425.00
  - Chq 1313: D. Harris (*HH News*) £63.00
  - Chq 1314: S. Muteham (*Litter bin*) £311.75
  - Chq 1315: CPRE (*Annual subscription*) £36.00

## **228 ADMINISTRATION**

- A. Cllr M. Woodcock was nominated to attend the Faversham & District Engagement Forum meeting on 11th April.
- B. The Clerk advised that she had arranged for the annual internal audit to take place on 8th May 2017.

## **229 CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. The Clerk advised that she had received the annual return forms for completion.

## **230 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON APRIL AGENDA**

- A. Allotment fencing
- B. Phone Box & village "Tidy Team"

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN