



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 28th March 2018 from 8:00pm to 9:50pm.

Present: Cllr A. Chapman (Chairman)
Cllr M. Woodcock Cllr P. Couzens Cllr S. Edgington Cllr M. Cooper
Cllr G. Bobbin

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 24 members of the public

337 APOLOGIES

Cllr J. Geliot, Cllr S. Norman, Cllr A. Bowles

338 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

339 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 7th March 2018 (minutes 328-336)

340 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Members of the public attended the meeting to discuss their concerns over the recent consultation event hosted by English Rural, to propose a small housing development on Staplestreet which would include affordable housing and open market housing. Concerns raised included the lack of detail in advance of the consultation event on which site was being chosen, a request for clarity on how the project may progress in the future, lack of mains drainage at the proposed site and a general concern over the safety of accessing the proposed site from the highway. The attending public also asked if the Parish Council would support alternative affordable housing schemes within the Parish.

The Parish Council responded to the public, that whilst it had identified several potential sites in conjunction with Swale Borough Council (Planning Department) and Action with Communities in Rural Kent (Tessa O'Sullivan), it did not select the specific proposed site on Staplestreet and will request detailed information from ACRK/English Rural on why this site on Staplestreet was chosen over other potential sites. and also agreed to try and ensure that residents directly opposite the proposed site are kept informed of updates on the project.

The Parish Council also reported that it had instigated the initial survey via Swale Borough Council to identify needs for affordable housing in the Parish. at the request of Parishioners. This is a project that has been proposed by the Parish Council and the Parish Council has no legal obligation to provide such housing. The Parish Council confirmed that the project would not continue without the support of the Parish Council. The Parish Council commented that any other affordable housing

projects in the Parish would be considered once a formal planning application had been made to Swale Borough Council.

The Clerk agreed to ask Alison Thompson from English Rural to attend the meeting at the end of April to assist in answering questions from the public.

The consultation on 15th March was the initial consultation and the Parish Council had no confirmation of plans on the proposed site until the consultation event. The Parish Council had not advertised any of the identified sites in advance of the consultation until a site had been chosen and draft plans had been prepared. It was hoped that this would be in advance of the consultation, but the plans were not made available until the day of the consultation.

- B. The Clerk reported that she has received a rough quote from KCC for applying to obtain double yellow lines at the junction of Staplestreet and Church Hill. The quote is approximately £4,000.00. The Clerk will try to obtain further clarification from KCC and SBC on how a consultation process may proceed and obtain more specific costings for the project before any consideration is given to progressing the matter.
- C. The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from KCC with regard to the proposals for events to be held at Monkshill Showground. KCC are in discussions with Video Illusions regarding licencing and it is anticipated that an application may occur later in the year and that it is unlikely that any events will take place in 2018.
- D. It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th April at 7pm. The Clerk will send out invites to local community groups to attend.
- E. Those present considered the review of allotment rents and decided to maintain the current pricing schedule of £20 per plot and £15 facilities fee per tenant for a further year.

341 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- A. Cllr M. Cooper reported that there is frequently significant amounts of mud on the Eastbound slip road off the Thanet Way at Wey Street. The Clerk reported that KCC do frequently check on the area and deal with situations whenever possible. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Andrew Bowles to request an update on the situation in the local area, including Thirwell Farm.
- B. Cllr P. Couzens requested that the Clerk contact Alison Thompson of English Rural in relation to the proposed housing development on Staplestreet and ask if Forge Orchard and the part-built house could be put on the layout plans/map.
- C. Cllr M. Woodcock reported that an apparent water leak onto the highway near the Black Oast remains.

342 PLANNING

- A. 18/500822/FULL - Enlargement of extension (Approved application 16/505934/FULL). *9 Woodlands, Dargate*
The Parish Council recorded their support for this application.

343 FINANCE

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation reports dated 19th March 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-1362 HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE Q4 17-18) £10.40
 - Chq-1363 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing Mar) £128.00
 - Chq-1364 Finn's (Allotment rental 2018-19) £425.00

344 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. February newsletter from KCC Councillor Andrew Bowles
- B. Letter from KCC detailing highway repair programme commencing in April 2018.

345 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON APRIL AGENDA

- A. CCTV for village
- B. Update on possible double yellow lines at Church Hill/Staplestreet
- C. Update on proposed housing development on Staplestreet

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

CHAIRMAN