



## HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 8:00pm to 9:05pm.**

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

**Also Present:** Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk)

### **294 APOLOGIES**

Cllr S. Edgington, Cllr M. Woodcock, Cllr A. Bowles, Cllr G. Bobbin

### **295 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

### **296 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (minutes 284-293)

### **297 MATTERS ARISING**

- A. Cllr S. Norman provided those present with information relating to the proposed purchase of a defibrillator to be located at the village hall. After discussion it was agreed to purchase a Powerheart G5 AED and lockable cabinet at a cost of approximately £1,475.00 + VAT. The Clerk will facilitate the order and installation, and arrange some training on how to use the device.
- B. The Clerk informed those present that she had been in contact with both Openreach and KCC regarding the proposal to install a fibre broadband cabinet on the village green. It was noted that Openreach have not fully explored the possible siting of the cabinet at an alternative location, so at this stage the Parish Council have rejected the proposal to install the cabinet on the village green until confirmation is given that the alternative location is/is not suitable. The Parish Council continue to support the idea of fibre broadband for the local community and the Clerk reported that she had received several comments from residents regarding the installation of fibre broadband, the majority of which were supportive of the locating a cabinet on the village green if necessary.
- C. Those present discussed the restoration and re-location of the commemorative plaque from one of the old benches under the oak tree on the village green. It was agreed that Cllr M. Cooper would reinstate the existing plaque between the two new benches, facing the road.
- D. The Clerk had received correspondence from English Rural regarding a proposed layout for the affordable housing site which has now been identified. Those present agreed to continue to support the project at this stage. The Clerk informed those present that a public consultation will take place as part of the next step of the

process, prior to a formal planning application being made.

## **298 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- A. Cllr S. Norman and Cllr J. Geliot commented on the potholes in the village, in particular on Staplestreet/Fairbrook..
- B. Cllr P. Couzens requested that the Clerk follow up with Swale Borough Council on the matter relating to the hay bales outside the old shop.
- C. Cllr A. Chapman reported that there would not be an edition of the Hernhill News for November.

## **299 FINANCE**

- A. The Clerk showed the bank reconciliation reports dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 which were approved and signed.
- B. The following payments were approved by those present:
  - Clerk's Office Allowance (*Standing Order*)
  - Chq 1341: Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (*Mowing*) £128.00
  - Chq 1342: Hernhill Bookings (*Village Hall Hire*) £10.50
  - Chq 1343: RBL Poppy Appeal (*Wreath & donation*) £50.00
  - Chq 1344: A. Chapman (*Mileage*) £17.10

## **300 CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. September newsletter from Cllr A. Bowles
- B. Email from KCC notifying of consultation on Draft Budget Strategy 2018/19
- C. Notification of KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018
- D. Notification of KALC AGM on 18th November 2017
- E. Invitation from SBC/KCC to Clevel Hill Solar Park presentation on 6th November 2016

## **301 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NOVEMBER AGENDA**

- A. KALC Community Awards
- B. Hay bales in conservation area

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIRMAN