

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 5th February 2018 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr I Blackamore
Cllrs R House, T Moyle, C Page, P Rushbrook, M Stead, J Stewart, C Willson

Cllr P McGarvey, District Councillor
Cllr R Gough, County Councillor

46 Members of the public including; Malcolm Dunn DRiPS, D Hollands, S Dove, R Fournel, B & A Whiterod, G Lawrence, P & A Langley, D Holpin, C Cox, T Green, M J Fowler, D Smith, P & D Burcox. D Harvey DHS Planning Consultants, R Billing Landowner.

In attendance: H Rohard, Parish Clerk
D McFall, Assistant Parish Clerk

155 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr D Mitchell (family commitment)

156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs I Blackamore, R House, M Stead and P Rushbrook declared a pecuniary interest. They requested dispensation from the Parish Council to remain in the meeting to participate in discussion and vote (s33 The Localism Act 2011). The Parish Council voted unanimously to grant dispensation as requested.

157 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meetings held 8th January 2018 were signed as a true record.

158 MATTERS ARISING

Funding for Flood prevention measures: Clerk arranging meeting with NWKCP ref Natural Flood Defence potential projects and funding.

Website: Will be completed by end of February

All other actions had been completed.

159 POLICE MATTERS

No Police or PCSO in attendance or report received. PCSOs are not being sent to Parish Council meetings unless there are particular issues to be addressed. Crime statistics are available on the Kent Police Website.

160 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

Sharon Kirby raised her concerns about the amount and speed of traffic that the villages endure particularly when arterial roads are congested and vehicles are looking for alternative routes. Cllr Roger Gough will liaise with Mrs Kirby to see if some of the points she raised regarding signs could be implemented.

Roger Fournel asked for an update on the meeting to be arranged by Cllr Philip McGarvey who responded that he will organise this.

A member of the public commented that gritting vehicle had not covered Jacobs Lane despite this being a bus route; Cllr Gough responded that this is a secondary route and depending on the severity of the weather primary routes are treated first with secondary routes treated if possible.

Christine Fournel stated that there used to be a weight restriction sign on the Franks Lane bridge which is no longer there; large vehicles are entering Franks Lane and not able to cross the bridge. Cllr Gough said he would look into this.

Mick McDonnell Chair of the HK Bowls Club requested that should the Parish Council make any changes to the Heathside entrance or introduce parking, that the Bowls Club are kept fully informed. The Chairman responded that he would be contacted with any proposals of developments.

A member of the public raised their concern regarding the Bull Hill/Horton Road junction. Vehicles are frequently losing control on the bend in icy weather; Cllr Gough responded that this was the focus for KCC Highways at this time and is looking at how the junction could be improved.

Cllr Page reported that the new vicar for St Mary's Church would like to attend a Parish Council meeting; the Clerk will send an invitation. ACTION

A member of the public raised the issue of parking around Horton Kirby school at drop off and collection times, stating that it is sometimes not possible to leave their home in Carlton Place due to the parked vehicles. The Chairman requested that the Clerk write to the Headteacher to ask what measures can be taken to improve this. ACTION

161 PLANNING

SE/18/00192/HOUSE

Pemba The Street
Horton Kirby Kent
DA4 9BY

Demolition of existing out-building, extension to existing detached garage. Erection of part two storey/part single storey side/rear extension, two storey extension to front elevation with open porch, plus single storey side extension. Alterations to existing roof to incorporate five dormers to the side elevations

OBJECTION: Possible loss of privacy/overlooking of neighbours from proposed dormer windows. Design is not sympathetic to surrounding Conservation Area.

KCC/SE/0007/2018

Court Lodge Farm
Stack Road
Horton Kirby Kent
DA4 9DU

Construction and operation of an Agricultural Waste Digester and ancillary infrastructure

The Chairman invited David Harvey to take the floor to explain the proposal and to take any questions. Questions from concerned residents had been collated from social media and emails and were listed on a white board.

Mr Harvey explained the workings of an Agricultural Waste Digester and had provided an infographic for attendees (attached). Slurry (Dairy herd waste) from West Kingsdown and Gay Dawns Farm will be transported to Horton Kirby via A20, A225, Station Road, Horton Road and Jacobs Lane by tractor towing a sealed tanker type trailer. The tractor trailer movements relates to journeys and not the number of vehicles, equating to less than 2 per day.

A question and answer session followed with Mr Ronald Billing. As many of these are listed below paraphrased and taken from members of the public and the Parish Council:

Q: Does the Environmental Impact Study include the impact on local roads and in particular Station Road and the bridge?

A: No

Statement from member of Public Station road isn't suited nor classed for HGV vehicles and congested with commuter parking week days.

Q: Is there a weight restriction on the Bridge at Station Road?

A: Unknown

Cllr Page stated that it should be noted there are 2 bridges in Station Road.

Q: Why not use a route on farm land to transport the waste from West Kingsdown?

A: There is none suitable

Q: What will your contractor do when the A225 is busy with traffic?

A: will avoid peak times and do not want to navigate small lanes

Q: Jacobs Lane is used by farm vehicles at peak times already –how will you guarantee that it won't be used in peak times?

A: Farm vehicles do avoid Jacobs Lane at busy times as much as possible however traffic and school traffic has also increased in the last 20 years.

Cllr Moyle tasked with letting Mr Billings know of any farm vehicles seen using Jacobs Lane at school collection/drop off times.

Q: What size vehicle will you use?

A: A tractor with a 16000ltr sealed tanker trailer.

Q: Is pipework to be laid to connect the AWD to the national gas network? And will this necessitate HGVs to deliver the pipes?

A: pipework is to be laid across farm land and yes HGVs will be needed to deliver as a one off

Q: Is the site likely to grow?

A: No – it is designed to cope with the needs we have on the farm

Q: Are you just making biofuel for profit?

A: No it would not be worth it alone; the fertiliser and its use on the farm only makes it cost effective

Q: Will the lavender in some of the fields be removed to make way for cattle?

A: The fields are leased to a co-op of 3 farms but there is no pressure on them to stop using them – they can continue if they want to.

Q: Will it be noisy?

A: RB had visited several AWD to research for this site; they were quiet with minimal electrical on site noise.

Q: Will it smell?

A: From experience of visiting other sites there is no smell; this is due to the covered units and the fertiliser that it produces does not smell either. Using it will eliminate the need for muck spreading which really does smell.

Q: Could the AWD leak?

A: It will sit in a concrete liner to contain any possible leaks so that it is safe.

Q: Will there be light pollution from the site?

A: No there is minimal lighting

Q: Will the waste attract more flies?

A: Transport and storage is all covered/sealed so should not be from the AWD; there will also be cattle but over a large area

Q: I am worried that the openness of the Greenbelt will be spoiled by the development.

A: The AWD elevation will not be higher than the existing barn and screened by hedging

Photos from the surrounding area viewing the barn were on display illustrating the sight lines –these are part of the Planning application which can be viewed on the KCC website <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/tabPage3.jsp?aplId=80367>

Q: Will slurry be stored other than in the AWD at Court Lodge Farm?

A: Occasionally it may be in a tanker trailer waiting to be transferred but generally no

Q: What are ‘clamps’?

A: Clamps are enclosed and covered areas where the silage is kept

The Chairman drew the session to an end and asked for members of the Council to consider their response.

Cllr House proposed that No objection is raised to the construction of the Agricultural Waste Digester but specific concerns are registered concerning the increase in traffic and route proposed.

Cllr Stead seconded the proposal with Cllr Page, Willson, Stewart and Blackamore voting in support of the proposal. Cllr Rushbrook and Moyle abstained.

The Chairman urged attendees to register their own views with Kent County Council via their website. Follow link: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/planning-applications/look-at-planning-applications>

162 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

The latest approved Minutes of the committee were received for information.

163 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr McGarvey had attended a working group concerning the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations in May 2018. He has sent a summary of actions to the Clerk for information. GDPR applies to anyone who holds data e.g. mailing lists etc – consent must be sought to hold that information from the person it relates to. For more advice go to <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>

Cllr McGarvey requested that the specific concerns sent regarding the AWD Planning application be clear and copied to him.

164 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough reported that planning application SE/17/03980/FUL at Holmesdale Road will be taking up the Highway element of the application. He commented that he had taken on board the concerns and debate on this evenings application regards the AWD.

165 WESTMINSTER FIELD PAVILION

5 quotes were received and compared to complete a feasibility study on making changes to the Pavilion and agronomist report for the football pitches. Examples of work and projects undertaken had been provided by 3 of the firms. 2 did not include the requested Agronomist report:

Thomas Ford & Partmers £11261 + VAT

Bth consulting £6950 + VAT (no agronomist report)

Caxtons £3600 + VAT (no agronomist report)

Collier Stevens £4200 + VAT

Alexander Sedgley £4460 + VAT (agronomist report includes topography report)

Cllr Blackamore proposed Alexander Sedgley quote be accepted as the included topography report will be useful for the ongoing car park extension research at Westminster Field. Cllr Willson seconded – all voted in favour.

RESOLVED that £4460 + VAT be spent on feasibility study to be provided by Alexander Sedgley

166 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule Of Accounts

The schedule of accounts and payments were approved for payments to be made electronically.

167 WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/NEWSLETTER ITEMS

New website will be completed by end of February. Cllr Willson reported posts on facebook regarding flytipping and potholes. The question of whether CCTV could be used to deter flytipping has been raised again and should be explored further with SDC. March edition of the Newsletter is being put together ready for printing.

168 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5th March 2018.

Public Meeting ended at 8.54pm

Meeting went into camera at 9.20pm once members of public had left to consider a Confidential item regarding changes to staff job description and to appoint a personnel committee.

The Job Description for the Finance Officer and Assistant Clerk was approved with the proviso that it is clear that the Clerk is line manager.

The Grievance Committee is now disbanded and the Personnel Committee will be Cllr Page, Stewart and Mitchell.

Meeting ended at 9.35pm

Chairman

Date