

HORTON KIRBY AND SOUTH DARENTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on 3rd December 2018 in the Village Hall, South Darenth at 7.30 pm

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

Cllr P McGarvey, District Councillor
Cllr Brian Carroll, District Councillor

5 Members of the public including Malcolm Dunn (DRiPs), S Dove and D Hollands (SPCA)

In attendance: H Rohard, Parish Clerk
L Bugler, Assistant Parish Clerk/Finance Officer

100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr D Mitchell

101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

102 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held 5th November were signed as a true record.

103 MATTERS ARISING

All actions were completed.

104 POLICE MATTERS

The PCSO was unavailable to attend the meeting.

105 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & CORRESPONDENCE

Horton Kirby Environmental School have asked if they may keep 5 of the 'There but not there' silhouettes indefinitely, as they have been a great visual aid to visiting school children. Members had no objection to this.

A copy of correspondence from a resident to a local landowner was received for information regarding nuisance quadbikes being ridden on open land. The Clerk has asked the resident to keep the Parish Council informed of any response/action taken.

Email correspondence was shared from a resident to Cllr Gough and Cllr Carroll requesting Parking restrictions to be introduced to the Bull Hill/ Forge Lane junction as parked cars are preventing access to driveways. Cllr Gough responded that he is looking at options with Highways officers; DYL however are unlikely to be the outcome.

A resident had emailed to express concern that an application to remove the TPO on Traffic Island has been raised SE/18/034118/WTPO and requested the Parish Council respond to SDC with its views. Although usually the Parish Council is not a consultee on TPO matters SDC would still value comments. Members were concerned at the number

of pallets and the general untidiness on site. ACTION: Clerk to write to SDC to request the existing TPO remains in place.

Cllr House had attended a KALC meeting and received updates on the Draft Local Plan; a further site has emerged as being considered at The Cottage, Holmesdale Hill. The maps and information will be added to the Parish Council website for residents information.

A further consultation period will be in December 2018/January 2019

A member of the public stated that buses are no longer stopping at Esparto Way entrance; Cllr Page responded that the buses are 'hail and stop' so will stop at any point around the villages if safe to do so. ACTION: Clerk to write to Arriva to ask that this is still the case

Cllr Moyle reported that in September the 414 failed to arrive 5 mornings which meant children could not get to school on time. On other occasions the bus had terminated at the top of Cedar Drive and had left children stranded at Wilmington. Cllr Gough said that he would take these issue sup with Arriva; the Chairman requested that a letter be sent to Arriva for comment. ACTION: Clerk

Malcolm Dunn reported that recent rainfall has kept the river at a good level and there were no concerns at present.

106 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr McGarvey reported the Draft Local Plan had been scrutinised by the Planning Advisory Committee and was due to be presented to Cabinet 6th December. SDC had challenged the calculation of the number of homes required by Government however this had been unsuccessful.

400 sites had been proposed across the District, 388 were tested and 12 remained to go into the Draft plan. 3 main sites are going forward at The Quarry (Bat and Ball) Chevening, and Pedham Place. Other options have been checked by advisors and only those with the best possible chance of being accepted have been included.

Pedham Place is a contentious site with 2500 proposed homes and would have a major effect on the village of Farningham and surrounding area. KCC Highways have not responded to the consultation and it is hoped that when it does there will be evidence to throw the plan out. The plan is not detailed but early indications were that a new school and doctors surgery could be included.

Cllr Gough commented that children from potential new developments would put existing schools under pressure so an additional school would make sense; Cllr McGarvey responded that green belt land must only be considered under Exceptional Circumstances that would include a benefit to the **existing** communities.

Oak View Stud Farm: the developer has produced further rough plans for 160 homes and is having a public meeting 10/12/18 at the village hall. This plan is not part of the Local Plan but there is no reason why a separate planning application could not run alongside the included brownfield site.

Cllr Rushbrook asked about the specifics of Greenbelt and Brownfield areas of the site. ACTION: Clerk to check.

Cllr Carroll reported he was starting to hear from local residents and so far all had been traffic related. There is also concern about homes for families and children who want to stay in the area. He was pleased that the 40mph speed limit on the A225 had been so positively received by residents.

107 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Gough reported that he would take up the issues from the last meeting regarding the 40mph signs. Cllr Blackmore commented that a sign is needed exiting Franks Lane to alert drivers as they are leaving a National Speed Limit zone.

East Lane is confirmed as being an un-adopted road and that land registry appears to have no record. Cllr Gough said this may have been from the time of the area being under the 'Rural Dartford District' but did not have any further information.

Cllr Rushbrook stated that the chevron on the Franks Lane bridge is still missing and believes it has been removed on purpose (found in the river). Cllr Gough will take this up.

KCC will be increasing its council tax element by 5% in 2019/20 to cope with the funding gap from Government. Social Care element continues to be the biggest need particularly with Children's Social Care needs.

Cllr Moyle reported that the wooded posts in Bull Hill are rotten and need replacing.

108 HALLS COMMITTEE

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

109 VILLAGE HALL TOILET REFURBISHMENT

Cllr Moyle presented the Halls Committee recommendation for works to be carried out to refurbish the Village Hall toilets; 4 quotes had been received and considered (Minute 44 Halls Committee meeting 20th November 2018). The Committee proposed the firm Flush to complete the work for £10,743 + VAT to be paid from General Reserves. Cllr Page proposed this action, Cllr Moyle seconded and all voted in favour. RESOLVED that £10,743 +VAT be spent from General Reserves in order to refurbish the Village Hall toilets. ACTION: clerk to place order for works and liaise with hall users.

110 HEATHSIDE PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr House presented the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee proposal to install converted shipping container toilet block at Heathside. A report had been received by members outlining costs and funding options; presently £19K plus is available due to savings made in the Playground Budget following a successful funding bid for the outdoor gym and CIL direct payments. Any shortfall will be applied for from the CIL funds held at SDC for such purposes.

Cllr House proposed that converted shipping containers be installed as a means of providing a public conveniences at Heathside with further funding sought to cover the cost. Cllr Stewart seconded the proposal and all voted in favour.

111 ADOPTION OF NEW STANDING ORDERS

The NALC model standing orders had been reviewed and amendments made to suit the Parish Council. The document was received as read and no further amendments were required. Cllr Blackmore proposed that the Standing Orders be adopted, Cllr Stead seconded and all voted in favour. RESOLVED that the document 'HKSD Parish Council Standing Orders 2018' be adopted.

112 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Schedule Of Accounts

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

113 DARENT VALLEY LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

No update had been received from DVLP at the time of the meeting; information of current actions or projects has not been forthcoming over the last year. Members were concerned the Parish Council's annual contribution of £1000 for the duration of the 5 year project be either recouped or diverted to Parish projects if the lack of information continued.

Cllr Gough reported that Eynsford and Otford appeared to have good engagement with Rick Baynes the project Manager and would raise the matter with him.

NB an emailed update was received on the afternoon of 3/12/18 but had not been seen by the Clerk in time for the meeting. This was circulated to Councillors by email and Cllr House will invite Rod Sheldon to meet with the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee to link up projects in the Parish with the Partnerships schemes.

114 PARISH COUNCIL 125th ANNIVERSARY

This Anniversary will be in late 2019 (exact date to be confirmed). Members discussed how to mark this occasion.

Cllr Moyle explained that the 100th Anniversary book was very well received and although out of print, occasionally second hand copies are sold on the internet. He suggested that a new book be published with 'then and now' photos from around the villages with written memories from residents.

Cllr House still has the PDFs of the 100th Anniversary book and will look into how these could be used.

115 WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Cllr Willson reported that cars had been vandalised or broken into in Paddock Close/Montgomery Road.

The next newsletter deadline is 30th January.

Cllr Moyle wished to publically thank Dave Hollands and Ashley Dring, who were present, for all their work with providing and lighting the Beacon at the 'Battles Over' celebration on 11th November. He said that without their contribution the event would not have been so successful.

Cllr Rushbrook reported that car/house keys are being stolen by new means and Cllr Carroll recommended keeping electronic car keys in a metal tin to avoid data being stolen through locked doors.

116 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th January 2019

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman

Date