

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on
06 February 2020 commencing at 9.45am

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr M Manley
Cllr J Scott

In attendance: Mrs Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs Brammer

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 02 January 2020 were signed as a true record.

4. Applications

SE/19/03412: St Peters Church – Proposed new tea station and external WC enclosure with associated new drainage and septic tank in churchyard, internal alterations. Cllr Mrs Howie PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object, in principal, to this application, but would ask that consideration is given to changing the orientation of WC enclosure with the entrance to the east to prevent people waiting to use the facilities looking into the neighbour's house and garden. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

5. Other Matters for Discussion

5.1 SE/20/00112/CAN: Telephone Call Box, The Row, New Ash Green, DA3 8JB – Removal of public payphone. Cllr M Manley PROPOSED that the Parish Council has not objection to the removal of the call box. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

5.2 Government consultation on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments. Members went through the consultation and the answers will be submitted online.

5.3 Halstead Green Belt Future Group – Cllr Mrs Connell reported that she and the Clerk had attended a meeting on 28 January 2020 This group is asking all parish councils in the Sevenoaks District to support them by adopting their manifesto, which was shared with members. Adopting the manifesto does not give any weight with Sevenoaks District Council and It was AGREED that while in agreement with the aims of the group, it would not serve Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council to adopt it.

5.4 South Ash Manor – it was NOTED that Sevenoaks District Council's Enforcement Manager has sent a disrepair letter to the owners of the property. Their registered address is in the Bahamas. South Ash Manor has the highest listed rating in the parish aside from the Church and should not be allowed to disintegrate.

5.5 Hartley Bottom Road – an area of woodland on Ridley Farm has been fenced and a caravan has been moved onto the fenced area. Trees have been cleared. This will be reported to Sevenoaks Planning Enforcement.

The meeting closed at 11.22am.

Signed: Date: