

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2020 at New Ash Green Village Association meeting room, Centre Road, North Square, DA3 8HH

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Hobbs (arrived 7.53pm)
Cllr M Manley
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr P Nightingale (arrived 7.50pm)
Cllr J Scott

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council

- 7772/20 Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Brammer (ill) Cllr N Lejot (work) Apologies Cllr I Mann (ill). Cllr J Scott (holiday) and Cllr S Glover for late arrival. The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.
- 7773/20 a. Declarations of Interest – None.
Declarations b. No changes to the Register of Interests. Members were reminded that Of Interest any alteration or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.
- 7774/20 None received
Dispensations
- 7775/20 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday Minutes 19 December 2019 be approved and signed as a true record.
PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.
- 7776/20 a. The review of the Disciplinary & Grievance Procedures was carried Policies out. Cllr M Manley PROPOSED that no amendments were required.
SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED. (Cllr P Nightingale arrived)
- 7777/20 a. Enquiries will be made with the New Ash Green Social Committee VE Day 2020 regarding any events they may have planned to mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on 08 May 2020. (Cllr Mrs Hobbs arrived)
- 7778/20 a. Applications
Planning None at time of Agenda.
The application for information only was NOTED.
b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/01/20 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
c. Appeals
None at time of Agenda.
d. Enforcements
None at time of Agenda.

- e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 02 January 2020 were NOTED. Concerns were raised about the condition of South Ash Manor. The Enforcement Officer from Sevenoaks District Council will visit the building and report back.
- f. Local Plan – the Sevenoaks District Council's response to the Planning Inspectorate was NOTED.

7779/20
Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr V Ngwenya SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 18 February 2020.
- d. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the renewal of the annual membership of the Countryside Charity (CPRE) in the amount of £36.00 is AUTHORISED. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.

7780/20
Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 17 February 2020
- b. It was NOTED that the Sports Centre was unsuccessful in its application for a grant to LoCASE (Low Carbon Across the South East) as the building is ultimately owned by the Parish Council and subsidised by council tax funding, making the application ineligible.

7781/20
Barnfield
Park

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Liaison Group will be held on 03 March 2020.

7782/20
Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 22 January 2020.

7783/20
Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the date of the next Burial Ground Committee meeting will be held on 22 January 2020.

7784/20
Youth

- a. The notes of the meeting with the Youth Hub Delivery Manager at Swanley and Hartley, West Kingsdown and Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Councils held on 27 November 2019 were NOTED.
- b. 8 – 12's - No report

The meeting was suspended at 8.03pm to receive reports from the County and District Councillors.

The report from the County and District Councillors is attached to these minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 8.24pm

7785/20
Highways

- a. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council writes to National Rail highlighting the difficulties experienced by passengers with mobility problems in accessing the rail services at Longfield Station. SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.

7786/20
Footpaths

- a. No report

- 7787/20
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva, KCC and the Parish Councils will be held on 02 March 2020.
- 7788/20
Health
- a. Jubilee Medical Centre Repeat Prescription Ordering Direct (POD). Concerns have been raised regarding the introduction of a new call centre based facility for requesting repeat subscriptions, especially for elderly residents as a smart phone is required. The re-order process cannot be accessed on a PC and cannot be done through the surgery. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that a letter is sent to the practice enquiring what can be done to remedy the situation. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.
- 7789/20
Ash, Hodsoil Street, Ash & New Ash Green
- b. Ash – Downton Abbey will be shown on 29 January 2020 and not 22 January 2020 as advertised.
- c. Hodsoil Street – Village Hall week starts on 20 January 2020 and Hodsoil Street Village Hall is putting up some display boards. Ash Village Hall will take part next year.
- d. Ridley - Mr Mike West has worked with the builder to carry out the repairs to Bowdler's Well, which is nearing completion. Mrs West will write an article for the Bulletin.
- 7790/20
Bulletin and Website
- a. Bulletin – it was NOTED that the deadline for the next edition is 06 February 2020.
- b. Website –
- 7791/20
Focus Group and Police
- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the meeting of the Focus Group held on 13 January 2020 will be distributed with the February 2020 Agenda.
- 7792/19
Lunch Provision
- a. We have reached capacity at the Lunch Club and a waiting list will be started.
- 7793/20
KALC
- a. No Report
- 7794/20
Reports, Circulars and Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/01/20 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman