

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 September 2021 at Ash Village
Hall, The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB commencing at 19:45

Present: Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr S Glover (arrived 19.58pm)
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr P Nightingale

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr C Nelson – Sevenoaks District Council
2 Members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-chairman, Cllr Mrs Connell
PROPOSED that Cllr F Cottee is elected Chairman for the meeting.
SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8183/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M Brown (ill), Cllr Mrs Brammer (work), Cllr S Fishenden (work), Cllr M Manley (holiday), Cllr Mrs Sapiets (work) and Cllr J Scott (prior commitment). Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
District Councillor A Pett also sent his apologies.

The meeting was suspended at 19.46 for the presentation of the KALC Community
Award 2021
The meeting resumed at 19.51pm

8184/21 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – none
- b. No changes to the Register of Interests. Members were reminded that any alteration or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

8185/21 Dispensations

None received.

8186/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 July 2021 be approved. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Connell SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.

8187/21 Casual Vacancy

- a. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the casual vacancy is advertised in the next edition of the Bulletin together with an article about the role of a Parish Councillor. Notices will be placed on the noticeboard and website. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and AGREED

8188/21 Planning

- a. Applications
None at time of Agenda
The Applications for information only were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/9/21 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 meetings of 05 August, 19 August and 02 September 2021 were NOTED.

8189/21 Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr P Nightingale SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
- c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27 July 2021 were NOTED.
- d. The response from the New Ash Green Village Association advising that they will be installing a traffic mirror at the intersection of North Ash Road and Ash Road. It was NOTED that the alms houses hedged has been reduced.
- e. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the renewal of the annual subscription to the Kent Playing Fields Association in the amount of £20.00 is authorised. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and AGREED.
- f. The Clerk advised that contradictory advice has been received regarding the ability to provide an internet based telephone system. The PABX has been removed and the lines run direct to the Parish Office and Sports Centre. We will continue with this provision.
- g. Welcome Back Fund – This item will be brought back to the October 2021. A reminder will be sent out mid-month.

8190/21 New Ash Green Village Association

- a. It was NOTED that the meeting with the Village Association has been rescheduled to 27 September 2021.

8191/21 Service of Remembrance

- a. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council arranges a Service of Remembrance at Ash War Memorial commencing at 10.45am, followed by tea, coffee and cake in the village hall with donations to the Poppy Appeal. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.
- b. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council purchase a wreath from the Royal British Legion under **Section 137 of the LGA 1972** with a donation of £100.00. SECONDED: Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8192/21 The Queen's Canopy

- a. Cllr Mrs Clucas advised that the New Ash Green WI have applied for some of the free trees. Suggestions to plant a tree in Hodsoll Street and some fruit trees near Bowdler's Well were made. The Woodlands Group, Village Association and Northfield Management Committee will be contacted for suggestions. This item

will be brought back to the October meeting a reminder will be sent out mid-month.

8193/21 Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 29 September 2021.

8194/21 Barnfield Park

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held on 27 September 2021.

8195/21 Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 27 September 2021.

8196/21 Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 23 September 2021 will be distributed with the October 2021 Agenda

The meeting was suspended at 20.41pm to receive report from the District Councillor.

The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes

The meeting reconvened at 20.54pm

8197/21 Youth

- a. Senior Youth Club – the quotation from West Kent Housing Association to provide a weekly youth club is awaited.

8198/21 Highways

- a. It was NOTED that the resurfacing of Pease Hill has been completed to a high standard. Due to the wet conditions, the hedges have grown out onto roads. An article will be placed in the Bulletin regarding the responsibility of hedgerow maintenance.

8199/21 Footpaths

- a. No report.

8200/21 Transport

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes will be held on 12 October 2021.

8201/21 Health

- a. Jubilee Medical Practice – it was NOTED that in a survey of 100 randomly selected patients from Doctors surgeries in Kent, the Jubilee Medical Practice scored second worst in the County. The MP has been involved in arranging COVID-19 vaccinations in conjunction with Meopham Surgery and it was AGREED that the service being received from the surgery is unsatisfactory and a letter will be sent to the MP in this regard.

8202/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. The minutes of the Focus Group meeting held on 19 July 2021 were NOTED.

8203/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – The first film of the season did not attract a large audience. The next film, Nomads Land will be held on 27 October and advertised in the Bulletin.
- b. Hodsoll Street –
 - 1. It was NOTED that Sevenoaks District Council has decided that the nomination for the Green Man Pub to be listed as a Community Asset has been successful
 - 2. The Annual Safety Inspection Report for the Hodsoll Street Play Area was NOTED.
 - 3. A request has been received from residents in Hodsoll Street with young children, to see if the play area could be upgraded to include a slide, roundabout, seesaw and a new swings. An upgrade of the play area is needed, however, the status of the land that the play area is on has not been formalised. Contact will be made with the Stoneham Trust in this regard.
- c. Ridley – it was reported that graffiti was painted on a property on Rectory Lane and the Police are considering this as a personal grievance.

8204/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – The next edition will be published and delivered before the end of October 2021.
- b. Website – No report.

8205/21 Thursday Lunch Provision

- a. The lunch provision has returned to the Youth Centre on Thursday 05 August 2021 . The majority of members have returned, but we have room for a few more. As we no longer receive a grant from Kent County Council, the policy will be that all new members must reside in the parish. It was NOTED that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk made and served the lunch this week.

8206/21 KALC

- a. No report.

8207/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/09/21 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 21.32

Signed: Date:
Chairman