

## **ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 November 2021 at Hodsoil Street & Ridley Village Hall, Hodsoil Street, TN15 7LE, commencing at 19:45pm**

Present:

- Cllr M Brown
- Cllr Mrs Brammer
- Cllr Mrs Clark
- Cllr F Cottee
- Cllr Mrs Clucas
- Cllr Mrs Connell
- Cllr S Fishenden
- Cllr S Glover
- Cllr Mrs Hobbs
- Cllr Mrs Howie (arrived 19.53pm)
- Cllr I MacLeod (joined 20.06pm)
- Cllr M Manley
- Cllr P Nightingale (arrived 19.50pm)
- Cllr Miss Sapiets

In attendance:

- Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
- Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Councillor
- Cllr G Pender – Sevenoaks District Councillor
- 2 Members of the public

### **8231/21 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr V Ngwenya (Holiday) and Cllr J Scott (Prior engagement) Cllr S Fishenden PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED. District Councillor Alan Pett also sent his apologies.

**The meeting was suspended at 19.47pm to carry out the Co-option to fill the Casual Vacancy**

**The meeting reconvened at 20.06pm**

### **8232/21 Casual Vacancy**

- a. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that Standing Orders are suspended to allow a paper ballot for the Co-option process. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- b. Mrs I MacLeod was Co-opted to represent the South East Ward of New Ash Green and joined the meeting. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that her Declaration of Acceptance of Office is signed next week. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

### **8233/21 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.

### **8234/21 Dispensations**

None received.

## **8235/21 Minutes**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 October 2021 be approved with the correction to the name of the film in item 8226/21 a. from Deamland to Dream Horse. PROPOSED: Cllr M Manley SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden FOR: 13 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1.

## **8236/21 Service of Remembrance**

- a. The service was well attended and attended by children from New Ash Green Primary School and Milestone Academy. In light of the modified service, Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Service of Remembrance is changed to Act of Remembrance SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer. FOR: 13 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1. Letters will be sent to Mr D Brammer for setting up the public address system and to Rev Helen Reeves for the service that she had written.

## **8237/21 Planning**

- a. Applications

### **SE/21/03616: 2 Bonny Acre Cottages, Wrotham Road, DA13 0RF –**

Construction of single storey extension after demolition of existing conservatory. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application as it would result in excessive development in the Green Belt. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

**SE/21/03594: Land North of Eldridge Farm, New Street Road, Hodsoil Street, TN15 7JY -** Proposed Hay Barn. Cllr Mrs Howie PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application as:

- The access to the site is poor.
- The application form states that this will be an open sided building, however, the drawings show a four sided building, which has been confirmed as the proposed structure, however, there are no details of the materials to be used for the sides of the barn.
- An enclosed building as per the drawings is not suitable for hay storage and not suitable for the proposed purpose.

SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas. FOR: 13 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

### **SE/21/03508: Grass Verge North of Millfield Lane, New Ash Green –**

Construction of seventeen car parking bays on the verges of Millfield Lane with associated pedestrian access. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer FOR: 13 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

**SE/21/03342: 32 Caling Croft, New Ash Green, DA3 8PX –** Single storey rear/side extension with alterations to fenestration. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr S Glover FOR: 13 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/11/21 were RECEIVED and
- c. Appeals  
None at time of Agenda.
- d. Enforcements  
None at time of Agenda.

- e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 04 November 2021 were NOTED.
- f. Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan – in response to the call for sites, Cllr M Manley PROPOSED that the Parish Council puts forward the shopping centre as a possible location for development. SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden FOR: 12 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2

#### **8238/21 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 M Manley and AGREED.
- c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee meeting held on 02 November 2021 were NOTED.
- d. Budget 2022/23 - Cllr S Glover PROPOSED that the recommendation from the Finance Committee to set the precept at £121,888, being a 3% increase which equates to an increase of £1.46 per annum for a Band D property based on the 2021/22 figures is APPROVED. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley FOR: 13 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1
- e. Ash Green Sports Centre Budget – the Sports Centre Budget for 2022/23 was NOTED.
- f. Welcome Back Fund – the options of picnic benches was discussed and it was AGREED that a traditional bench would be better suited to the locations in Ash and Ridley. These benches must be compliant with Sevenoaks District Council's Net Zero Policy. Suggestions for potential sites on Over Minnis and on the Sports Field between the Pétanque courts and Knights Croft, the Village Association will be contacted in this regard.

#### **8239/21 New Ash Green Village Association**

- a. The requested structure of the Village Association has not been provided as the Village Association are undergoing a review. Therefore, the selection of a representative did not take place.

#### **8240/21 The Queen's Canopy**

- a. It was NOTED that fruit trees are not available through the Woodland Trust initiative. The next meeting of the VA Amenity Committee is on 07 December 2021 and the decision on a single tree on the island in front of Orpins is awaited.
  - Hodsoll Street – outside Park View on the Green (not too tall as there are overhead lines)
  - Fruit trees at Ridley – near Bowdler's Well and on Northfield. Permission from the respective landowners will be sought.
 SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.
- b. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Parish Council registers to take part, in conjunction with Ash Church, in a beacon lighting ceremony on 02 June 2022 at 9.15pm to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED

#### **8241/21 Sports Centre**

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 27 October 2021 were NOTED.

#### **8242/21 Barnfield Park**

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held on 28 March 2022 were NOTED.

**8243/21 Northfield**

- a. It was NOTED that the date of the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be confirmed.

**8244/21 Burial Ground**

- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 10 November 2021 will be distributed with the December 2021 Agenda.

**The meeting was suspended at 20.56pm to receive report from the District Councillor.**

The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes

**The meeting reconvened at 20.58pm**

**8245/21 Youth**

- a. No report.

**8246/21 Highways**

- a. Details of why temporary traffic lights have been installed at the intersection of Ash Road and Centre Road.

**8247/21 Footpaths**

- a. No report.

**8248/21 Transport**

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes will be held on 08 March 2022.

**8249/21 Health**

- a. Jubilee Medical Practice – the response received from Laura Trott MP was NOTED It was NOTED that the Patient's Panel has been set up again.

**8250/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police**

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 10 January 2022. Cllr Mrs Clucas requested that the landlord of the shopping centre is requested to install more prominent No Cycling and No Scooter signage.

**8251/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley**

- a. Ash – Cllr Miss Sapiets will join the Ash Village Hall Committee.
- b. Hodsoll Street –
  1. Holywell Park Care Home – there have been four more staff resignations and the ratio of staff to residents has dropped.
  2. Village Hall - A Quiz will held on Friday and the Big Breakfast and a children's Christmas party will be held on 04 December.
  3. Carols on the Green will be held on 17 December 2021 and in the Village Hall afterwards.
  4. The Green Man Pub – the owners of the site have advised Sevenoaks District Council of their intention to sell the site. The community have until 06 December 2021 to decide whether to bid. Although there is no formal valuation of the site, it is expected to be between £300,000 and £400,00 and there is strong support in the community to have an opportunity to re-build a pub on this site. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Parish Council

completed the Intention to Bid form and submits it to Sevenoaks District Council. There is no obligation, in any way, on the Parish Council.

SECONDED: Cllr S Glover FOR: 13 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1.

5. Play Area – it was NOTED that Mr Mark Stoneham has responded to the request to progress the suggested licence between the Parish Council and Mr Colin Stoneham and the Trustees of Ivor Stoneham's estate, stating that he would not enter into any agreement at this time, and that the Parish Council can continue to use the land that the play area is on for the next 12 months.
- c. Ridley – Christmas carols will be held on 12 December 2021 in Ridley Church.

#### **8252/21 Bulletin and Website**

- a. Bulletin – no report.
- b. Website – No report.

#### **8253/21 Thursday Lunch Provision**

- a. Two new members have brought the number of members to over 30.

#### **8254/21 KALC**

- a. Cllr S Fishenden gave a verbal report on the KALC AGM – advising that following the formal business, an interesting presentation was given regarding Climate Change and the suggestion for local councils to form an action plan to encourage residents on how to make reductions. It was announced that Terry Martin, Chief Executive will be leaving KALC at the end of January 2022.

#### **8255/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence**

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/11/21 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....