

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 July 2019 at New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre, North Square, DA3 8JZ commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr S Hobbs
Cllr N Lejot
Cllr M Manley
Cllr I Mann

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
Cllr A Pett – Sevenoaks District Council

7668/19 Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Clucas and J Scott (family engagement), Cllr P Nightingale (Hospital Appointment) and Cllr S Glover (work). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted. District Councillor G Pender sent his apologies as he has a meeting at Sevenoaks District Council.

7669/19 a. Declarations of Interest – None
Declarations Of Interest 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.

7670/19 None received
Dispensations

7671/19 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 June 2019 be approved and signed as a true record. PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

7672/19 a. Applications
Planning **SE/19/01371: Land West of Highlands, Ash Road, TN15 7HA** – erection of a single storey dwelling. (Neighbouring Parish Consultation). Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application for a detached bungalow in the garden of Highlands. It would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt and harmful to the openness of the Green Belt. No case has been made for any very special circumstances. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee FOR: 8 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

b. Decisions
The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/07/19 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
Appeals
None at time of Agenda.

c. Enforcements
None at time of Agenda.

- 7672/19
Planning
- d. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 04 July 2019 were NOTED.
- 7673/19
Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised.
PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.
c. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 09 July 2019 were NOTED.
d. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve spending up to £5,000 for exploratory work to be carried out on the roof of the squash court to establish required repairs is APPROVED. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
e. The Play Area Safety Inspection Report for the Hodsoll Street Play Area was RECEIVED and NOTED. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the recommended repair to secure the spring cover on the gate is carried out and that the bench is cleaned. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and AGREED.
- 7674/19
Sports Centre
- a. It was NOTED that the net meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 22 July 2019.
- 7675/19
Barnfield Park
- a. It was NOTED that the meeting of the Liaison Group scheduled for 01 July 2019 has been postponed.
- 7676/19
Northfield
- a. It was NOTED that the date for the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee has not been set.
- 7677/19
Burial Ground
- a. The minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 15 May 2019 were NOTED and the date of the next meeting has been set for 18 September 2019.
- 7678/19
Youth
- a. West Kent Communities – The youth providers are experiencing difficulty in recruiting male youth workers. It is a stipulation of the hire of the youth centre that there is one male staff member. As the number of young people attending is below 20, the Trustees of the youth centre have agreed that the youth club can run with four female staff members.
b. 8 – 12's - The primary school are involved in the referral of young people to this club.
- 7679/19
Highways
- a. Billet Hill – The road closure on 16 and 17 July 2019 was put in place before the emergency road closure notice was received. This is permissible and all within the regulations requiring notice for emergency closures.

The meeting was suspended at 8.09pm 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 8.17pm

- 7680/19
Footpaths
- a. No report.
- 7681/19
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva and the Parish Councils will be held on 01 October 2019.
- 7682/19
Ash, Hodsoll Street, Ash & New Ash Green
- a. Ash – An organ recital will be held at Ash Church on the first Saturday in October.
b. Hodsoll Street – Cllr F Cottee reported that the Hodsoll Street fete made a record profit of over £4,000. Holywell Park is more involved in the community and the fete extended into their grounds, allowing for additional events including a dog show. The pop-up café was held today and Cllr F Cottee thanked the parish councillors that were able to attend. A garden show and cream tea will be held on 11 August 2019
c. Ridley - no report.
- 7683/19
Bulletin and Website
- a. Bulletin – The next edition is nearly complete and will be printed and delivered from 22 July 2019.
b. Website – no report
- 7684/19
Focus Group and Police
- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Focus Group meeting held on 15 July 2019 will be distributed with the September 2019 Agenda.
- 7685/19
Lunch Provision
- a. The lunch continues to be popular with between 25 and 30 members attending this week.
- 7686/19
KALC
- a. No report.
- 7687/19
Reports, Circulars and Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/06/19 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: