

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the online meeting held on Thursday 21 January 2021,
commencing at 19:45

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr S Fishenden
Cllr S Glover
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr M Manley
Cllr Mrs Manston)
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr Ms Sapiets (joined at 19.50)

In attendance:

Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk (arrived 19.52)
Cllr A Pett – Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr G Pender – Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr P Cole – Sevenoaks District Council

8019/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Brammer (medical), Cllr Mrs Howie (work), Cllr V Ngwenya (Family Bereavement) and Cllr J Scott (technical difficulties). Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.

The meeting was suspended at 19:47 to allow for the Co-option process to be completed.

Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that Ms Melanie Sapiets is Co-opted to the Parish Council and will sign her declaration of acceptance of office as soon as practicable. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and AGREED.

The meeting reconvened at 19:51

8020/21 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in item 7.b as the list of payments include two payments to her son.
- 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.

8021/21 Dispensations

None received.

8022/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 December 2021 be approved. PROPOSED: Cllr M Manley SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.

8023/20 COVID-19

- a. It was NOTED that the vulnerable over 70's are being invited to get vaccinated.

8024/21 Planning

- a. Applications
None at time of Agenda.
The applications for information only were NOTED.
- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/1/21 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 meeting held on 07 January 2021 were NOTED.

8025/21 Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 09 February 2021.
- d. Maintenance Contracts – Cllr F Cotte PROPOSED that the quotation received from the current contractor in the amount of £4,704 for the Ash and Hodsoll Street grass cutting is accepted. SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the three year quotation from the current contractor for Ash Burial Ground is accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED. This is in accordance with Financial Regulation 11 k).
- e. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that Satswana is appointed Data Protection Officer for the Parish Council for the year in the amount of £150.00. SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.

8026/21 Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the Sports Centre closed on 20 December 2020 as Kent moved into tier 4 and the staff have been placed on Furlough.
- b. It was NOTED that on appeal to Sevenoaks District Council, the Sports Centre has received £1,334.00 local restrictions support grant for the period 5 November to 2 December 2020, and £2,001.00 for the period 5 January to 15 February 2021. In addition, a Closed Business Lockdown payment in the amount of £4,000.00 has been received.
- c. It was NOTED that the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee scheduled for 05 January 2021 was cancelled as the Centre is closed.

8027/21 Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 25 January 2021.

8028/20 Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the of the Burial Ground Committee will be held on 24 February 2021.

The meeting was suspended at 20.08pm to receive reports from the District Councillors’.

The reports from the District Councillors are attached to these minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 20.20pm

8029/21 Youth

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on 12 January 2021 were NOTED
- b. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Parish Council supports the initiatives as recommended by the Youth Committee with sponsorship and any other influence that the Parish Council has without burdening the Clerk with additional work. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the last 8 – 12’s Club has been renamed Young Adventurers and centre based sessions restarted on 14 January 2021.

8030/21 KALC Community Award Scheme

- a. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that Mr Cameron Clark is nominated to receive the KALC Community Award for 2021 in recognition of his valued contribution and involvement in the community. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8031/21 Highways

- a. No report.

8032/21 Footpaths

- a. No report

8033/21 Transport

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes will be held on 02 March 2021.

8034/21 Health

- a. No report

8035/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Focus Group meeting held on 18 January 2021 will be distributed with the February 202 Agenda.

8036/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – Flytipping at the entrance and along the access road to Barnfield Park has increased so much that it impedes vehicle access in some parts . There is also considerable rubbish dumped on the field adjacent to the road
- b. Hodsoll Street – The brass band for the Carols on the Green has been cancelled.
- c. Ridley – no report.

8037/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – the first draft has been sent to the Clerk. Delivery of the Bulletin – most Councillors and Sports Centre staff have volunteered to deliver Bulletins in the village, some neighbourhoods have received more than one person willing to do them, so a list will be confirmed before printing.
- b. Website –.

8038/21 Lunch Provision

- a. The provision is going well and appreciated by those who receive them.

8039/21 KALC

- a. No report.

8040/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/01/21 were NOTED.
Cllr S Glover advised that there is funding available for the re-generation of ponds and will forward the details to the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 20.45

Signed: Date:
Chairman