

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2022 at New Ash
Green Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road, DA3 8HH
commencing at 7:45pm

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr S Fishenden
Cllr S Glover
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr M Manley

In attendance:

Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Councillor
Cllr Penny Cole – Sevenoaks District Council

A minute's silence was held to for Mr Vic Stroud, a previous member of the Council who has passed away.

8522/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Brammer (previous engagement), Cllr V Ngwenya (holiday) and Cllr P Nightingale (previous engagement). Cllr M Manley PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8523/22 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in item 6 Finance as a payment, for tree work has been made to her son's company.
- 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.

8524/22 Dispensations

None received.

8525/22 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2022 be approved and signed. PROPOSED Cllr M Manley SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8526/22 Planning

- a. Applications
SE/22/03049: North Lodge, Ash Road, Ash, TN15 7HR - Variation of condition 3 (hard and soft landscaping), 5 (tree and hedgerow protection) and 6 (plans) of APP/G2245/W/18/3218685 related to 18/0810/FUL for Demolition of existing detached garage and outbuilding . Erection of two three-bedroom, two storey, semi-detached houses with new vehicular access to Ash Road. Cllr M Manley

PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application but requests that particular attention is paid to the provision of soak-aways. Local experience shows poor drainage in this area. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

SE/22/03071: Foxlease, Oak Farm Lane, Fairseat, TN15 7JU – Alterations to fenestration. Cllr Mrs Howie PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy.

SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

SE/22/03143: Land to the West of Holywell Farm House, Greenfields, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LE - Details pursuant to Condition 10 (Electric vehicle charging) of 22/01268/MMA. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that as charging points for residential properties are standard throughout the UK (UK Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, 4 July 2022). Condition 10 should not be discharged until the appropriate points are installed and commissioned 'Prior to first use'.

SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.

SE/22/03143: Land to the West of Holywell Farm House, Greenfields, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LE – Details pursuant to Condition 12 (soft landscaping) of 22/01268/MMA. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council defers to the expertise of the Arboricultural Officer. We have a concern about the robustness of the Maintenance section of the Landscaping Specification, as the landscaping of Plot 1 has mostly died due to lack of maintenance. We also note that the location plan still consistently includes land that does not belong to the developer, see attached. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

SE/22/03178: Greengates, Rosemary Lane, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7JX – Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings and the erection of new detached dwelling and garage. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application as the land for the proposed dwelling is on agricultural land. The increased bulk and height of the proposed dwelling is harmful to the Green Belt. The house was extended by 50% in 2000. No details of the finish have been submitted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

SE/22/03140: The Cottage, The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB – Subdivision of the plot, conversion of an existing garage into a dwelling with associated parking, amenity area and landscaping. Demolition of two existing outbuildings. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application as it will result in an additional dwelling in the Green Belt. Local knowledge has given concern that the land may be designated for agricultural use and not part of the garden. If approved, the Parish Council would request that all outbuildings are demolished within 6 months of completion and that all permitted development rights are withdrawn. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/12/22 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- c. Appeals
None at time of Agenda.
- d. Enforcements
None at time of Agenda.
- e. It was NOTED that the meeting of the Planning Committee meeting of 01 December 2022 did not take place as there were no applications for consideration.
- f. It was NOTED that Sevenoaks District Council have confirmed that the on 01 December 2022 the Royal Oak was added to the list of Assets of Community Value.
- g. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that Graham Simpkin Planning Consultants are invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council to present proposals and pre-

planning submission for Ash House South, New Ash Green. **SECONDED:** Cllr M Brown and **AGREED.**

- h. It was **NOTED** that the charity Action with Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK) is in the process of being wound up.

8527/22 Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were **NOTED**.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. **PROPOSED:** Cllr S Fishenden **SECONDED:** Cllr M Manley and **AGREED.**
- c. It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on February 2023.
- d. The interim Internal Audit Report 2022-23 was **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**.
- e. It was **NOTED** that the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) has advised that the current appointed auditor will conclude any outstanding work for the 2021/22 AGAR and our new appointed auditor is Mazars LLP for the period 2022-23 to 2026-27.
- f. It was **NOTED** that the renewal of the Data Protection Service with Satswana for the 2023 years has been renewed in the amount of £180.00.
- g. Cllr S Fishenden **PROPOSED** that the membership of the Clerk to the Society of Local Council Clerks for the year 2023 in the amount of £337.00 is renewed. **SECONDED:** Cllr M Manley and **AGREED.**
- h. The email from Sevenoaks District Council advising of estimated fees for Town/Parish Council elections for 04 May 2023 were **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**. It was **NOTED** that there are sufficient funds in the election reserve.
- i. Cllr S Glover **PROPOSED** that £50.00 is donated to the Phase 3 pupils at Milestone Academy under **Section 137 of LGA 1972**. **SECONDED:** Cllr F Cottee and **AGREED.**
- j. Cllr Mrs Clucas **PROPOSED** that £275.00 is granted to West Kent Mediation under **Section 137 of LGA 1972**. **SECONDED:** Cllr Mrs Clark and **AGREED.**
- k. The appeal for funding from Marie Curie was not successful as the Parish Council supports local organisations that benefit residents of the Parish.

8528/22 Sports Centre

- a. It was **NOTED** that the date of the next Sports Centre Management Committee has to be confirmed.
- b. Sports Centre Working Party – The notes of the meeting of 22 November 2022 were **NOTED**.
- c. It was **NOTED** that the notes of the meeting of 05 December 2022 will be distributed with the January 2023 Agenda.

8529/22 Barnfield Park

- a. No report. It was **NOTED** that a report of arson and a theft had been reported on the Crime Watch publication.

8530/22 Northfield

- a. It was **NOTED** that the date for the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee has not been set.

8531/22 Burial Ground

- a. It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Burial Ground Committee will be held on 12 January 2022.

8532/22 Youth

- a. The Clerk reported that KCC Youth Services have been offered the use of the primary school on a trial period for the senior youth club with the additional use of the outdoor space in the summer. KCC Youth Workers advised that they felt that the Trustees of the Youth & Community Centre were not supportive of having the club there on a Wednesday evening. Cllr S Glover PROPOSED that a meeting with the Trustees of the Youth & Community Centre is arranged to discuss the future of the Youth Club. SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.

8533/22 Climate Change

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Climate Change Working Party will be held on 12 January 2023.

8534/22 New Ash Green Village Association

- a. No report.

8535/22 Highways

- a. No report.

The meeting was suspended at 9.00pm to receive reports from the County and District Councillor

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

The meeting reconvened at 9.18pm

8536/22 Health

- a. No report

8537/22 Footpaths

- a. No report.

8538/22 Transport

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parish Councils will be held on 07 March 2023.
- b. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that a letter is sent to Mr Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London and copied in to the two MPs to strongly object to the proposed extension of the Ultra Low Emissions Zone which, from August 2023 will include Queen Mary Hospital, Sidcup. Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust run services at this hospital. Public transport to the hospital is not available. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED.

8539/22 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be on 09 January 2023

8540/22 Ash, Hodsoll Street and Ridley

- a. Ash – there will be no film in December. The January film will be the second Fisherman's Friends film.
- b. Hodsoll Street – Carols on the Green will be held on Friday 16 December 2022 and the Big Breakfast will return on the first Saturday in February at 9am.
- c. Ridley – The roads have been gritted today. Prior to this the roads have been a nightmare with the water leaks on Pease Hill and Ridley Hill turning to ice.

- d. New Ash Green – the Wild About New Ash Green group have published a calendar with photographs of New Ash Green. All proceeds are being donated to the Community Cupboard. The cost is £5.

8541/22 The Bulletin and Parish Website

- a. The Bulletin – Any items for the next edition should be forwarded to the Clerk.
- b. Website – no report.

8542/22 Thursday Lunch Provision

- a. The Christmas lunch was held on 08 December 2022 and members enjoyed a traditional meal with all the trimmings. This week the choir from the primary school sang Carols. A letter will be sent to the Headteacher to let her know how much our members appreciated their attendance.

8543/22 KALC

- a. The report from Cllr S Fishenden was RECEIVED and NOTED. Cllr S Fishenden was thanked for attending the AGM.

8544/22 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/12/22 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: