

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 July 2021 at the Youth & Community Centre, North Square, New Ash Green, DA3 8JY, commencing at 19:45

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr S Fishenden
Cllr M Manley
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr Ms Sapiets

In attendance:

Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
Cllr C Nelson – Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Perry Cole – Sevenoaks District Council

8160/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Clucas (holiday), Cllr Mrs Hobbs (holiday) and Cllr J Scott (holiday). Cllr S Fishenden PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.
District Councillor A Pett also sent his apologies.

8161/21 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.

8162/21 Dispensations

None received.

8163/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 June 2021 be approved. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.

8164/21 COVID-19

- a. It was NOTED that with effect from 19 July 2021 social distancing regulations have been relaxed and all Parish Council and Committee meetings will resume in person.

8165/21 Planning

- a. Applications
SE/21/01625/LDCEX: Ridley Farm, Bunkers Hill Road, Ash, TN15 7EY – Confirmation that planning permission ref: 19/01405/FUL has been lawfully implemented and is now extant. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council has no information that disagrees with the information provided in the application. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

SE/21/01923: Fordwood Farm, New Street Road, Hodsoil Street, TN15 7JY –

Application for the continued use of land for siting of one mobile home, and 1 touring caravan to be used by members of the Gypsy and Traveller community, the siting of an additional two touring caravans and catering van, the retention of dayroom and store, hardstanding and landscaping to include additional hedgerow and tree planting at the boundary and retention of tree planting. Cllr F Cotte PROPOSED that the Parish Council agrees to the continued use of the land, but objects to the siting of two additional caravans, the catering van and dayroom and store as they impact on the openness of the countryside which is contrary to Green Belt policy. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED.

SE/21/02174: Greenview, Hodsoil Street, TN15 7LA – Demolition of existing conservatory, and first floor rear rooms and roof plus front porch. Erection of extension with new roof and Juliet balcony, re-design front porch and alterations to fenestration. Cllr M Manley 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 and AGREED.

SE/21/02188: 100 Chapel Wood, New Ash Green, DA3 8RD – Single storey extension to rear of property. Demolition of conservatory. 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 M Manley and AGREED.

- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/7/21 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- c. Appeals
None at time of Agenda.
- d. Enforcements
None at time of Agenda.
- e. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the planning decisions delegated to the Parish Clerk under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 were ratified. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.
- f. It was NOTED that Sevenoaks District Council's five year programme for housing needs schedules this parish for survey in year 2, and will take place in March 2022.

8166/21 Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED. Cllr V Ngwenya reported that two quotes to repair the squash court roofs had been considered by the Finance Committee. A request has been sent to Sevenoaks District Council to confirm that we can use the Community Infrastructure Levy funds towards this repair. Additional funds will be vired from the Ground Maintenance Reserve. The income and expenditure against budget headings are in line with expectations for this period. The telephone system is being reviewed. We are entering the traditional quiet time for the Sports Centre and finances will continued to be closely monitored.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr V Ngwenya SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27 July 2021 will be distributed with the September 2021 Agenda.

- d. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council awards £500.00 to the Community Cupboard under **Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972**. SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.
- e. Traffic Mirror – the response received from Kent Highways was RECEIVED and NOTED. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that as the land where the mirrors would need to be installed belongs to the Village Association that this request is passed on to them. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
- f. Bin – Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the purchase and installation of a waste bin in Ridley in the amount of £460.00 is not progressed. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.
- g. Bulky Waste Collection – Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the provision of a Bulky Waste Collection in the amount of £304.33 is not progressed. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED.
- h. Youth Provision – the Clerk reported that Kent County Council had advised that they are no longer able to fulfil the agreement to provide a senior youth club. An approach has been made to West Kent Extra for them to provide a quote to carry out this work. They will not be able to start in September and the hire charges of the Youth Centre will continue to be paid to hold the booking for the youth club.

8167/21 New Ash Green Village Association

- a. It was NOTED that as the Chairman of the Village Association has resigned, the meeting with the Village Association has been rescheduled to 10 August 2021.

8168/21 Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that a virtual discussion meeting was held on Monday 26 July 2021 via Zoom.

8169/21 Barnfield Park

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be held in August 2021.

8170/21 Northfield

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

8171/21 Burial Ground

- a. The minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 23 June 2021 were NOTED.

The meeting was suspended at 20.17pm to receive reports from the County and District Councillors'.

The reports from the County and District Councillors are attached to these minutes
The meeting reconvened at 20.31pm

8172/21 Youth

- a. Senior Youth Club – discussed under 8166/21 h.
- b. The West Kent Extra's quarterly report on New Ash Green detached work was RECEIVED and NOTED.

8173/21 Highways

- a. No report.

8174/21 Footpaths

- a. It was NOTED that Public Footpath SD257 will be partially closed from the 4th August until the 18th August. The whole of Public Footpaths SD257, MR234 and MR603 will be closed from the 9th August until the 15th August to allow for the English Open event at London Golf Club.

8175/21 Transport

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

8176/21 Health

- a. No report

8177/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Focus Group meeting held on 19 July 2021 will be distributed with the September 2021 Agenda.

8178/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – The Almshouses built in 1811 and managed by the Lances Almshouse Charities have had a roof survey carried out. Dry rot has been identified and will require treatment along with the replacement of some boards and in line with current legislation, a wall needs to be built to separate the lofts of the two cottages.
It was NOTED that groundworks have been undertaken on Attwood Field. The continuation of the work to clear the access road to Barnfield Park and fence the site has been suspended due to birds nesting and will be completed in September/October by Kent County Council.
- b. Hodsoll Street – It was NOTED that the Parish Council has submitted an application for the Green Man Pub to be listed as a community asset. The working group continue to meet with other groups that have bought their pubs. A second lightening strike which knocked out broadband to a significant number of houses.
Fly tipping has increased with ‘tip and run’ becoming more prevalent. Vehicles tip rubbish as they are driving down the road.
- c. Ridley – no report.

8179/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – It was NOTED that the Bulletin has been delivered.
- b. Website – No report.

8180/21 Thursday Lunch Provision

- a. The lunch provision will return to the Youth Centre on Thursday 05 August 2021 and there will no longer be a provision for take away meals.

8181/21 KALC

- a. No report.

8182/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/07/21 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 20.56

Signed:
Chairman

Date: