

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 February 2022 at Ash Village Hall,
The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB, commencing at 7:45pm

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr I MacLeod
Cllr M Manley
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr Miss Sapiets

In attendance:

Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
Cllr A Pett - Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Mrs Cole – Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr P Cole – Sevenoaks District Council
Mr D Joel – New Ash Green Village Association
Ms S Brine – New Ash Green Village Association

8305/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Connell and Cllr S Fishenden (ill), Cllr S Glover and Cllr J Scott (work) and Cllr Mrs Hobbs (Trustee Meeting)
Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley AGREED.

8306/22 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Howie declared an interest in item 6a (22/00234) as she knows the applicant.
- 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.

8307/22 Dispensations

None received.

8308/22 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2022 be approved. PROPOSED Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

8309/22 Annual Parish Meeting

- a. It was AGREED that Laura Trott MP, Gareth Johnson MP, Kent Police District Commander; Chief Inspector Jon Kirby and Charmaine Keatley; KALC are invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 04 May 2022.

8310/22 Planning

a. Applications

SE/22/00234: Frieslawn Farm House, Hodsoil Street, TN15 5LH –Demolition of existing single storey extension and outbuilding. Erection of two storey side extension to include balcony to West Elevation, single storey front and rear extension. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. Should this application be granted the Parish Council requests the withdrawal of Permitted Development Rights for this site. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 NO VOTE: 1.

SE/21/03916: Bluebell Paddock, Gravesend Road, TN15 7JS – Demolition of existing caravan, portacabin and sheds and the erection of a one-bedroom dwelling with associated landscaping. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council refers to the previous submission which still stands and the protection of the site with the Tree Preservation Order is welcomed. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

SE/22/00252: 59 Olivers Mill, New Ash Green, DA3 8RF – Proposed single storey rear extension. Cllr Mrs Connell was unable to attend the meeting but submitted recommended that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that no objection is raised as per Cllr Mrs Connell's recommendation. SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.

Applications for Information Only – The applications set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/02/22 were RECEIVED and NOTED

b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/02/22 were RECEIVED and NOTED. The decision for SE/21/04201.

c. Appeals

The appeal, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/02/22 was RECEIVED and NOTED.

d. Enforcements

None at time of Agenda.

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 03 February 2022 were NOTED.

8311/21 Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED. Cllr V Ngwenya reported that the Parish Council general reserves remain healthy at 5.4 times the monthly running costs. He took members through the Income and Expenditure explaining actual amounts to budget. The general reserves for Ash Green Sports Centre have fallen to 2.1 times monthly running costs due to December being a quiet month. Budget Payments were noted.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr P Nightingale SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 15 February 2022 will be circulated with the March 2022 Agenda.

8312/21 New Ash Green Village Association

- a. The notes of the meeting with the Village Association held on 01 February 2022 were NOTED.

8313/21 The Queen's Jubilee

- a. It was NOTED that an application has been submitted to Thatcher's for 6 apple trees.

- b. It was NOTED that an application for a licence to cultivate the verge in front of Park view has been submitted to Kent County Council.
- c. Quotations will be sought for the provision of a commemorative coin for the children attending New Ash Green Primary School, Milestone School and the pre-school provisions.
- d. The Church will hold a Celebration of thanksgiving, then the bells will be rung and refreshments served before the lighting of the beacon.
- e. The Village Association have given permission for a tree to be planted in front of Orpins

8314/21 Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on completion of the New Year classes promotion. Cllr M Manley reported that the promotion of free taster classes has been successful with nearly 70 new people using the Centre, we are now doing a 12-week trial class programme based on the feedback received. This will start on 21 February 2022. The Centre is still busy with continued demand for Badminton bringing in 9 new racket members and we have also had 9 new gym members this month. The cross-trainer has broken and will be replaced.

8315/21 Barnfield Park

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

8316/21 Northfield

- a. The next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 21 February 2022.

8317/21 Burial Ground

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on 08 February 2022 were NOTED.

The meeting was suspended at 8.20pm to receive report from the District Councillor.

The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes

The meeting reconvened at 8.38pm

8318/21 Climate Change

- a. Cllrs M Brown, S Fishenden and Miss Sapiets agreed to form a Working Party to calculate the Parish Council's carbon footprint and formulate a policy. Meetings will be held virtually.

8319/21 Youth

- a. It was NOTED that a site visit at the Youth Centre will be held with KCC Youth workers for them to see the available space.

8320/21 Highways

- a. The notes of the meeting with Kent Highways held on 24 January 2022 were NOTED.

8321/21 Footpaths

- a. No report.

8322/21 Transport

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

8323/21 Health

- a. The practice is looking at all they can do to improve the service to residents.

8324/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 11 April 2022.

8325/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – A Spring Concert will be held at the Village Hall on 05 March at 7.30, featuring local musicians to raise funds for the Village Hall.
b. Hodsoll Street –
 - The Big Breakfast is held on the first Saturday of the month.
 - There has been an increase in staffing levels at Holywell house.
 - There has been no response from the owners of the Green Man site, but they are open to having a meeting

c. Ridley – A street party will be held in front of the Church to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on 18 June 2022. It will be open to all.

8326/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – NAG Social is arranging activities for the Jubilee and these should be included in the next edition.
b. Website – No report.

8327/21 Thursday Lunch Provision

- a. The Community Warden attended lunch and brought a new resident to lunch to help him settle in.

8328/21 KALC

- a. It was NOTED that the KALC Community Award will be presented at the May Parish Council meeting and not the Annual Parish Meeting as the recipient is not able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. .

8329/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/02/22 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: