

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 December 2019 at the Youth & Community Centre, North Square, New Ash Green, DA3 8jy

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr J Kelly
Cllr M Manley
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr P Nightingale
Cllr J Scott

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council

- 7750/19 Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Brammer, Cllr N Lejot and Cllr I Mann (ill) and Cllr S Glover (work). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.
- 7751/19 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.
- 7752/19 None received
Dispensations
- 7753/19 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2019 be approved and signed as a true record. PROPOSED: Cllr M Manley SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
Minutes
- 7754/19 a. The Calendar of dates for the year 2020/21 were NOTED.
Calendar of dates b. It was NOTED that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 06 May 2020 at Ash Village Hall.
- 7755/19 a. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that this item is deferred to the next meeting to allow members to give consideration to the type of event to mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on 08 May 2020.
VE Day 2020
- 7756/19 a. Applications
Planning **SE/19/03248: 148 Bazes Shaw, New Ash Green, DA3 8QZ** – Four parking bays. 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.
b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/12/19 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
c. Appeals

- None at time of Agenda.
- d. Enforcements
None at time of Agenda.
- e. It was NOTED that the Planning Committee meeting of 07 November 2019 did not take place as there were no applications for consideration.
- 7757/19
Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
- 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 next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 18 February 2020.
- d. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the renewal of the annual membership of the Clerk to the Society of Local Council Clerks in the amount of £281.00 is AUTHORISED. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.
- 7758/19
Sports Centre
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 17 February 2020
- 7759/19
Barnfield
Park
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Liaison Group held on 02 December 2019 were NOTED.
- 7760/19
Northfield
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 22 January 2020.
- 7761/19
Burial Ground
- a. It was NOTED that the date of the next Burial Ground Committee meeting has not been set.
- 7762/19
Youth
- a. The notes of the meeting with the Youth Hub Delivery Manager at Swanley and Hartley, West Kingsdown and Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Councils held on 27 November 2019 were NOTED.
- b. 8 – 12's - No report
- The meeting was suspended at 8.03pm 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 8.16pm**
- 7763/19
Highways
- a. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council writes to the railway authorities regarding the provision of disabled access at Longfield Station and to start a campaign in January involving neighbouring Parish Councils, churches and community groups. Cllr F Cottee suggested that we obtain the criteria for installing lifts in stations as a starting point. SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.
- 7764/19
Footpaths
- a. No report

- 7765/19
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva, KCC and the Parish Councils will be held on 02 March 2020.
- 7766/19
Ash, Hodsoll Street, Ash & New Ash Green
- a. Ash – The film to be shown at the Village Hall in January is Downton Abbey. The folk evening was very successful and raised approximately £600.
b. Hodsoll Street – the Coffee Morning is going from strength to strength with residents from Holywell Park attending. Carols on The Green will be held on 20 December 2019 at 7pm.
c. Ridley - no report.
- 7767/19
Bulletin and Website
- a. Bulletin –
b. Website –
- 7768/19
Focus Group and Police
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 13 January 2020.
- 7769/19
Lunch Provision
- a. The Christmas Lunch held on 5 December 2019 catered for 50 people with an excellent meal. The choir from the junior school performed and were very well received.
- 7770/19
KALC
- a. Cllrs Mrs Brammer and M Manley attended the Annual General Meeting on 30 November 2019.
- 7749/19
Reports, Circulars and Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/12/19 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman