

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2021 at New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre, North Square, DA3 8JY, commencing at 19:45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr S Fishenden
Cllr I MacLeod
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr J Scott

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Councillor
1 Member of the public

8256/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Clark (Governors Meeting), Cllr Mrs Hobbs (COVID), Cllr M Manley (work), Cllr P Nightingale (meeting), Cllr Miss Sapiets (family commitment). Cllr V Ngwenya PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED. District Councillor Alan Pett also sent his apologies.

8257/21 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.

8258/21 Dispensations

None received.

8259/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 November 2021 be approved. PROPOSED Cllr F Cottee SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

8260/21 Planning

- a. Applications

SE/21/03918: 2 Lambardes, New Ash Green, DA3 8HX – Ground floor rear extension, first floor side extension and internal alterations. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr s Fishenden and AGREED.

The application for information only was NOTED.

SE/21/03856/PAE: Goose Farm, Hodsoll street, TN15 7LB – Prior notification of a single storey rear extension which extends 8m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house with a maximum height of 4m and eaves height of 4m.

- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/12/21 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- c. Appeals
The appeal as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/12/21 was RECEIVED and NOTED.
- d. Enforcements
None at time of Agenda.
- e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 02 December 2021 were NOTED.

8261/21 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 V Ngwenya and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 15 February 2022.
- d. The Internal Audit Report 2021-22 Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Internal Audit Report was RECEIVED and NOTED. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
- e. Welcome Back Fund – The order for the benches must be submitted to Sevenoaks District Council on 17 December 2021. Unfortunately, despite having the required information in advance of the Village Association’s Council of Management Meeting it was only mentioned in general terms with no background information, so no decision was taken. In view of this Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that we request four benches for the Parish, one to be installed at Bowdler’s Well, Ridley, 1 to be installed at the War Memorial in Ash and 2 ordered for New Ash Green and if the Village Association does not agree on a location, they can be used on Northfield. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
- f. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the amount of £350.00 is granted to West Kent Mediation. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.
- g. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that a projector and screen are purchased to enable planning documents to be viewed at meetings at a cost of £725.00 plus VAT SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED an amendment that the purchase is made up to the value of £1,000 should it be required. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and AGREED.

8262/21 New Ash Green Village Association

- a. A meeting of the Council of Management was held on Monday 13 December to report back to the Residents Societies and the Parish Council. The Parish Council did not receive notice or papers for the meeting and therefore was not represented. The Clerk will request the date and time of the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that if the next meeting is to be held before the next Parish Council meeting, that Cllr M Manley is asked if he would be able to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED.

8263/21 The Queen’s Canopy

- a. The Village Association has advised that the suggested location to plant a Jubilee Tree in the island in front of Orpins has not been approved as this area is designated a wild flower meadow and has been planted with wildflowers. However they support the planting of a tree, agreeing to an alternative location.
- b. Quotes will be sought for the provision of fruit trees in Ridley.

8264/21 Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 11 January 2022.

8265/21 Barnfield Park

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

8266/21 Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the date of the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be confirmed.

8267/21 Burial Ground

- a. The minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 10 November 2021 were NOTED.

The meeting was suspended at 20.11pm to receive report from the District Councillor.

The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes
The meeting reconvened at 20.17pm

8268/21 Climate Change

- a. A verbal report was given on the KALC Climate Change Conference and this item will be placed on the January 2022 Agenda for further consideration.

8269/21 Youth

- a. Information about the requirements for a centre based youth group will be forwarded to the KCC Senior Early Help Worker based at Swanley Youth Hub.

8270/21 Highways

- a. No report

8271/21 Footpaths

- a. No report.

8272/21 Transport

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

8273/21 Health

- a. Jubilee Medical Practice – the statistics provided by the practice were received. It was confirmed that this data covered both surgeries in New Ash Green and Longfield. Additional data for the same period for the years 2019 and 2020 has been requested. Through Laura Trott MP's office, Dr Bhanot has offered to have a Zoom meeting with the Chairman in the new year. Members were asked to forward any concerns that they have to the Clerk. It was NOTED that patients registered in Meopham, Instead Rise and Borough Green do not experience the same difficulties in accessing their GP's.

8274/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be held on 10 January 2022.

8275/21 Ash, Hodsoil Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – the film shows will start in January 2022 .
- b. Hodsoil Street – The Green Man Recovery Group has held a meeting to decide whether to form a Community Infrastructure company or group to take over the right to bid. Funding is required to get a valuation of the site.
Carols on the Green will be held on 17 December 2021 and refreshments served in the Village Hall.
- c. Ridley – no report

8276/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – no report.
- b. Website – No report.

8277/21 Thursday Lunch Provision

- a. The Christmas Lunch was held on 16 December 2021 and was attended by 35 people including the Chairman and others that have helped with the provision. Children from Little Leaves Pre School sang three songs. The lunch club will be closed for two weeks..

8278/21 KALC

- a. No report

8279/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/12/21 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 20.37

Signed:
Chairman

Date: