

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the online meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2021, commencing
at 19:45

Present:

- Cllr M Brown
- Cllr Mrs Brammer
- Cllr Mrs Clark
- Cllr Mrs Clucas
- Cllr Mrs Connell
- Cllr F Cottee
- Cllr S Fishenden
- Cllr Mrs Hobbs
- Cllr Mrs Howie
- Cllr M Manley
- Cllr Mrs Manston (arrived 20.05)
- Cllr V Ngwenya (arrived 19.50)
- Cllr Ms Sapiets

In attendance:

- Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk (arrived 19.52)
- Cllr C Nelson – Sevenoaks District Council
- Cllr G Pender – Sevenoaks District Council
- Cllr Mrs Cole – Sevenoaks District Council

8062/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr P Nightingale (family commitment) and Cllr J Scott (technical difficulties). Cllr Mrs Clark PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.
District Councillor Mrs Penny Cole also sent her apologies.

8063/21 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Mrs Clark and Mrs Hobbs 6a. SE/20/00542 as the applicant is known to them.
- 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.

8064/21 Dispensations

None received.

8065/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 February 2021 be approved with the addition of apologies from District Councillor Perry Cole , the addition of sending a covering letter to the MP's on minute number 8054/21 b. and the deletion of 'at' from the last sentence of item 8053/21 b. PROPOSED: Cllr M Manley SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

8065/21 COVID-19

- a. It was NOTED that the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 do not apply to meetings on or after 7 May 2021. KALC have advised that NALC are supporting a legal

challenge to extend the regulations but it looks like the Government will not move.

8066/21 Planning

a. Applications

SE/21/00542: 100 Chapel Wood, New Ash Green, DA3 8RD – Double storey rear extension. 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.

SE/21/00567: 26 Caling Croft, New Ash Green, DA3 8PX – Erection of a single storey rear extension. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. It was noted that the site location plan has been inaccurately drawn to include the land in front of the property. This land belongs to the New Ash Green Village Association. **SECONDED: Cllr R Brammer and AGREED.**

b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/3/21 were RECEIVED and NOTED.

c. Appeals

None at time of Agenda.

d. Enforcements

None at time of Agenda.

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 04 March 2021 were NOTED.

8067/21 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 has been moved to 27 April 2021.

d. Cllr M Brown authorised the attendance of the Assistant Clerk/Finance Officer to the KALC Audit Workshop on 30 March 2021 in the amount of £35 plus VAT. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

e. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the amount of £300.00 is awarded to the Air Ambulance, Kent, Surrey and Sussex. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

f. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the renewal of the Action with Communities in Rural Kent membership for 2021 for the Parish Council, Ash Village Hall, Hodsoll Street Village Hall and the Youth and Community Centre is APPROVED in the amount of £245.00 SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.

8068/21 Sports Centre

a. It was NOTED that although gyms are able to re-open on 12 April 2021, there is an option for the Sports Centre to remain closed until 17 May 2021 when group adult sports and group exercise classes can resume. Staff would continue on furlough. Further information on the re-opening of the gym is awaited and following this, a decision will be made by the Sports Centre Management Committee.

8069/21 Barnfield Park

a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group will be distributed with the April 2021 Agenda. Cllr M Brown reported that

the meeting was useful with good dialogue from those attending. Funds have been earmarked for the removal of fly-tipped waste.

8070/21 Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 12 April 2021.

8071/21 Burial Ground

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the of the Burial Ground Committee held on 24 February 2021 were NOTED.

The meeting was suspended at 20.15pm to receive reports from the District Councillors'.

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

The meeting reconvened at 20.40pm

8072/21 Youth

- a. No report.

8073/21 Highways

- a. It was reported that some of the potholes in New Street Road have been repaired, but they are already failing. Cllr D Brazier advised that these were temporary repairs and that the contractor will return to carry out permanent repairs.

8074/21 Footpaths

- a. No report

8075/21 Transport

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes will be held on 23 March 2021.

8076/21 Health

- a. No report

8077/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Focus Group will be meeting held on 12 April 2021.

8078/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – Cllr J Scott contacted the Clerk to report the increase in littering in Ash. He collects litter along Pease Hill and Church Road, however, it is not safe to litter pick along Ash Road as this is a busy but narrow road. Sevenoaks District Councillor Mrs Nelson advised that Cllr Scott had contacted her and she was making inquiries with Sevenoaks District Council in this regard.
- b. Hodsoll Street – At the beginning of the year Holywell Park Nursing Home registered their first cases of COVID-19 and unfortunately have had quite a few fatalities.
- c. Ridley – Cllr Mrs Howie reported that the squatter who had taken up residence in the woods along Hartley Bottom Road has gone and thanked the residents of Redhill Wood who supported her.

8079/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – The delivery of the last of the Bulletins will be completed this weekend.
- b. Website – No report.

8080/21 Lunch Provision

- a. It was NOTED that from 01 April 2021 the cost of the lunch will increase to £6.00. This is partly due to the withdrawal of the grant previously received from Kent County Council Adult Services

8081/21 KALC

- a. No report.

8082/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/03/21 were NOTED. Cllr Mrs Clucas advised that the postal service has not been reliable and it was suggested that this was due to staff isolating and the adverse weather.

The meeting closed at 20.49

Signed:
Chairman

Date: