

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 September 2019 at New Ash Green Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road, DA3 8HH commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clark
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr S Hobbs (arrived 7.55pm)
Cllr J Kelly (arrived 7.50pm)
Cllr N Lejot
Cllr I Mann

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk

- 7688/19 Apologies were received from Cllrs F Cottee and V Ngwenya (holiday),
Apologies Cllrs M Manley and P Nightingale (work) and Cllr J Scott (prior
engagement). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.
County Councillor D Brazier and District Councillors A Pett and G Pender
sent their apologies.
- 7689/19 a. Declarations of Interest – None
Declarations b. No changes to the Register of Interests. Members were reminded that
Of Interest any alteration or new interests must be registered with the Monitoring
Officer within 28 days.
- 7690/19 None received
Dispensations
- 7691/19 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday
Minutes 18 July 2019 be approved and signed as a true record. PROPOSED:
Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7692/19 a. Applications
Planning The applications for information only as set out in Appendix A to
Agenda A/09/19 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
b. Decisions
The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/09/19 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 meetings held on 01 August
2019, 15 August 2019 and 05 September 2019 were NOTED.

- 7693/19
Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
 - b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr I Mann SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
 - c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 29 October 2019.
 - d. The Auditor's Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2019 for the Parish Council and Ash Green Sports Centre was RECEIVED and NOTED. The relevant notices will remain on display for 14 days in compliance with the **Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011**.
 - e. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that £250.00 is awarded to the New Ash Green Junior Football Club under **Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972**. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7694/19
Service of Remembrance
- a. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council organises a Service of Remembrance at Ash War Memorial on Monday 11 November 2019 at 10.45am followed by tea, coffee and cake. Ash Church will be asked to take the service. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED.
 - b. Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that a wreath is purchased under **Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972** from the Royal British Legion with a donation of £50.00 SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
- 7695/19
Sports Centre
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 22 July 2019 were NOTED. Members were advised that a new Fitness Instructor started her employment on 17 September 2019.
- 7696/19
Barnfield Park
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Liaison Group held on 01 September 2019 were NOTED.
- 7697/19
Northfield
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 09 October 2019.
- 7698/19
Burial Ground
- a. It was NOTED that the date of the next Burial Ground Committee meeting has not been set. Details of the arboricultural method statement for the provision of the memorial wall are awaited from Sevenoaks District Council's arboriculturalist.
- 7699/19
Youth
- a. West Kent Communities – It was NOTED that due to insufficient staffing levels and the difficulty in recruiting staff, West Kent Communities have taken the decision to withdraw their services from the Sevenoaks District from the end of September. They will continue to provide a service through the commissioning process of Kent County Council. This will be on a detached basis, in areas that are most in need. An alternative provision for the 12 – 18 year old group is being sought.
 - b. 8 – 12's - This club is provided by West Kent Communities but is not affected by the withdrawal of senior youth work

- 7700/19
Highways
- In response to correspondence requesting the Parish Council to apply for the installation of double yellow lines outside the Bovis Head Office site. Currently, there are no parking or pedestrian safety concerns outside the site and any request must be evidence-based. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Parish Council responds, advising that the Parish Council will monitor this matter and if a parking and safety issue develops and becomes dangerous, the Parish Council will revisit the request. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- 7701/19
Footpaths
- a. No report.
- 7702/19
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva and the Parish Councils will be held on 01 October 2019. 1ST Bus Stop Ltd will be invited to attend as they provide a service for students travelling to Wilmington.
- 7703/19
Ash, Hodsoll Street, Ash & New Ash Green
- a. Ash - Fisherman's Friends is the film that will be shown on 25 September at 7.15pm at Ash Village Hall.
b. Hodsoll Street – No report
c. Ridley - no report.
- 7704/19
Bulletin and Website
- a. Bulletin – the next deadline for the Bulletin will be 17 October 2019.
b. Website – no report
- 7705/19
Focus Group and Police
- a. The minutes of the Focus Group meeting held on 15 July 2019 were NOTED.
- 7706/19
Lunch Provision
- a. The lunch continues to be popular with between 30 members attending this week.
- 7707/19
KALC
- a. No report.
- 7708/19
Reports, Circulars and Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/09/19 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: