

## ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 February 2020 at Ash Village Hall, The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB

Present: Cllr M Brown  
Cllr Mrs Brammer  
Cllr Mrs Clark  
Cllr Mrs Connell  
Cllr S Glover (arrived 8.04pm)  
Cllr Mrs Howie  
Cllr J Kelly  
Cllr N Lejot  
Cllr M Manley  
Cllr I Mann  
Cllr V Ngwenya  
Cllr P Nightingale

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk  
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council  
Cllr A Pett – Sevenoaks District Council  
2 Members of the Public (arrived 8.14pm)

- 7795/20 Apologies were received from Cllrs F Cottee and J Scott (holiday), Cllr Mrs Hobbs (work) and Cllr Mrs Clucas (family commitment). The apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.
- 7796/20 Declarations Of Interest
- Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Brammer declared an interest in item 8(e) as Chairman of the Ash Village Hall Committee. Cllr P Nightingale declared an interest in item 8(d) as a coach to the Junior Rugby Club. Cllr S Glover declared an interest in item 8(d) as a member of the Rugby Club.
  - 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.
- 7797/20 Dispensations None received
- 7798/20 Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2020 be approved and signed as a true record. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Connell SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
- 7799/20 Policies
- The review of the Grants Policy was carried out. Cllr Mrs Howie PROPOSED that no amendments were required. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
- 7800/20 VE Day 2020
- It was NOTED that no response has been received from the New Ash Green Social Committee regarding any events they may have planned to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on 08 May 2020.
- 7801/20
- Applications

- Planning **SE/20/00203: 1 Bonny Acre Cottages, Wrotham Road, DA13 0RF -**  
Demolition of existing stable building, garage and timber store and the erection of a single storey detached dwelling house and associated parking. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of the introduction of an additional dwelling to the Green Belt. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1
- 7801/20  
Planning **SE/20/00132: Land to the West of Holywell Farm House, Greenfields, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LE -** Demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of two new dwellings. Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the Parish Council strongly objects to this proposed development within the curtilage of a listed building as the increase volume and visual bulk would cause significant over development of the site and harm to the openness of the Green Belt. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.  
The application for information only was NOTED.
- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/02/20 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 05 February 2020 were NOTED.
  - f. To note that the Planning Committee has responded to the government consultation on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments.
- 7802/20  
Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
  - b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr P Nightingale SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
  - c. It was NOTED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18 February 2020 will be distributed with the March Agenda.(Cllr S Glover arrived)
  - d. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that New Ash Green Rugby Club – Junior Section is awarded a grant in the amount of £385.90 and to request copies of the receipts for the items purchased. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs J Howie FOR: 10 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2
  - e. Cllr J Kelly PROPOSED that the renewal of the membership of Action with Communities in Rural Kent for the Parish Council, Ash Village Hall, Hodsoll Street & Ridley Village Hall and New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre in the amount of £80 for the Parish Council and a grant of £55 for each of the halls under **Section 137 of the LGA 1972.** SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.
- 7803/20  
Sports Centre
- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 17 February 2020 will be distributed with the March 2020 Agenda.
- 7804/20  
Great British  
Spring Clean
- a. It was AGREED that details would be placed on the Parish Council facebook page, the Village Association and school inviting groups to take part in the Spring Clean which will be held from 20 March to 13

April 2020. Sevenoaks District Council will support the event, providing necessary equipment.

- 7805/20  
Barnfield  
Park
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Liaison Group will be held on 03 March 2020.
- 7806/20  
Northfield
- a. The minutes of the Northfield Management Committee held on 22 January 2020 were NOTED.
- 7807/20  
Burial Ground
- a. It was NOTED that the date of the next Burial Ground Committee meeting will be held on 27 January 2020. (Members of the public arrived)
- 7808/20  
Youth
- a. It was NOTED that a funding application to subsidise the senior youth club has been submitted to UK Youth.  
b. 8 – 12's - No report

**The meeting was suspended at 8.15pm 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 8.26pm**

- 7809/20  
Highways
- a. No report
- 7810/20  
Footpaths
- a. No report
- 7811/20  
Transport
- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of Arriva, KCC and the Parish Councils will be held on 02 March 2020.
- 7812/20  
Health
- a. No report.
- 7813/20  
Ash, Hodsoll  
Street, Ash &  
New Ash  
Green
- b. Ash – the film Judy will be shown on 26 February 2020. Leap into Spring a music event will be held on Saturday 29 February 2020.  
c. Hodsoll Street – no report.  
d. Ridley - repairs to Bowdler's Well have been completed to a high standard.
- 7814/20  
Bulletin and  
Website
- a. Bulletin – only one article has been received for the article and this will be carried over to the next edition which will be published in April.  
b. Website – The websites hosted by Hugo Fox are compliant with the new disability and equality regulations, however if all information held is not compliant, a disclaimer has to be added to the websites
- 7815/20  
Focus Group  
and Police
- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Focus Group held on 13 January 2020 were NOTED.

7815/19  
Lunch  
Provision

a. We have reached capacity at the Lunch Club and a waiting list has been started.

7816/20  
KALC

a. No Report

7817/20  
Reports,  
Circulars and  
Correspond.

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/02/20 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....