

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2022 at New Ash Green Youth & Community Centre, North Square, DA3 8JY, commencing at 7:45pm

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 I MacLeod
- Cllr M Manley
- Cllr Miss Sapiets

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk

- Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
- Cllr Mrs Cole – Sevenoaks District Council
- Cllr P Cole – Sevenoaks District Council
- Cllr G Pender – Sevenoaks District Council
- Mrs S Brine – Village Association

8355/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr V Ngwenya and Cllr S Glover(work) and Cllr P Nightingale (prior engagement). Cllr Mrs Clark PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED. Cllr A Pett, Sevenoaks District Council sent their apologies.

8356/22 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.

8357/22 Dispensations

None received.

8358/22 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2022 be approved with the following amendments. Addition of 'flints' to the final sentence of SE/22/00483 and the addition of 'is accepted' to item 8338/22 d. PROPOSED Cllr M Manley SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and AGREED.

8359/22 Virtual and Hybrid Meetings

- a. The response from Laura Trott MP regarding virtual and hybrid meetings was RECEIVED and NOTED.

8360/22 Planning

a. Applications

SE/22/00880: 1 Spring Cross, New Ash Green, DA3 8QC –Single storey side and rear extension. 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. SECONDED: Cllr F Cottee and AGREED.

SE/22/00805: Dreamscape, Three Squirrels Farm, Oak Farm Lane, TN15 7JU – Demolition of porch. Single storey side and rear extension. Infill front entrance. Alterations to fenestration, dwelling including provision of green roofs. Cllr Mrs Howie PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application as the proposed sprawling development would be harmful to the openness of the Green Belt by nature of its bulk and significantly increased floor area compared with the existing derelict buildings. This property has a long planning history and we would ask that the planning officer looks into the cumulative effect. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/04/22 were RECEIVED and NOTED.

c. Appeals

The appeal, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/04/22 was RECEIVED and NOTED.

d. Enforcements

None at time of Agenda.

e. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting to be held on 07 April 2022 were NOTED.

8361/22 Finance

a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.

b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Howie and AGREED.

c. It was NOTED that the next Finance Committee meeting will be held on 12 May 2022.

d. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the membership to Kent Association of Local Councils in the amount of £1,655.00 plus VAT for the 2022/23 year is RENEWED. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

e. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that a grant in the amount of £275.00 is awarded to Victim Support under **Section 137 of the LGA 1972. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.**

f. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the recommendation from the Sports Centre Management Committee to divide the cost of utilities between the Parish Council and Sports Centre in the ratio of one third to the Parish Council and two thirds to the Sports Centre. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.

g. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council purchases a Zoom licence in the amount of £119.00. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas FOR: 9 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 3.

8362/22 New Ash Green Village Association

a. To be included under the report from the Village Association representative's report.

b.

8363/22 The Queen's Jubilee

a. 6 apple trees have been planted in Ridley and 6 apple trees will be planted on Northfield. A cherry tree for Hodsoll Steet will be selected and planted in the autumn.

8364/22 Sports Centre

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee 31 March 2022 were NOTED.

8365/22 Barnfield Park

- a. It was NOTED that the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group to be held on 28 March 2022 has been cancelled and a new date will be set for June/July.

8366/22 Northfield

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 23 May 2022 were NOTED.
- b. It was NOTED that the Horse Riding route re-opened on 02 April 2022.

8367/22 Burial Ground

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee on 07 April 2022 were NOTED.
- b. It was NOTED that a Memorial Topple Test was carried out by Cllr Mrs Howie and the Clerk and three headstones have been laid flat.

The meeting was suspended at 8.36pm to receive report from the District Councillor.

The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes

The meeting reconvened at 8.58pm

8368/22 Climate Change

- a. The notes of the Climate Change Working Party held on 16 March 2022 were NOTED.

8369/22 Youth

- a. It was NOTED that the meeting of the Youth Committee to be held on 06 April 2022 was cancelled as KCC staff tested positive for COVID. A new date will be arranged.
- b. The Trustees of the Youth Centre have asked for the pool table and foosball to be removed from the Youth Centre. Cllr S Fishenden PROPOSED that the pool table and foosball table are donated to the Kent County Council Youth Hub at Swanley. SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.

8370/22 Highways

- a. No report

8371/22 Footpaths

- a. No report.

8372/22 Transport

- a. It was NOTED that a letter has been written to Arriva regarding the withdrawal of services.

8373/22 Health

- a. Jubilee Medical Practice – while members felt that the practice is getting more active, the service received, is still not satisfactory for patients with reports of the telephone cutting out while people are in the queue.

8374/22 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Focus Group held on 11 April 2022 were NOTED.

8375/22 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – The Folk Night on 13 April 2022 was well supported.
A concert will be held in Ash Church in aid of the Ukraine.
- b. Hodsoll Street – there will be a ‘Green Man in exile’ event on Friday afternoon, all welcome, bring your own alcohol.
The Big Breakfast will be held on 7 May 2022 and every first Saturday of the month all welcome cost £5.00.
- c. Ridley – the new toilet has been completed at Ridley Church. The church is closed while a tea station is being built.
- d. New Ash Green Village Day – It was NOTED that the Sports Centre will have a stand at Village Day.

8376/22 Bulletin and Website

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

8377/22 Thursday Lunch Provision

- a. The Cook is on holiday for two weeks, so lunch will resume on 12 May 2022. Our volunteer has been DBS checked and is an all round helper.

8378/22 KALC

- a. No report.

8379/22 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/04/22 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: