

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 October 2021 at New Ash Green
Village Association Meeting Room, Centre Road, DA3 8HH commencing at
19:45

Present:

Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr S Fishenden
Cllr S Glover (arrived 19.47pm)
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie (arrived 19.49pm)
Cllr M Manley
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr Miss Sapiets

In attendance:

Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Councillor
8 Members of the public

The meeting was suspended at 19.46 for the presentation of the KALC Community Award 2020
The meeting resumed at 19.50pm.

8208/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Clark (Governors Meeting), Cllr P Nightingale (work) Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.
District Councillors Claire Nelson Alan Pett and Perry Cole also sent their apologies.

8209/21 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in item 11. Northfield as a payment has been made to her son's business. Cllr S Fishenden declared an interest in item 7. New Ash Green Village Association as he is a member of staff.
- 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.

8210/21 Dispensations

None received.

8211/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 September 2021 be approved. PROPOSED: Cllr F Cottee SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.

8212/21 Planning

a. Applications

SE/21/03134: 102 Manor Forstal, New Ash Green, DA3 8JQ – Demolition of sunroom with side infill, rear extension, and roof lights. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not contravene local planning policy. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

SE/21/03214: Highlands, Ash Road, Hartley, DA3 8HA - Erection of a single storey dwelling. Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application. The introduction of a new dwelling would affect the openness of the Green Belt. If this application is granted, the Parish Council requests the withdrawal of permitted development rights for this site. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas FOR: 11 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/9/21 were RECEIVED and NOTED. The reasons for refusal of relevant applications will be forwarded to members by email.

c. Appeals

APP/G2245/D/21/3270994: Lilac Bank, Billet Hill, TN15 7HE – demolition of single storey flank extension and removal of flat roof and erection of reduced width two storey flank extension together with dormer windows and alterations to fenestrations. It was NOTED that the Appeal was ALLOWED with costs.

d. Enforcements

None at time of Agenda.

e. It was NOTED that the Planning Committee meetings of 07 October 2021 did not take place as there were no applications for consideration.

f. Sevenoaks Centres Strategy Stakeholder discussions – Cllr Mrs Clucas reported that she and Cllr Miss Sapiets had attended a virtual meeting and gave the Parish Council views on the shopping centre from the Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, providing adequate parking and the extension of the CCTV to the car parks and upper levels of the shopping centre and maintenance of through walkways and landscape provision were mentioned. Prominent No Cycling notices, including scooters need to be displayed and a survey carried out to see who uses the car parks, specifically during school term time. The introduction of recycling for the Centre businesses would be welcomed. The upper levels do not have accessible access with the exception of the gym, which does have a ramp. It is important to keep affordable spaces for local small businesses and arts and crafts which will increase footfall. In the future, electric vehicle charging points, solar panels and small windmills should be considered. Public transport has been an issue for some time.

8213/21 Finance

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

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

c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 02 November 2021.

d. Welcome Back Fund - Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that benches are requested to be placed in the vicinity of Ash Village Hall, Bowdler's Well and that a request is made to the Village Association to provide a bench on the Sports Field. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

8214/21 New Ash Green Village Association

- a. The notes of the meeting with the Village Association Council of Management held on 27 September 2021 were NOTED.
- b. The requested structure of the Village Association has not been provided as the Village Association are undergoing a review. Therefore, the selection of a representative did not take place.

8215/21 The Queen's Canopy

- a. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council provides the following trees, either through the Woodland Trust initiative or from the Parish Council direct.
 - a single tree on the island in front of Orpins.
 - Hodsoll Street – outside Park View on the Green (not too tall as there are overhead lines)
 - Fruit trees at Ridley – near Bowdler's Well and on Northfield. Permission from the respective landowners will be sought.SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Hobbs and AGREED.
- b. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that the Parish Council registers to take part, in conjunction with Ash Church, in a beacon lighting ceremony on 02 June 2022 at 9.15pm to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED

8216/21 Sports Centre

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee held on 29 September 2021 were NOTED. The reduction in number of visits in August was confirmed to be the usual trend due to summer holidays.

8217/21 Barnfield Park

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group held on 27 September 2021 were NOTED.

8218/21 Northfield

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the Northfield Management Committee held on 27 September 2021 were NOTED.

8219/21 Burial Ground

- a. The minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 23 September 2021 were NOTED.

The meeting was suspended at 20.45pm to receive report from the District Councillor.

The report from the District Councillor is attached to these minutes

The meeting reconvened at 20.58pm

8220/21 Youth

- a. Senior Youth Club – It was NOTED that West Kent Housing is unable to quote for the senior youth club as they do not have the capacity to run it. Kent County Council are currently expanding and may be able to run the provision. More information will be available at the end of November.
- b. Family Fun Days – It was NOTED that the Family Fun Days held in the summer were well attended. The Fun Day run by Play Place was attended by 125 young people and 72 adults. The figures for the West Kent Extra days have not been received.

8221/21 Highways

- a. The Street Ash – The stretch of The Street between the Old Rectory and the New Rectory was discussed. Cllr D Brazier advised that the resident had been in contact with him. This portion of the road is narrow and the verges are not owned by Highways but are private land. Due to the width of the road, HGVs that meet on this portion of road ride up on the verge and cause damage to the land. A Highways Engineer has advised that it is not possible to install kerbing as it would cause damage to vehicles, and the road cannot be widened as the land on both sides is in private ownership and therefore no solution. The resident of the New Rectory advised that speed is also a factor, making it difficult to access and leave the property. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that a request be made to Kent Highways to re-instate the 30mph road marking, and to clear the vegetation on the 30mph signage. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

8222/21 Footpaths

- a. It was NOTED that footpaths SD235 and SD237 will be closed temporarily from 9am on Saturday 6 November to 9am on Sunday 7 November to facilitate the holding of the New Ash Green Fireworks event.

8223/21 Transport

- a. The minutes of the next meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes held on 12 October 2021 were NOTED.

8224/21 Health

- a. Jubilee Medical Practice – it was NOTED that a letter has been sent to Laura Trott MP.

8225/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. The minutes of the Focus Group meeting held on 11 October 2021 were NOTED. Cllr Mrs Clucas requested that the landlord of the shopping centre is requested to install more prominent No Cycling and No Scooter signage.

8226/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – The film scheduled for 27 October was cancelled and the next film will be Dreamland and held in November. On 19 November a Folk night will be held.
- b. Hodsoll Street –
 - 1. The notes of the meeting with Kent Fire and Rescue Services held on 04 August 2021 were NOTED. The meeting was well attended and appreciated.
 - 2. Fire Hydrants – KALC has provided two parish maps showing the location of fire hydrants. The hydrant at Holywell is not where Kent Fire and Rescue Service said it was. Kent Fire and Rescue Services are not responsible for the water pressure and this is dependent on the bore of the pipe. The bore of the pipe in Rosemary Lane is 3 inches and in Holywell it is a 1-inch bore. Some residents may draft an additional letter to KFRS as they have not received answers to all their concerns.
 - 3. Holywell Park Care Home – a re-organisation has been handled clumsily resulting in an industrial matter.
- c. Ridley – no report

8227/21 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – no report.

b. Website – No report.

8228/21 Thursday Lunch Provision

a. More members have returned and there is only one couple that haven't returned from the COVID closure.

8229/21 KALC

a. Fire hydrant map – covered under item 8226 2.b.

8230/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/10/21 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 21.21

Signed:
Chairman

Date: