

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the online meeting held on Thursday 15 April 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 M Manley
- Cllr Mrs Manston
- Cllr P Nightingale
- Cllr Ms Sapiets

In attendance:

- Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk
- Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Council
- Cllr A Pett – Sevenoaks District Council

8083/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Hobbs (prior engagement), Cllr V Ngwenya (work) and Cllr J Scott (technical difficulties). Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

District Councillors Mrs Nelson, Mrs Penny Cole and Mr Perry Cole also sent her apologies.

8084/21 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in item 6 as her son is a tree surgeon. Cllr F Cottee declared an interest in item 6. SE/21/00870 as the applicant is known to him. Cllrs Mrs Brammer and M Brown declared an interest in item SE/21/00933 as members of the Northfield Management Committee.
- 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.

8085/21 Dispensations

None received.

8086/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2021 be approved with the correction of attendance of District Councillor Mr Cole instead of Mrs Cole. SE/21/00567 - The addition of the word Council after Parish in the first sentence. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.

8087/21 COVID-19

- a. Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that in line with the August 2020 amendment to Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 which offers the possibility of not holding a meeting in

2021, that the Annual Parish Meeting is not held this year. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer FOR: 8 AGAINST: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 1

Cllr Mrs Manston PROPOSED an amendment to hold the Annual Parish Meeting virtually via Zoom before the 06 May 2021 deadline. FOR: 3 AGAINST: 7 ABSTENTIONS: 0 The amended motion falls.

- b. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is brought forward to 06 May 2021 and held via Zoom. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.
- c. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that an Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council is held in person, on Thursday 03 June 2021 AT 7.45pm for the purpose of approving the AGAR to enable submission before the end of June 2021. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.
- d. Delegated Authority – Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that in line with **Section 101 of the Local Government Act, 1972**, should the holding of Council Meetings, including Committees of the Council be suspended as a result of restrictions on social distancing in relation to national health, or other emergency, the Clerk or in the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk/Finance Officer has delegated authority to take decisions in pursuance of the provision of ongoing Council services and business. In non-urgent situations the Clerk should action the business having sought the views of all councillors at a virtual meeting with not less than 3 working days' notice. Decisions made under such delegations shall be noted at the next meeting of the council. SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.

8088/21 Planning

a. Applications

SE/21/00844: Land South of Pettings Court, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LH – Double storey rear extension. Sand school with associated works. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council has no objection to this proposal provided that it complies with local planning regulations. However, there are three points that we wish to see addressed before permission is granted:

1. Road Safety: The entrance to the site is on a sharp bend at the bottom of a hill and the road is quite heavily used for commercial and domestic deliveries. We would like to see KCC Highways consulted on possible safety measures to reduce the risk of collision.

2. Water contamination: During recent extreme weather events there has been considerable flash flooding and water run-off next to the proposed entrance. We would like mitigation measures put in place to prevent this run-off being contaminated by equestrian waste, which would enter the adjacent drainage pond and ultimately the aquifer.

3. Subsequent development: We wish to see a condition that lighting would not be installed in the future. Similarly, we wish to see a condition that would prevent “knock-on” development such as the installation of an equestrian mirror or erection of storage facilities for ground-keeping and maintenance equipment.

SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED.

SE/21/00864: Holywell Farm House, Greenfields, Hodsoll Street, TN15 7LE – Change of use of building from storage ancillary to residential use of workshop. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council has no objection to this Change of Use. However, we wish to see it made explicit that the workshop use is permitted only by the present or future owners of Holywell Farm House property. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.

SE/21/00927: 91 Punch Croft, New Ash Green, DA3 8HR – Replacement single storey rear extension. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application in principle, subject to the materials used to match existing. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

SE/21/00870: Woodlands, Oak Farm Lane, Fairseat. – Demolition of dwelling and the erection of replacement dwelling – Cllr M Manley PROPOSED that the Parish Council objects to this application as overdevelopment in the Green Belt due to the size and bulk of the proposal. No very special circumstances have been claimed in order to mitigate this harm. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED.

The applications for information only were NOTED.

- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/4/21 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 01 April 2021 were NOTED.

8089/21 Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clark SECONDED: Cllr P Nightingale and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee has been moved to 27 April 2021.
- d. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the annual subscription to the Kent Association of Local Councils in the amount of £1,620.00 plus VAT is AUTHORISED. SECONDED: Cllr S Fishenden and AGREED.

8089/21 Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the Sports Centre opened on 12 April 2021.

8090/21 Barnfield Park

- a. The notes of the meeting of the Barnfield Park Liaison Group held on 17 March 2021 were NOTED.

8091/21 Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 26 April 2021.
- b. It was NOTED that the Horse-Riding Route re-opened on 29 March 2021.

8092/21 Burial Ground

- a. The minutes of the meeting of the of the Burial Ground Committee held on 30 March 2021 were NOTED.

The meeting was suspended at 20.40pm to receive reports from the District Councillors’.

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

The meeting reconvened at 21.03pm

8093/21 Youth

- a. Ms S Gaunt will advise when Kent County Council are permitted to start centre based youth session for the 11 – 18 year olds.

8094/21 Highways

- a. No Report

8095/21 Footpaths

- a. No report

8096/21 Transport

- a. The minutes of the meeting with KCC, Arriva and Parishes held on 23 March 2021 were NOTED.
- b. The response from the Office of the Mayor of London regarding the proposed London Boundary Charge was RECEIVED. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that as the Parish Council is not satisfied with the reply as the highlighted issues have not been addressed a further letter is sent to the Mayor of London. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

8097/21 Health

- a. No report

8098/21 New Ash Green Focus Group and Police

- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Focus Group meeting held on 12 April 2021 will be distributed with the May 2021 Agenda.

8099/21 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – no report.
- b. Hodsoll Street – As lockdown restrictions ease, plans for events in July 2021 have started with the Big Breakfast being held on the first Saturday of July 2021. Coffee mornings will resume on the second Thursday of the month.
- c. Ridley – no report.

8100/21 Bulletin and Website

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

8101/21 Lunch Provision

- a. No report

8102/21 KALC

- a. There have been no meetings of the KALC Sevenoaks Branch.

8103/21 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/04/21 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 20.49

Signed: Date:
Chairman