

## ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the online meeting held on Thursday 16 July 2020, 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 Glover  
Cllr J Kelly (arrived 19.54)  
Cllr M Manley  
Cllr P Nightingale  
Cllr V Ngwenya

In attendance: Alison de Jager – Parish Clerk  
Cllr D Brazier – Kent County Councillor  
Cllr A Pett – Sevenoaks District Councillor

- 7910/20 Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Hobbs, prior engagement. The Apologies apology and reason for absence was accepted .
- 7911/20 a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Connell declared an interest in item Declarations Of Interest 11 as a payment was made to her son.  
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.
- 7912/20 None received  
Dispensations
- 7913/20 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday Minutes 18 June 2020 be approved with the addition of ' If approved, the Parish Council would prefer application SE/20/01535 (TM/20/01087) under item 7 Planning, and will be signed by the Chairman at the next physical meeting of the Parish Council. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.
- 7914/20 It was AGREED that the vacancy will be advertised in the next edition of Casual Vacancy the Bulletin , for Co-option in September.
- 7915/20 a. Following the government announcement of further easing of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions from 04 July 2020, both NALC and SLCC strongly advise local councils to continue to meet remotely, without the need for face to face contact.
- 7916/20 a. Applications  
Planning **SE/20/01516: 12 Butlers Place, West Yoke, Ash, TN15 7HR** – Detached car port to front garden. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council has no objection to this application. However they are concerned at the amount of existing hardstanding and would like to see the concrete pad on the boundary removed and returned to

- 7916/20  
Planning
- grass or a flowerbed and that the hardstanding for the carport is constructed with a porous material to allow water drainage such as Grasscrete. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.
- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/07/20 were RECEIVED and NOTED.
- a. Appeals  
None at time of Agenda.
- b. Enforcements  
None at time of Agenda.
- c. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 02 July 2020 were NOTED.
- 7917/20  
Finance
- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED.
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
- c. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 21 July 2020.
- d. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the spend of funds received from the Community Infrastructure Levy, towards the installation of the Memorial Garden in the amount of £6,165.78 is AUTHORISED. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.
- 7918/20  
Electric  
Vehicle  
Charging  
Points
- a. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the Parish Council joins with the New Ash Green Village Association in applying for funding for both the suggested sites at the Pavilion and at the New Ash Green Village Hall. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED. It was NOTED that County Councillor David Brazier offered financial support for a second point and funding would need to be spent by April 2021. Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that a letter will be sent to Ash Garage asking them to consider the installation of a charging point. SECONDED: Cllr S Glover and AGREED.
- 7919/20  
Sports Centre
- a. The minutes of the Sports Centre Management Committee meeting held on 11 June 2020 were NOTED.
- b. It was NOTED that with the continued relaxing of restrictions, the government has announced that indoor gyms and leisure centres can reopen from 25 July 2020 as long as relevant criteria regarding hygiene and social distancing can be met. The painting and installation of the new floor has been completed and a virtual staff meeting has been held to inform staff of the changes that need to be made and the proposed new procedures. All staff will receive on-line cleaning training to meet Health & Safety requirements.
- 7920/20  
Northfield
- a. The minutes of the Northfield Management Committee meeting held on 11 June 2020 were NOTED.
- 7921/20  
Burial Ground
- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the meeting of the Burial Ground Committee held on 15 July 2020 will be distributed with the September 2020 Agenda.

**The meeting was suspended at 20.41 to receive a report from the  
County Councillor**

The report from the County Councillor is attached to these minutes

## The meeting reconvened at 20.47

- 7922/20  
Highways
- a. It was NOTED that the potholes have diminished.
- 7923/20  
Footpaths
- a. No report.
- 7924/20  
Transport
- a. Bus timetables on the bus stops no longer show the times, only the route. Times are available on the Arriva website or the Arriva app.
- 7925/20  
Health
- a. Concerns were raised regarding the closure of the walk-in GP service at White Horse, Northfleet on 30 June 2020 without this provision being implemented at the agreed sites at Gravesend Hospital and attached to A & E at Darent Valley Hospital. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that a letter is sent to the CCG to ask what progress has been made to get the Gravesend satellite up and running. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clark and AGREED.
- b. Concerns had been raised by residents trying to contact the local surgery by telephone, using both the New Ash Green and Kent House numbers. Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that a letter is sent to the surgery raising the concerns of residents and as the present system is not working, to provide a statement that can be included in the next Bulletin.
- 7925/20  
Ash, Hodsoll Street, Ash & New Ash Green
- a. Ash – Bell ringing is starting again at Ash Church.
- b. Hodsoll Street – Holywell Care Home continues COVID-19 FREE. The Green Man Pub is open for business with social distancing. The hall remains closed and users are still reluctant to come back and there are restrictions on activities.
- c. Ridley – no report
- 7926/20  
Bulletin and Website
- a. Bulletin – Cllr M Brown and the Clerk will produce the next edition of the Bulletin.
- b. Website – the website has been updated.
- 7927/20  
Lunch Provision
- a. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were thanked for cooking the meal while the Cook was on annual leave.
- 7928/20  
KALC
- a. KALC are offering training via Zoom.
- 79029/20  
Reports, Circulars and Correspond.
- The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/07/20 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Chairman