

ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the online meeting held on Thursday 15 October 2020,
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 S Glover
Cllr Mrs Hobbs
Cllr Mrs Howie
Cllr M Manley
Cllr Mrs Manston (joined at 19.52)
Cllr V Ngwenya (arrived 19.50)

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

1 Member of the public

7951/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J Scott (technical difficulties) and Cllr P Nightingale (work). Cllr Mrs Brammer PROPOSED that the apologies and reasons for absence are accepted. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

7952/20 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mrs Howie declared an interest in item 7. SE/20/02707 as the owner is known to her. Cllrs M Brown, Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Manston all declared an interest in item 7. SE/20/02772/LDCPR as they have signed a petition against this development.
- 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.

7953/20 Dispensations

None received

7954/20 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2020 be approved. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

7955/20 Casual Vacancy

- a. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that Mrs Laura Manston is co-opted to the Parish Council, New Ash Green South East ward. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell FOR: 10 AGAINST: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 2. Cllr M Brown PROPOSED that

her declaration of acceptance of office would be signed as soon as practicable. **SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.**

7956/20 COVID-19

- a. No update.

7957/20 Planning

- a. Applications

SE/20/02748: 13 Bowes Wood, New Ash Green, DA3 8QJ – The erection of a two storey side extension.

Cllr Mrs Connell **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy.

SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

SE/20/02707: Orchard Cottage, New Street Road, Hodsoil Street, TN15 7JY – Erection of two stables with tack room/hay store and covered wash down area with manure store and utilising existing access.

Cllr F Cottee **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council objects to the proposed application on the grounds that the bulk and siting of the proposed stables constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt and will alter the character of the area. It will also create both noise and smell nuisance for local residents. No Very Special Circumstances have been claimed by the applicant to mitigate the harm to the Green Belt.

We note that this new application does not meet the DEFRA recommendation of 0.5 ha per horse of **grazing** land.

In the event that planning permission is granted, we request that an incorporeal hereditament is attached which prevents the eventual sale of the site for housing. **SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

SE/20/02772/LDCPR: Land West of Beechcroft Farm Industries, Chapel Wood Road, Ash, TN15 7HX.

Erection of two broiler houses. Cllr Mrs Clucas **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council objects to this proposal on the grounds that it has the potential to cause unacceptable levels of noise, smell and disturbance from its use to the neighbours, greater neighbourhood and the site itself. **SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.**

- b. The decisions, as set out in Appendix A to Agenda A/10/20 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 01 October 2020 were **NOTED**.
- f. Cllr Mrs Brammer **PROPOSED** that a representative from the District Council's Planning Policy Team is invited to a virtual meeting to update the Parish Council on new legislation. Hartley and West Kingsdown Parish Councils could be invited too. **SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.**

7958/20 Finance

- a. The current financial position and accompanying reports were NOTED. Cllr V Ngwenya advised that the Sports Centre projection for a deficit of approximately £11,000.00 at year end has not changed, but the introduction of the COVID -19 3 tier system may affect income if we are moved up a tier. .
- b. The cheques signed since the last meeting were authorised. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Clucas SECONDED: Cllr V Ngwenya and AGREED.
- c. The external auditor's Certificate and Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2020 for the Parish Council and Ash Green Sports Centre was NOTED. The relevant notices will remain on display for 14 days in compliance with the **Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011**.
- d. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 27 October 2020.
- e. Consideration was given to an appeal for funding from St Peters Church, Ridley. Following guidance taken from the National Association of Local Councils, it was AGREED that the Parish Council could not award a grant to the Church.

7959/20 Service of Remembrance

- a. It was confirmed that the Parish Council will not hold a service on 11 November 2020, but that the Chairman will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and children from New Ash Green Primary School and Milestone Academy will lay wreaths.

7960/20 Sports Centre

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Sports Centre Management Committee will be held on 23 October 2020..

7961/20 Northfield

- a. It was NOTED that the next meeting of the Northfield Management Committee will be held on 26 October 2020..

7962/20 Burial Ground

- a. It was NOTED that the minutes of the Burial Ground Committee meeting held on 09 October 2020 will be distributed with the November 2020 Agenda.

The meeting was suspended at 20:41 to receive a report from the County and District Councillors

The report from the County Councillor is attached to these minutes

The meeting reconvened at 21:00

7963/20 Youth

- a. No report

7964/20 Highways

- a. No report.

7965/20 Footpaths

- a. Claimed amendment to the line of Footpath SD297 - Cllr Mrs Connell PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to returning the footpath to its original line, but would prefer it on the verge and not on the road. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

7966/20 Transport

- a. The meeting with KCC, Arriva and parish councils will be held on 27 October 2020 and members were requested to forward any issues to the Clerk.

7967/20 Health

- a. The doctor's surgery is working better once it has been possible to reach them by telephone with a better triage system. It is still extremely difficult to get through on the phone with one member redialling 96 times before getting through.

7968/20 Ash, Hodsoll Street & Ridley

- a. Ash – it is the 30th year of the Kent Pond and Tree Warden scheme, and to commemorate this anniversary, 30 Elm trees will be donated to areas in Kent. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would make an application for a tree, to be planted in Ash, near the cricket ground or alternatively on Northfield..
- b. Hodsoll Street – the Village Hall Committee has received a bequest in the amount of £10,000 from the late Ivor Stoneham. Use of the village hall has increased..
- c. Ridley – no report

7969/20 Bulletin and Website

- a. Bulletin – no report
- b. Website – It was NOTED that websites of all Public Sector Bodies must be accessible to all, especially those with disabilities; vision, hearing and keyboard/mouse mobility. Training has been completed and the layout of Agendas and Minutes has been reviewed.

7970/20 Lunch Provision

- a. The lunch provision continues to provide take away lunches. All members of the provision will be contacted again to see if they need a hot meal as we go into winter.

7971/20 KALC

- a. No report

7972/20 Reports, Circulars and Correspondence

The reports, circulars and correspondence as set out in A/10/20 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 21:20

Signed:
Chairman

Date: