

HACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL
ON THURSDAY 14th JANUARY 2016

Present: Cllr. R Evison (Chairman); Cllr. B Fitter-Harding (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. A Cover; Cllr. T Hulks; Cllr. N Cronin and Mrs D Horswell (Clerk).

Also present: Mrs P Reilly (Chairman, Blean Hackington & Tyler Hill Society) and four residents.

(1) Apologies for Absence: –County Cllr. John Simmonds – unwell; Ward Cllr. George Metcalfe; Ward Cllr. Amy Baker.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and congratulated Ward Cllr. Amy Baker on the recent birth of her baby.

(2) Note changes in Register of Members' Interests:
No changes declared.

(3) Note Declaration of Interest and DPI by Members in Agenda items:
No Declarations.

(4) To Accept Minutes: of the Parish Council meeting held on **12th November 2015**. The minutes were **accepted** as being a true record and **signed** as such by the Chairman.

Minutes:

Ref: 6.4 – The Members were happy that the bin is being emptied regularly.

Ref: 6.6 – The request for an additional salt bin at Fleets Lane/Tyler Hill Road junction will be reviewed in spring/summer. It has been put in for Spring 2016 review when an inspector will look at the site.

Ref: 7.7 – Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that twenty Christmas parcels were delivered in the area.

Ref: 12.1 – Kent Highway Steward had cleaned the road signs on Canterbury Hill as best she could.

(5) Matters raised by the public:

5.1 Irene Pellett reported that the street lamp outside 30 Calais Hill is not working – Clerk to report to KCC.

5.2 Irene Pellett reported that water is constantly flowing from outside 30 Calais Hill and the drain at No 24 is not working. Penny Reilly said that the water all collects at the bottom of Calais Hill. It was noted that the drains had been cleared out during the night.

5.3 Mrs Goggin said that there is a spring at 13 Hackington Road and green moss is growing on the pavement.

5.4 Penny Whiting said that the pavement outside 34 Hackington Road is impassable. Cllr. Evison said that he had completed the KCC Highways survey and had reported that all the footpaths in Tyler Hill need attention.

5.5 Penny Whiting said that thought should be given to a village clean-up for the Queen's 90th birthday.

5.6 Dr. Mike Goggin reported that the third directional sign in Calais Hill has fallen into the pond. He expressed a hope that this could be replaced by KCC with a sign to match the other two with the Greening Project raising the difference in the cost.

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(6) Matters for discussion:

6.1 Bus Shelters update:

Dr. Mike Goggin updated the meeting on the forthcoming new bus shelter. It has been delivered to Serco depot and is awaiting installation. This will involve a road closure. Dr. Goggin suggested a noticeboard and planters be put in the shelter.

A formal ceremony will need to be arranged with invitations sent to people who have been involved.

The Chairman had circulated the wording for the plaque dedicated to Hazel McCabe to Members. Members agreed to the wording.

6.2 Defibrillator update:

Dr. Goggin reported that Mike Seekings is doing the monthly checks.

Cllr. Evison is to set up a way it can be monitored, he will buy scissors, razor and towel and liaise with Mike Seekings.

6.3 30mph bin stickers update:

The Parish Council have purchased 100 x 30mph wheelie bin stickers and Cllr.

Evison has distributed all but three along Hackington Road and Tyler Hill Road.

6.4 Meeting with Richard Tolson ref Tyler Hill Road bin

Cllr. Evison reported that he had met with Richard Tolson from CCC on 13th November to walk along Tyler Hill Road and Calais Hill and they had collected 100 items of litter but two days later it was all back.

Richard had offered to supply orange sacks, litter pickers and orange waistcoats so that a team could be set up in the village to pick up the litter. Serco would collect the orange sacks.

Penny Reilly said that she would bring the matter up at the next meeting of the BH & TH Society with a view to them helping.

6.5 Cleaning of road signs on Canterbury Hill:

This had been done by the Highways Steward as best as she could.

6.6 Request for salt bin on Fleets lane/Tyler Hill Road junction:

Has been put in for spring 2016 review when an inspector will be out to have a look at the site.

6.7 Queen's 90th birthday celebrations:

Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that funds are available from Rural Area Advisory Committee (formally RAMP) to be shared equally in the parishes.

Cllr. Cover will raise it at the next village hall meeting.

(7) Correspondence:

All correspondence and emails previously circulated to all Members including:

1. CCC – updates for each week
2. Canterbury City Council - celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday next year.
3. CCC - slides of the presentations given for parish at the Rural Area Advisory Committee on 30th November 2015 – Planning Process.
4. CCC - Canterbury district local plan publication draft: proposed amendments (November 2015)
5. CCC – Notice of Code of Conduct Training
6. CCC – 3 consultations:

[A new approach to transport and enhancing our city centre](#) – closes 29 January -

We're consulting on important proposals to improve transport and boost the city and town centres through major changes to parking, including the greater use of new technology, and transforming a number of pedestrian areas. We are also consulting on proposed increases to parking charges that will help fund these important

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improvements.

Corporate Plan 2016-2020 – closes 22 January

Our Corporate Plan sets out our vision and business plan for the council for the next four years. It sets out a number of ambitions focussing on PEOPLE, PLACES and PROSPERITY that will guide and influence the ways our services are planned and delivered and describes the priorities the council will focus on.

Financial outlook and draft budget 2016/17 – closes 29 January

Each year the council sets out its proposed budget for the coming year. Along with most other councils across the country, Canterbury City Council is trying to manage through a period of significant change to our budgets. Over the past few years we have achieved significant reductions in our budget. By 2019/20 we will have to make further significant savings and as a result, we will face some challenging decisions over the next four years. These papers set out our proposed approach to budgeting over the four years with a view to becoming financially self-reliant during this time.

7. KALC - PARISH NEWS DECEMBER 2015

8. KALC - Pensions & Auto Enrolment notice

9. KALC - October minutes

10. KALC - The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has issued a consultation on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework **The deadline for responses is Monday 25 January 2016.**

11. KALC - Provisional Local Government Finance settlement - Referendum

12. KALC - update to Legal Topic Note 87 and L05 - 15 (Public Contracts Regulations 2015 - impact on the standing orders and financial regulations adopted by councils). These have been updated because the financial thresholds in the Public Contracts Directive 2014/24/EU which apply to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 were amended in November 2015 and take effect from 1 January 2016.

13. KALC Canterbury Area Committee meeting - agenda for meeting Tuesday 19th January 2016

14. KALC - update to Legal Topic Note 79 on Staff Pensions.

15. KCC regarding their consultation on proposed further modifications to the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-2030. The consultation deadline is **Friday 4 March**

16. KCC - "Inside Track" newsletter produced by Kent County Council which contains the latest information on national, regional and local sources of funding.

17. Tyler Hill Meadow - meeting notes and a draft of the Management Plan to 2019

18. NALC Newsletter - 11 January 2016

(8) Reports and Matters Relating to:

Highways and Speedwatch: Cllr. Fitter-Harding:

Speedwatch: Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that it is hard to get volunteers. If anyone can suggest a date please let Ben know.

Potholes: Constant problem with potholes in Calais Hill, Hackington Road and Canterbury Hill. A road closure will be scheduled at some point to do these repairs. Will keep updated.

Footpaths: Cllr. Evison:

Cllr. Evison reported that all the footpaths are open and walkable. Walking groups are walking them.

Street Lighting: Cllr. Cronin:

Cllr. Cronin said that there were no issues with street lighting as far as he was aware.

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NHW: Cllr. Cronin:

Cllr. Cronin had spoken to Robin Whiting and there was nothing significant to report from NHW. Spam emails continue to be a problem. On the Countryeye website it is reported that fly-tipping is on the increase.

Residents can report any faults on street lights and other highway issues on the KCC website www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel

KALC: Cllr. Cover:

Cllr. Cover reported that the next meeting is on 19th January when it is hoped that the District Area Commander of Kent Police will be the speaker. Matters of concern for all rural parishes continue to be traffic-related in particular to the number of HGV's that continue to use unsuitable roads and also the parking problem along the roadside. Funding issues also continues to be very significant for the parishes.

Conservation Area: (including The Greening Project update) Cllr. Hulks:

The owner of the van parked in St John's Crescent car park has contacted CCC and said it wasn't abandoned and had a SORN notice on it.

Cllr. Hulks said that she has reported it to DVLA. and is waiting to hear back from E.K.H. who own the land.

Greening Project update:

At the meeting yesterday it was announced that £2,000 had been granted from Rural Area Advisory Committee. This will be used for a replacement for the fence in the car park in Tyler Hill Road. It was hoped to use railway sleepers but they proved to be too heavy so maybe a construction of a small wall will be used instead.

(9) Planning Applications:

Planning Applications:

1. CA/15/02543/FUL - Demolition of existing property and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings with associated parking and turning areas - Hillside Cottage, Wood Hill, CT2 9NL - Hackington Parish Council object to this planning application for two dwellings on the grounds that this plot is suitable for a single property only (Over-development. Canterbury District Local Plan – Draft Publication 2014: DBE9 Residential intensification).

Although the Parish Council remain convinced by the structural engineer's report that the most appropriate and cost effective solution for this plot is for demolition it is believed that it should be replaced by a single dwelling only.

It is believed that the result of the density of this development would be an increase in traffic movements onto an already dangerous stretch of Hackington Road.

The Parish Council also comments that the application is wrong in one material respect and it might be in response to Section 14 on Biodiversity or Section 16 on Trees and hedges.

There is an ancient oak which the Tree Warden gives an approximate age of more than 300 years and this tree would be affected by foundations to any new building on the site. The plot is within the Conservation Area and as all trees in Conservation Areas are protected this tree should be declared as vulnerable to any groundwork on the site. (Canterbury District Local Plan First Review 2006 Policy NE1 Site surveys and NE5 Retention of trees).

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2. CA/15/02631/FUL – Conversion of a former stable building into an annexe ancillary to Tyler Hill House – 13 Calais Hill CT2 9LT - - Hackington Parish Council supports this application and would be pleased to see this old outbuilding and wall repaired and restored.

3. CA/15/02701/FUL - Extension and conversion of existing garage to studio with access stairs - Tyler Hill Cottage, Tyler Hill Road CT2 9JL - comments to CCC by 22nd January

9.1 Planning Application Decisions:

1. Demolition of existing dwelling and adjoining garage and erection of two semi-detached dwellings with associated alterations to the access and landscaping – 3 Link Road – **REFUSED**

2. CA/15/02092/FUL/ CA/15/02093/LB - Conversion of a former stable building into an annexe ancillary to Tyler Hill House - 13 Calais Hill, Tyler Hill CT2 9LT – **WITHDRAWN**

3. CA/15/01719/LUE - Certificate of existing lawful development in respect of use of Warden's Lodge as a self-contained dwelling house - Warden's Lodge, Littlehall Pinetum, Tyler Hill CT2 9NN – **Was Lawful**

9.2 Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area: None

(10) Accounts

10.1 Approval and signing of cheques

For signing at meeting:

#689 – BPC - 27.54% SLCC Membership - **£ 41.03** – **Already signed**

#690 – Mrs D Horswell – Clerks Fees December 2015 - **£243.20** + January 2016 - **£243.00** = **£486.20**

#691 – Clarks Landscape Services – Annual Payment for grass cutting and weed-spraying - **£840.00**

#692 – HMRC – PAYE Oct/Nov/Dec 2015 - **£43.00**

#693 – Re-imburement - Mrs D Horswell – 100 pack Wheelie Bin 30mph stickers - **£70.00**

#694 – Littlethorpe – invoice 1672 – Bus Shelter - **£6,546.00**

Bank Statement as at 14th December 2015 - **£8,260.23** (not including transactions from this meeting and including £500.00 grant for new laptop and printer)

The Precept for 2016/2017 - £5,350.00 + Government Grant - £333.75 = **£5,683.75**

This equates to an increase of 5% which is an extra £1.08 per year for a Band D property making an increase of £22.91 per year.

(11) Report on:

Memorial Hall:

Cllr. Cover's report:

Bonfire Night event was successful raising about £8,000 profit which is much needed to go towards the hall maintenance costs. At the last meeting the costs for the coming year in respect of maintenance on the hall to include re-decorating, lighting, ground maintenance and much needed roof repairs will be in the region of £42,000 based on estimates obtained.

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(12) Any Other Business

12.1 The future Parish Council dates are:

17th March (Parish Assembly), 12th May (Annual meeting), 14th July, 8th September, 10th November and 12th January 2017.

Cllr. Evison asked whether the 8th September meeting could be changed to 15th September. Clerk to find out from Hall bookings secretary if the hall will be available.

12.2 Next Parish Council meeting is the Parish Assembly on 17th March. Cllr. Fitter-Harding gave his apologies in advance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.