

HACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL
ON THURSDAY 13th JULY 2017

Prior to the Parish Council meeting Dr Mike Goggin gave a demonstration of how the defibrillator works.

Present: Cllr. R Evison (Chairman); Cllr. T Hulks; Cllr. N Cronin and Mrs D Horswell (Clerk).

Also present: County Cllr. John Simmonds and four residents.

(1) Apologies for Absence: – Cllr. A Cover – on holiday; Cllr. B Fitter-Harding – Full CCC meeting; Ward Cllr. Amy Baker and Ward Cllr. George Metcalfe – Full CCC meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

(3) To Accept Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th May 2017
The minutes were **accepted** as being a true record and **signed** as such by the Chairman.

Arising from the minutes:

Ref: 10.1 University Concept Master Plan:

Cllr. Evison said that the University appeared to have backed down about building on the land adjacent to Tyler Hill Road and are concentrating on getting better use out of the centre of the University.

Representatives of various groups have been invited to a workshop on 19th July. Transportation and parking will be being looked at. The Master Plan is being changed from a fifty-year plan to 2031 to tie in with the CCC Local Plan.

Ref: 11.7 Modified Parish Charter:

Cllr. Evison said that Parish Councils are not completely happy with the modified Parish Charter but it was felt that with the Community Governance Review coming up with the possibility of creating Community Councils, Town Councils and merging of Parish Councils it would be best to let it go through for now as it is bound to come up in the Community Governance Review.

(4) Matters Raised by the Public:

Members of the public may speak on any subject/planning application for 3 minutes:

4.1 Mike Goggin thanked County Cllr. John Simmonds and RAMP for funding the new fencing in the car park on Tyler Hill Road.

4.2 County Cllr. Simmonds had sent an email:

'Along with my neighbour colleague Michael Northey representing Chartham St Augustines I have helped to fund a replacement Meadow mower for the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership and some tools and other apparatus including hand tools, spades, survey equipment and water waders, some available to children.

Part of the deal is that they are responsive to requests from my parishes should they require help. I suspect you have had dealings with the partnership, but hope you find this helpful for your wilder sites.

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The point of contact should be debbie.reynolds@kent.gov.uk and you should refer to the arrangement mentioned above'.

It was thought that the equipment might be useful for the Meadow.

4.3 Mike Goggin mentioned the plaque on the bridge which he is trying to get information from in order to put a replacement one up on the bridge but he can't find any information on it. The new plaque will mention the Sarre Penn.

4.4 Mike Goggin said that any help would be welcome towards the campaign to save Kent & Canterbury hospital.

4.5 Irene Pellett mentioned that it is difficult to exit Calais Hill onto Wood Hill because of the overgrown hedge at 2 Calais Hill. The clerk will write to the occupiers.

(5) Matters for Discussion and Approval:

5.1 Funding Sub-committee update:

Cllr. Cronin said that he has not been able to do anything towards this yet.

5.2 Resilience Group update:

Cllr. Evison said that a small group has been formed to look at devising a plan in case emergency services cannot get to an emergency in the village. A letter has been delivered to all residents asking for information and there has been a good response back.

Residents' information will be encrypted and stored by one individual in line with the Data Protection Act.

Following agreement by the Parish Council at this meeting the information will be collated and a letter sent to all residents assuring them of this fact.

All Members present **AGREED.**

5.3 Community Governance Review:

Cllr. Evison explained that CCC have decided to have a review which could involve new Town Councils being created, Parish Councils merging and boundaries may change.

Ward Cllr. Ben Fitter-Harding will be chairing the review.

5.4 Inspector's report for the Local Plan:

Cllr. Evison said that there are several good things for Tyler Hill in the Plan. The Green Gap between Hackington and Canterbury has been retained and there are no plans for major builds in Tyler Hill.

The University's plans will come after the Local Plan has been adopted. Blean and Hackington will be opposed to any development along Tyler Hill Road.

5.5 Fire Hydrant Initiative:

Cllr. Evison said that all the hydrants are surveyed and the Fire and Rescue service know where the hydrants are.

(6) Correspondence:

All correspondence and emails previously circulated to all Members including:

KALC:

6.1 DCLG Park Run Consultation – deadline 30th July

6.2 Kent Police Rural Update Report

6.3 NALC's Chief Executive's Bulletins

6.4 June Parish News

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- 6.5 Rural Policing Update report from Kent Police's Rural Liaison Team
- 6.6 Kent Police Open Day – 2nd July
- 6.7 Fire Hydrant Initiative
- 6.8 NALC Town & Parish Council Questionnaire - **comments by 21st July**
- 6.9 Update to LTN 54 'Protection of ownerless Common Land and Village Greens'
- 6.10 Kent's new Rural Housing protocol

CCC:

- 6.11 Delivery & Implications of the General Election
- 6.12 Next week at Canterbury City Council notifications
- 6.13 Planning - Weekly lists and decision lists
- 6.14 Invitation to Chairmen and clerks – Community Governance Review – 26th June
- 6.15 Parish Capital Grant Fund 2018/2019 – **application deadline 2nd October**

KCC:

- 6.16 Notices of road closures
- 6.17 Inside Track 245
- 6.18 Inside Track 246

Southern Water

- 6.19 Consultation – Lets Talk Water – **comments by 30th June**
- 6.20 South Eastern Rail Franchise consultation – **deadline – 30th June**
- 6.21 Notice of cycle rides and art event in Canterbury and Ashford
- 6.22 Free event at Hadlow College – **13th July**

(7) Reports by County and Ward Cllrs:

7.1 **County Cllr. Simmonds** said that following the fire in the tower block in London KCC have undertaken inspections of all their buildings, schools etc.

They are about two-thirds of the way through making sure that fire regulations are compliant.

On the issue of devolution in the South East four or five District Councils didn't go ahead. There are no active discussions and it has lost its urgency by the Government. Cllr. Evison said that Bedfordshire District Council and other Councils are looking at it and if it were to go ahead Kent may look at it again.

7.2 **Cllr. Fitter-Harding** had sent a report in his absence:

CCC is a hive of activity at the moment. My own projects include:

- Station Road West multi-story
- District-wide ANPR car parking
- Litter
- Community Governance Review
- Aggressive digitalisation and modernisation
- Property Investment Strategy, to supplement income to protect front line services and the most vulnerable.

We're also working on other major issues including:

- The future of leisure provision
- Serco, or the lack of them for bin collections
- The financial reality no-merger

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And of course passing:

- The Transport Strategy
- The Local Plan

The inability of Serco to meet their contractual obligations for bin collections is our number one priority. The only options available to us are dramatic and costly, so we need to get it right. In the meantime if you observe a missed collection please report it to myself and Richard Tolson richard.tolson@canterbury.gov.uk immediately and we'll get it sorted out.

The Community Governance Review is looking at parish arrangements across the district, including urban areas. If Hackington wishes to explore merging with other parishes or taking on additional local services, now is the time to do it. We've been taking some early indicators to see what feeling is and will start formal submissions shortly. For more info: <https://canterbury.gov.uk/cgr>

8. Reports and Matters Relating to:

8.1 Highways and Speedwatch:

Cllr. Evison reported that the traffic speed sign had broken down and it has been away to the suppliers for repair. It is now mended and back in place. The suppliers have also supplied two new batteries.

8.2 Footpaths (Cllr. Evison)

Cllr. Evison reported that a lot of footpaths had been walked and there were no problems.

A car was burnt out but it was on private land so it was up to the landowner to deal with it.

8.3 Street Lighting (Cllr. Cronin)

Nothing to report.

8.4 NHW (Cllr. Cronin)

Nothing to report.

8.5 KALC (Cllr. Cover)

In her absence Cllr. Cover had sent reports for KALC and Memorial Hall:

There had not been a meeting since the last one in April, and the next is on the 18th July again at Littlebourne Village hall which is now the chosen venue for meetings to be held.

At the last meeting the chairman reported that the newly elected K.A.L.C. Chairman, Sarah Barker, had said she wanted to attend some Parish Council meetings and this is something that will no doubt be mentioned again at the meeting next week. Unfortunately, Cllr. Cover will not be able to attend as she will be away on that date.

8.6 Memorial Hall: (Cllr. Cover)

Quotes have now been received for the new roof and an application has been made to C.C.C. Planning Department. Robin Whiting and Phil Ashdown have both worked extremely hard on this project. Phil has submitted the grant application which we are hoping to get as the cost of all the work needed is considerable.

We had our meeting on Tuesday last week and a full breakdown of all the work and relative expenditure shows the extent and cost of the work needed, both internally and externally.

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Bookings are continuing to be good and our hall is becoming a popular venue for parties, including weddings, and also for other group meetings.

Work has already started on planning for our Bonfire Night event, which is still our major source of fund raising for the hall, and, as always, is very dependent on the weather.

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

Cllr. Hulks gave thanks to Mike Goggin for organizing the new fence in the Tyler Hill Road car park. There is money left in the pot for a plaque at the bridge and for re-planting the planters. She reported that there is a new manager at East Kent Housing. There is also a new Enforcement Officer at CCC and two vehicles have been removed from the St. John's Crescent car park.

The issue of the yellow van remains the same, every time a notice is put on it the owner says he has a SORN for it. Cllr. Fitter-Harding has sought funds to have it removed if means can be found to legally remove it. He is pursuing it.

Tyler Hill Meadow:

Cllr. Hulks gave thanks to Irene Pellett and Co. for clearing the paths in the Meadow. She said that the dormice boxes are in a bad state although there are a good variety of other creatures there. There is only one orchid this year.

(9) Planning Applications:

1. 17/01032 - Proposed black timber cladding to the external front elevation - 23 Hackington Road, Tyler Hill CT2 9NF – **No objections by HPC**

2. 17/01267 - Proposed alterations to form bed and breakfast accommodation and partial change of use to provide games room associated with public house - 9 Link Road, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9ND – **Hackington Parish Council has no objection to this application and comments that it is a well thought through proposal. The games room will enhance the prospects for the pub whilst the B & B accommodation neatly exploits the existing internal rooms without preventing a return to the present circumstances should that ever be desired.**

3. 17/01343 - Proposed 2 no. semi-detached three-storey dwellings with associated parking and turning areas following demolition of existing dwelling - Hillside Cottage, Wood Hill, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9NL – **Hackington Parish Council objects to this application.**

The report on the present structural state of Hillside Cottage makes it clear that is in a poor state, is not worth repair and should be demolished. Even from the outside the cracks in the structure are evident.

The Parish Council would be content with a one for one replacement dwelling. The proposal to replace the cottage with two dwellings is not acceptable for the following reasons:

The Preferred Option Consultation Draft 2013 of the proposed new Local Plan (POCD), Policy DBE9 deals with residential intensification. Two dwellings would contravene the Council's Guidelines to Control Residential Intensification Design Guide (April 2008). The site is very small, being only 0.09 hectares. The proposal would double the number of vehicles associated with the properties and double the number of vehicle movements associated with the properties

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The proposal would completely change the character of the Conservation Area in that location and would therefore detract from the appearance of the setting which the southern entrance to the village, contrary to the Local Plan Policy BE7.

In the Application statement, Section 16 on Trees & Hedges , the answer to a question as to whether and trees or hedges would be affected is given as ‘No’, whereas it is proposed in the application to reduce the height of the hedge on the west side of the property and the root system of the ancient oak on the adjacent property to the north is likely to be directly affected by ground works in the construction of the new property.

It is noted that in the Planning, Heritage, Design and Access Statement, Paragraph 03, ‘The Site, its Surroundings and Heritage Asset’, mention is made of permission granted in May 2005 (CA/00/01228) for the erection of a dwelling and detached garage at Sunnyside, which is on the opposite side of the Wood Hill to this site. The dwelling constructed was subsequently called P K manor. It was the subject of a protracted correspondence between the Parish Council and Planning Officers because of its location, intensification, design and size. The Parish Council always held that permission should not have been granted for this development and made mention of their objection in their Village Design Statement which was accepted by the Development Control Committee as material evidence for the consideration of planning applications.

4. 17/01397 – Application for listed building consent for replacement doors - 13 Calais Hill, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9LT- Hackington Parish Council support this application and think the architect should be complimented on producing such a tidy re-construction to bring the barn up to habitable standards again.

5. 17/01378 - Proposed replacement of slate roof tiles with steel roof tiles with slate effect - Tyler Hill Memorial Hall, Summer Lane, Tyler Hill, CT2 9NJ Hackington Parish Council supports this application.

6. 17/01614 – Proposed single-storey side extension – St Thomas House, Summer Lane, Tyler Hill CT2 9NH – Comments by 4th August

9.1 Planning Application Decisions:

- 1. 17/00851 - Proposed two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension - The Radfall, Summer Lane, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9NH – GRANTED**
- 2. CA//17/00624/FUL - Proposed two-storey side extension following demolition of garage, together with alteration of parking arrangement to create one extra space - 6 Link Road, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9ND – GRANTED**
- 3. 17/01032 - Proposed black timber cladding to the external front elevation - 23 Hackington Road, Tyler Hill CT2 9NF - GRANTED**

9.2 Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

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1. **17/00741:** T.P.O No 3 1975 removal of lower limbs of Oak T1 and Oak 2 62
Hackington Road, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9NQ – **GRANTED**

(10) Accounts

10.1 Approval and signing of cheques:

#000738 - Mrs D Horswell – Clerks Fees June 2017 - **£207.94** and Clerks Fees July 2017 - **£207.94** = **£415.88**

#000739 – HMRC – PAYE & NIC April/May/June 2017 - **£155.40**

#000740 Postage & Stationary Annual Return - £2.08 Vat Refund - £0.63 Ink Cartridges - £40.98 = **£43.69 (vat £6.83)**

#000741 Blean Parish Council – 50% Clerks Conference - **£36.00 (vat £6.00)**

#000742 Blean Parish Council – 50% Blean Hall Committee Room Hire - **£7.00**

#000743 Mrs D Horswell – Re-imburement for AVG Anti-virus annual subscription - **£46.99 (Vat £7.83)**

10.2 Money Received in:

HMRC – Vat Refund 2016/2017 - **£119.44**

Bank Statement as at 26th June 2017: - £12,660.55 (not including transactions above)

(11) Any Other Business

None.

Next Parish Council meeting is on 14th September 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.