

HACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL
ON THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2017

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

Also present: Ward Cllr. Amy Baker and two residents.

(1) Apologies for Absence: – Cllr. N Cronin – other commitment; County Cllr. John Simmonds – unwell.

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 13th July 2017

Correction: ref: 7.1 (2nd paragraph) Cllr. Evison asked for the word District be taken out of the sentence Bedfordshire District Council.

This being recorded 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:

Representatives of various groups were invited to a workshop on 19th July. Cllr. Hulks and Cllr. Evison had attended the meeting in which there had been good discussions. Attendees were divided into separate workshops to discuss points raised and at the end of the sessions the comments were collated. There was a very strong point made that there should be no development along Tyler Hill Road.

(4) Matters Raised by the Public:

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

There were no matters raised by the public.

(5) Matters for Discussion and Approval:

5.1 Funding Sub-committee update:

No update at the present time.

5.2 Resilience Group update:

Cllr. Evison said that following a letter sent to every resident there will be a meeting of the working group followed by a public meeting.

5.3 Community Governance Review:

Cllr. Evison explained that this review is inviting Parish Councils, any groups and residents to comment on how they think they are being represented, whether boundaries should change, parish councils should merge, town councils formed etc. The consultation closes on 8th October with the draft recommendation paper being presented by Christmas. The final recommendations will be implemented in May 2019.

HPC's response is that the Parish Council would like to remain a separate parish Council with no boundary change.

Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that there are to be witness sessions with Parish Councils who will each have thirty minute slots to be interviewed.

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(6) Correspondence:

All correspondence and emails previously circulated to all Members including:

KALC:

6.1 Events for Autumn

6.2 Chairmanship Information Day – 23rd September – Elham Village Hall

6.3 NALC – Chief Executive’s bulletins

6.4 Finance Conference – 12th October

6.5 KCC – Rights of Way and access service survey – 17th September

6.6 Invitation to SECamb Annual Members meeting – 28th September – Ditton Community Centre

6.7 Parish News – August 2017

6.8 – Canterbury Area Committee meeting – 26th September 7pm Littlebourne village Hall

“Protection of Ownerless Common Land and Village Greens”

CCC:

6.9 Weekly planning applications and decisions lists

6.10 Letter from Planning enforcement ref 6 Link Road – this is with regard to the applicant removing the hedge and making two car parking spaces instead of one. The retrospective application for a shed went to committee.

6.11 Register to vote information for websites and noticeboards

6.12 Weekly notice of forthcoming meetings

6.13 Empty homes – please let CCC know of any empty properties

6.14 RAMP meeting – 17th September – 7pm – this is an open session on Community governance.

KCC:

6.15 Highways, Transportation and Waste Parish Seminar – 17th October – Ramada Hotel, 6.16 Whitfield, Dover – 9am – 1pm.

6.17 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – 8th October

6.18 Kent MS Therapy Centre – Charity hop picking tour and talk – 14th September at 2pm.

6.19 Kent MS Therapy Centre – Charity Golf Day – Boughton Golf Club – 21st September.

6.20 Kent MS Therapy Centre – Talk on the History of the Vulcan Bomber – 1st October.

6.21 Our Stour – Launch Event – 19th September – Godmersham Park and Village Hall – 4pm – 7pm

6.22 KSCP Volunteers wanted

(7) Reports by County and Ward Cllrs:

7.1 Ward Cllr. Amy Baker said that there is still the on-going saga with Serco and residents should keep on reporting any issues with bin collections to Ward Cllrs.

7.2 Cllr. Baker also reported that following the closure of both Blean and Rough Common Post Offices there is work going on to provide an outreach Post Office in Rough Common village hall which could be up and running in the New Year.

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8. Reports and Matters Relating to:

8.1 Highways and Speedwatch:

It was reported that there is water flowing across Wood Hill. Cllr. Hulks said that the water leak in St. John's Crescent has now been fixed.

Cllr. Evison said that the previous speedwatch equipment has now been sold to Hoath Parish Council for £200.

8.2 Footpaths (Cllr. Evison)

Cllr. Evison reported that the footpaths are in good condition with a lot of walking parties using the footpaths.

Cllr. Hulks said that a tree has fallen down on the Calais Hill footpath. Cllr. Evison will report it to PROW.

8.3 Street Lighting (Cllr. Cronin)

Cllr. Cover had reported the light at the end of the Summer Lane footpath which has an intermittent fault to Cllr. Simmonds.

8.4 NHW (Cllr. Cronin)

Nothing to report.

8.5 KALC (Cllr. Cover)

'Our last meeting was the A.G.M. held on the 18th July which I was unable to attend as I was on holiday. The guest speaker for the evening was Steve Lewis who is the resilience manager with Kent Fire and Rescue Service and from the minutes received he reported on the number of fire hydrants currently on their list and this number is increasing. The Fire service will continue with the annual inspections and he confirmed all the fire hydrants are mapped on the computer system.

From the information in the copy minutes of the meeting which I received, Mike Gallagher of Littlebourne Parish Council is now Chairman and Ray Evison is now Vice-Chairman.

During the meeting it was mentioned by the Chairman there was to be a proposal regarding the implementation of a 20 mph speed limits in villages, especially along the A257. There was a serious crash in Wingham because of excessive speed.

It would be good if we could have a limit of 20 mph through our own village, especially on Hackington Road in the hope it will help prevent a serious accident because of speed which is far too excessive most of the time despite the warnings on our own speed indicator'.

8.6 Memorial Hall: (Cllr. Cover)

'We have received some very good news this week that our grant application has been successful and we are hoping to get the formal offer letter and funding agreement when it has been approved by the Regulator which we understand is a formality but are keeping our fingers crossed. Phil Ashdown, who is the hall treasurer, has put in a lot of time on this application and, needless to say, we are very grateful for his efforts.

There is a lot of work needing to be done, the main area of course being the roof, which is a very costly part of the maintenance which will also include the updating of the electrical wiring, and decorating to bring it up to date, and the hall may have to be closed to hirers for a short period when some of the work is being done. In addition there is a lot of outside work needed including drainage.

We have had our planning application approved for new a item of children's play equipment for which we have already received a generous donation from the Hambrook family in memory of Stephen but we have been waiting for the formal approval for all the work we have put in for. Even with a grant the work needed is going to be costly.

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We are hoping for a good evening for our main fund - raising event which is, of course, our bonfire night. Work is already underway in getting all aspects covered including of course the fireworks, bonfire, security and road closures in place, so keep fingers crossed the weather stays dry and we have a good attendance'.

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

The Greening project still has funds and there has been a suggestion of providing a boules pitch which maybe the funds could be spent on. The bridge at the bottom of Wood Hill needs rebuilding and an update will be sought from KHS on what needs doing and when it is likely to be.

Ten litter signs from CCC have been provided by Cllr. Fitter-Harding.

The matter of the removal of the yellow van is still being pursued by CCC and EKH who need to find out what legal framework they can use.

Tyler Hill Meadow:

KSCP are strimming the Meadow today and saplings and branches will be cut.

(9) Planning Applications:

6. 17/01614 – Proposed single-storey side extension – St Thomas House, Summer Lane, Tyler Hill CT2 9NH – **No objections by HPC**

Planning Applications received since last meeting:

1. 17/01964 - Proposed single and two-storey side and front extensions, alterations to roof including dormers, together with conversion of garage to living accommodation and addition of first floor rear balcony following demolition of existing rear extension. Location: Eastingdown, Alcroft Grange, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9NN – **No objections by HPC.**

9.1 Planning Application Decisions:

1. 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 – **GRANTED**

2. 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 – **GRANTED**

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 – **GRANTED**

4. 17/01614 – Proposed single-storey side extension – St Thomas House, Summer Lane, Tyler Hill CT2 9NH - **GRANTED**

9.2 Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area - None

(10) Accounts:

10.1 Approval and signing of cheques:

#000744 - Mrs D Horswell – Clerks Fees August 2017 - **£207.94** and Clerks Fees September 2017 - **£207.94 = £415.88**

#000745 – HMRC – PAYE July/Aug/Sept 2017 - **£155.40**

#000746 – Mrs D Horswell - Postage & Stationary - HMRC - £0.63 + Ink Cartridges - £40.98 (vat £6.83) = **£41.61**

10.2 Money Received in: None.

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Bank Statement as at 20th July 2017: - £11,955.59 (not including transactions above)

10.3 To accept – External Auditor’s report for Annual Return 31st March 2017 which stated:

(on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met).

All Cllrs. present **ACCEPTED** the report.

10.4 The clerk spoke of changing the bank account to Unity Trust bank and using the internet banking facility. Cllrs. thought this was a good idea and the clerk was asked to prepare the necessary documents for November’s meeting.

(11) Any Other Business:

None.

Next Parish Council meeting is on 16th November 2017.

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