

HACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL
ON THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2017

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

Also present: Two residents.

Apologies for Absence: – Cllr. R Evison (Chairman) – family Commitments; County Cllr. John Simmonds – unwell.

Due to Cllr. Evison being absent Cllr. Cronin took the Chair.

(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 14th September 2017

Proposed by Cllr. Cover, seconded by Cllr. Fitter-Harding the minutes were **accepted** by all Cllrs. present as being a true record and **signed** as such by the Chairman.

(4) Matters Raised by the Public:

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

4.1 Mike Goggin raised the matter of the parking restriction notices in the St. John's Crescent car park and the impact on residents. Cllr. Fitter-Harding explained that due to there being an inability for EKH and CCC to remove vehicles from the car park it has been necessary for EKH to put up the signs to enable them to be able to remove illegally parked vehicles. He said to re-assure residents that it is purely a measure so that they can enforce the restriction if necessary. The concern has been noted and the situation will be monitored and if there are any problems to let him know. A top lawyer in CCC is dealing with the case of the illegally parked van.

(5) Matters for Discussion and Approval:

5.1 Funding Sub-committee update:

Cllr. Cronin has had a look at KCC publication 'Inside Track' and there are probably eight or nine opportunities to acquire funding. A group is getting together to short list things that would benefit the community as a whole and look at the possibilities.

Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that there are CCC Capital Grants and RAMP also.

Mike Goggin announced that BHTH Group had been lucky enough to receive £2,000 from RAMP for a boules park in the recreation ground.

5.2 Resilience Group update:

Letters have been circulated to all residents and there is to be a public meeting on 21st November

5.3 Community Governance Review update:

The recommendation has been 'no change' for Hackington. Cllr. Fitter-Harding gave thanks to the Parish Council for participating in the witness session.

5.4 Rural Litter Guide:

Cllr. Evison has applied for £100 for litter-pickers, Hi-Viz jackets etc. Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that this is part of the litter-pick pot so that roads that are considered a risk by CCC can be cleaned up by the community. Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that he can arrange for the full bags to be collected.

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5.5 Community Transport Awayday:

Cllr. Cronin has the presentation which consists of four or five slides. He suggested that perhaps the idea of community transport for Hackington can be explored. Also, the idea of a pool of drivers who could transport residents to appointments etc. if needed. This could be a spin-off on the back of the resilience.

(6) Correspondence:

All correspondence and emails previously circulated to all Members including:

6.1 Emails from Mr Leon Labovitch regarding the Parish Council's response to the University Master Plan

6.2 Water Leak – 1 Hackington Road – reported 16/10/17 – **Ref No 308034** - Enquiry under investigation.

6.3 Street Light – Summer Lane – reported 11/9/17 **Ref: 301937** attended by engineer – reported again 6/11/17 **Ref: 308034** – works being programmed.

KALC:

6.4 NALC – Chief Executive's bulletins

6.5 Parish News –

6.6 NALC Chief Executive Bulletin and more specifically the DCLG Technical Consultation on the Local Government Finance Settlement refers. We wanted to remind you that the deadline for responding to DCLG on the consultation is **26 October**.

6.7 KALC's 70th Annual General Meeting, KALC's Annual Report, and the draft Strategic Plan – 18th November at Ditton Community Centre.

6.8 DCLG Consultation - Disqualification Criteria for Councillors and Mayors - The objectives in our Constitution make clear that we encourage high ethical standards and we will therefore draft a response to the consultation. If member Councils have any comments that they would like to be considered in the draft KALC response, could you please e-mail them to me by close of play on **Friday 24 November**.

6.9 Latest Events at KALC

6.10 ICO's short guide - preparing for the GDPR12 steps

6.11 Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Annual Policing Survey.

6.12 Kent Fire & Rescue Service Safety and Well-Being Plan and Council Tax Consultation.

"Protection of Ownerless Common Land and Village Greens".

CCC:

6.13 Weekly planning applications and decisions lists

6.14 Weekly notice of forthcoming meetings

6.15 Rural Litter Guide, Environmental Opportunities Fund and Rural Area Member Panel

KCC:

6.16 Presentations for the KCC Highways Parish Seminars that took place over the last few weeks in Whitfield, Tonbridge, Maidstone and Ashford

6.17 Our Stour News

6.18 Inside Track 249

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6.19 Oast to Coast

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(7) Reports by County and Ward Cllrs:

7.1 Ward Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that CCC are upgrading the technology in the car parks and this has gone out to tender. Despite fears it will include a blue badge code and all car parks will have a cash machine. The new scheme will take contactless cards and on-line payments.

8. Reports and Matters Relating to:

8.1 Highways and Speedwatch:

As the new speed signs are in operation the old speedwatch equipment has now been sold to Hoath Parish Council for £200.

Cllr. Hulks has reported a problem with the pavement in St. John's Crescent.

8.2 Footpaths (Cllr. Evison)

No footpath report.

8.3 Street Lighting (Cllr. Cronin)

Cllr. Cover reported continuing problems with the light at the end of the footpath in Summer Lane.

8.4 NHW (Cllr. Cronin)

Nothing to report.

8.5 KALC (Cllr. Cover)

The current governance review consultation being carried out by C.C.C. resulted in our October meeting being brought forward to the 26th September and started at 7pm in our usual venue of Littlebourne Village Hall. The proposal Parish Councils had was it would be in the form of a workshop to form a response reflecting the view of all member parish councils as the proposals will have implications for years to come and was therefore the only item on the agenda for the whole meeting.

There was much discussion and it was evident that many parish councils did not want any change and this was the view of our own H.P.C. We subsequently received information that responses had been received from the individual councils and details were given to us confirming some boundary changes and where no changes would be including our own.

8.6 Memorial Hall: (Cllr. Cover)

Bonfire night was again a good evening and from preliminary figures we have received from our treasurer a profit was achieved although the final figure has yet to be confirmed and details will be given at our next meeting later this month.

As reported at our last meeting, we have been successful in our grant application which will go a long way towards the cost of the new roof. Once the work on the roof is completed the internal work will be done, including the electrics being updated, drainage areas, decorating and general maintenance. It is hoped the work on the roof will be started early in the New Year and the internal work following so that it will be completed hopefully for the Spring.

We understand that the hall can still be used while the roofing work is in progress, but this all depends on what is found when the old roof is stripped off so fingers crossed on this one.

Thanks to Mike Goggin he has managed to obtain a grant towards a Boulez Court being put on the recreation ground but there is still additional funding to be raised. Hopefully

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next year we will be able to enjoy an additional form of outdoor activity on the hall recreation ground but as always - weather permitting!

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

The litter signs have had a beneficial effect. They will probably be moved around for a better effect. There is a lot of litter towards the old railway line.

The litter bin that was on the litter bin in Hackington Road has been stolen.

(9) Planning Applications:

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. 17/01397 – Application for listed building consent for replacement doors - 13 Calais Hill, Tyler Hill, Hackington, CT2 9LT – **GRANTED**

2. 17/01858 - Retrospective application for detached single-storey outbuilding, along with the change of use from House of Multiple Occupation to residential dwelling - 6 Link Road - **GRANTED**

9.2 Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area - None

(10) Accounts:

10.1 Approval and signing of cheques:

#000747 – K.S.C.P. – Donation for clearing the Meadow - **£50.00** – **approved and cheque signed between meetings.**

#000748 - Mrs D Horswell – Clerks Fees October 2017 - **£207.94** and Clerks Fees November 2017 - **£207.94** = **£415.88**

#000749 – Mr D Redmond – Re-imburement for Meadow hedge cutting - **£30.00**
DD – CPRE - Annual Membership - **£36.00**

10.2 Money Received in:

22/9/17 - 500006 – Hoath Parish Council – Speed Indicator Device - £200.00

Bank Statement as at 23rd October 2017: - £11,456.70 (not including transactions above)

10.3 Set Precept 2018/2019:

In 2017/2018 the precept was £5778 with a Government Grant of £166.88 – this year the grant is £63.41 and will be the last year that we receive it. We also will be receiving a decreasing amount of Concurrent Funding over the next couple of years with the likelihood that we may not receive any at all after 2020/2021 so we have to build up the precept to cover the maintenance costs of the village.

Therefore, it was proposed to set the precept for 2018/2019 at **£6,218.00** which is an increase of 7% on last year (equates to an increase of **31p per year** on a Band D property) giving the parish an increase of **£440** for the year.

Proposed by Cllr. Cronin, seconded by Cllr. Cover and All Cllrs. present **AGREED.**

(11) Any Other Business: None

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Next Parish Council meeting is on 18th January 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.