

# HACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL  
ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018

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**Present:** Cllr. R Evison (Chairman); Cllr. B. Fitter-Harding; Cllr. T. Hulks; and Cllr. A. Cover.

Also present: Four residents.

**Apologies for Absence:** – Cllr. N. Cronin and Mrs. D. Horswell (Clerk). Apologies were also received from Ward Cllr. G. Metcalf and County Cllr. J. Simmonds who is unwell.

Due to the Clerk being absent through illness, Cllr. A. Cover agreed to take notes of the meeting to pass on to the Clerk.

**(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 16th November 2017:**

Proposed by Cllr. Hulks and seconded by Cllr. Cover 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 referred to the need for people who are dealing with the village speed watch monitoring to wear high viz jackets as they do have an effect on the traffic coming through the village which is increasing and the speed. He also said the footpaths in some places on Wood Hill and Calais Hill need to be cleared of the mud and weeds which is making it more dangerous for people walking. This applies to many areas where the footways are muddy and overgrown.

Cllr. Evison confirmed he will draw attention of these safety needs to K.C.C.

**(5) Matters for Discussion and Approval:**

**5.1 Funding Sub-committee update:**

Cllr. Cronin in his absence had sent a report:

*'I haven't progressed anything within the latest circulated Funding options due to the CTGS below – I think we use this as a first example of pulling together a funding bid, clearly caveated by the fact that the HPC needs to agree to progress with this one. I'm more than happy to work with Mike Goggin and Phil Ashdown in the first instance as I think the three of us will be able to get this one developed.'*

*Post this opportunity, we will then start to identify other schemes that we think are appropriate for further investigation.'*

**Community Transport Grant Scheme:**

Cllr. Cronin in his absence had sent a report:

*'Given the extended timeframe for this and the fact that generally we are not well served by public transport, this may be an opportunity to explore this specific option.'*

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*Two opportunities are available:*

*a) One off Capital grant funding towards / for the cost of buying a vehicle or other equipment, e.g. - computer equipment, ticket machines, parking facilities etc. to support a community transport scheme. Note - Any vehicle or other equipment procured with grant funding will be owned by the Parish who will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and replacement.*

*b) A vehicle supplied by Kent County Council to the successful bidder. Note - The Parish or its nominated operator would become the registered keeper of the vehicle and be responsible for all ongoing costs such as insurance and MOT. A copy of the vehicle specification can be found within this application form.*

*My initial thoughts include the fact that we could seek interested parties who would take day to day responsibility of the purchased vehicle, be available within defined times and days of the week for performing 'duties' e.g. hospital or GP trips? That could include the option to manage the upkeep of the vehicle – not directly but to ensure it is properly maintained and taxed etc. Clearly, parking is a key issue but perhaps there may be individuals who have the space already for this? A sort of part time employment opportunity perhaps for someone so it has that benefit also?*

*We could add some revenues perhaps by advertised sponsorships to cover running costs or indeed we could engage with local larger businesses who may support via sponsorship?*

*Clearly, this could be a major commitment so we need to be in agreement that we have the wider support and need such a vehicle over a 3-5 year period but I can't see bus services improving over that period in Hackington.*

*The Funding Sub Committee can at least use the opportunity to test the capability of the group and can't see the downside if we fail or succeed – we can look at the final picture once we are ready to submit and decide if we really intend and want to take the decision to progress this.'*

A lot has to be considered, including a vehicle, storage, driver, insurance, etc. and this is a matter that will be taken up with other parties when more information is received. Cllr. Fitter-Harding said it may also be worth taking this up with Stagecoach to see what they would charge us to provide a service.

## **5.2 Resilience Group update:**

The next meeting will be on Monday the 29th January at 7.30p.m. and will be held in the Snug room at the Tyler's Kiln pub.

## **5.3 Community Governance Review update:**

This is coming into force in May 2018 and we will then need to make sure all our files are stored safely and any information that has been stored for a number of years needs to be deleted from our system and totally erased. KALC will be sending further information to us when it is received to make sure we comply with the new rules.

## **5.4 Rural Litter Guide:**

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This was discussed generally and 'Litter Picks' have been arranged in the village. The Hi-Viz jackets need to be worn and these along with the long handled pickers for the volunteers to use are currently being stored in the village hall.

## **5.5 River Warden:**

Cllr. Evison referred to the proposal for a River Warden to be appointed to monitor the Sarre Penn and asked if we knew of anyone who would be willing or able to take this on. Following discussion Cllr. Hulks volunteered to take on this role.

## **(6) Correspondence:**

All correspondence and emails previously circulated to all Members including:

### **South East Water**

**6.1** Various emails to arrange a public exhibition in Tyler Hill

S.E. Water have submitted a proposal for a new reservoir in the Broad Oak Valley. Ray has received details and maps and arrangements are being made for a public meeting to be held in the village. The information received so far show it will be smaller than the original one and we may have the chance to purchase a small area of land to provide an additional facility for use by village residents. Details will be published on the Parish Council website when the date is known.

### **KALC:**

**6.2** NALC – Chief Executive's bulletins

**6.3** Parish News – December 2017

**6.4** Latest Events at KALC

**6.5** Draft Minutes of the 2017 KALC AGM, which took place on Saturday 18 November at Ditton Community Centre.

The A.G.M. was held on the 18.11.17 and as Annie Cover was unable to attend, Ray gave details saying it was a good meeting and our area is well represented.

Confirmation of other events scheduled for 2018 are regularly sent to us and Canterbury Area Committee meetings are held every three months at Littlebourne Village Hall.

Protection of Ownerless Common Land and Village Greens\*

### **CCC:**

**6.6** Weekly planning applications and decisions lists

**6.7** Weekly notice of forthcoming meetings

**6.8** Rural Area Member Panel - Monday 7pm 22 January 2018, The Guildhall, St Peter's Place,

There are no outstanding matters relating to planning applications and the next R.A.M.P. meeting is on the 22nd January.

### **KCC:**

**6.9** Inside Track 250

**6.10** Kent Community Transport Grant Scheme.

Following constructive feedback from Parishes and other interested parties, a decision has been taken to amend the deadline for the grant, from **12<sup>th</sup> January 2018** to **30<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. It is anticipated that a decision on successful bids will be made by the end of May 2018, with scheme delivery and grant payment taking place over the remainder of the 2018 – 2019 financial year.

### **ACRK**

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## **6.11** Oast to Coast

**6.12** A Christmas message from the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott

**6.13** Our Stour News, Issue 2 - Winter 2017/18

**6.14** Kent Mineral Sites Plan Options – Consultation

Early Partial Review of Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Consultation

**6.15** Police - Online crime reporting and non-injury collision – LIVE

**6.16** Kent Police regarding a new Community Policing Volunteer pilot project that they will be taking forward in West Division. We understand that recruitment should open next week on the Kent Police website. We will provide a link to the Kent Police webpage once it has been posted on their website.

**6.17** The Kent Tree and Pond Warden Schemes

## **(7) Reports by County and Ward Cllrs:**

**7.1 Ward Cllr. Fitter-Harding** gave a general report on liaison between K.C.C. and C.C.C. especially regarding road and lighting issues.

## **8. Reports and Matters Relating to:**

### **8.1 Highways and Speedwatch: Cllr. Fitter-Harding**

The speedwatch signs have their position changed regularly and they do have an effect on the traffic slowing down. The general condition of the highways is of concern and it is hoped funding will be available to help with potholes and cleaning of footways.

### **8.2 Footpaths (Cllr. Evison)**

Though the wood paths were much trickier at the moment due to the recent heavy rainfall they were all passable. Interestingly none of the streams which cross the paths appear to be flowing, which means the water is being absorbed or diverted somewhere.

Two trees that had fallen, one across Summer Lane and one across Muddy lane had been cleared.

### **8.3 Street Lighting (Cllr. Cronin)**

Cllr. Cronin sent a report saying that he is not aware of any reported lighting issues and there wasn't anything on the KCC portal earlier this week.

### **8.4 NHW (Cllr. Cronin)**

Cllr. Cronin sent a report saying that he has spoken to Robin Whiting who confirms that there have been no reported local or Kent Police incidents or advice since the last meeting.

### **8.5 KALC (Cllr. Cover)**

We have not had a meeting since the one held on 26th September which was brought forward from the scheduled October meeting to discuss the proposed boundary changes. Our next meeting is due to be held in February. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the A.G.M. on the 18th November at Ditton Community Centre for which draft minutes have been received and will be discussed at our next meeting in Littlebourne Village Hall.

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## **8.6 Memorial Hall: (Cllr. Cover)**

The scaffolding is now up in readiness for the work on the hall roof which we hope will be started next week. Phil Ashdown has produced detailed costs of the total expenditure which are substantial and we have been lucky in getting a grant towards the total amount from Viridor. This does mean the hall has to continue to raise funds through our hirers and events which are held during the year.

Once the work on the roof is finished the other internal jobs, including electrical updating, decorating and some flooring areas will be carried out. Work outside also needs to be done and we are hoping to have a Boulez Court which Mike Goggin is working closely with the Hall to achieve. He has already been successful in getting some grant funding for it if we go ahead. A decision on where it can be put has now to be agreed by the Hall Committee.

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

Cllr. Hulks reported there is still a lot of rubbish being dumped along the grass verges behind the properties in Sunnymead that back onto Fleets Lane. Cllr. Fitter-Harding will liaise with his colleagues in CCC and KCC on having checks made and to see if anything further can be done to try stop this.

## **Tyler Hill Meadow:**

Before Christmas the Stour Valley Group had very kindly returned and had cut all the inside of the road-side hedge and had burned all the resulting cuttings leaving the Reserve looking neat and tidy.

**8.8** A member of the public, Mrs. L. Evison, asked if she could speak on a matter that she has raised with the Planning Department at C.C.C. She is concerned that an area which is designated as a conservation area in the village has been allowed to have the garden cleared to be concreted over to provide parking. Also, another property was cleared of trees which were not replanted but her concerns have been dismissed. Cllr. Fitter-Harding took the details and will report back to Mrs. Evison on this subject.

## **(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**

**2. 17/02879** - Proposed single-storey side extension following demolition of outbuilding - 18 St Johns Crescent, Tyler Hill - **No objections by HPC**

## **9.1 Planning Application Decisions: None**

## **9.2 Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area - None**

## **(10) Accounts:**

### **10.1 Approval and signing of cheques:**

**000750 – Clarks Landscape Services – Grass cutting/Weed Killing - £910.00**

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**000751 - Mrs D Horswell – Clerks Fees December 2017 - £207.94**

**000752 – BPC – Re-imburement for 10 x bags – Shred-It – disposal of documents -  
£76.68 (vat - £12.78)**

**000753 – BPC – SLCC Annual Membership - £51.45 (35% of £147.00)**

**000754 – HMRC – PAYE Oct/Nov/Dec 2017 #155.40**

**All the above cheques have already been approved and signed**

**To be signed**

**000755 – Mrs D Horswell - Clerks Fees January 2018 - £207.94**

**10.2 Money Received in: None**

**Bank Statement as at 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017: - £11,010.82** (not including transactions above)

**(11) Any Other Business: None**

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

**The next Parish Council Meeting is the Annual Parish Assembly followed by the Parish Council meeting on the 8th March.**