



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hernhill Village Hall on Wednesday 24th April 2024 from 7:30pm to 8:40pm.

Present:

Cllr. B. Heller (Chair), Cllr K. Wakes Cllr P. Smith, Cllr B. Chipperton.
Cllr D. Figgis Cllr. E Bannock MBE
Cllr A. Gould (SBC)

Also Present: Mrs R. Parr (Clerk), and 12 members of the public

226. APOLOGIES

Cllr D. Waters, Cllr R. Lehmann (SBC & KCC),

227. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

228. MINUTES

- A. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 27th March 2024 (202-222) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.
- B. The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 8th April 2024 (223-225) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.

229. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

230. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- A. General update - Cllr Wakes provided an update in preparation for the NP stall at village fete including posters and objective handouts. It was discussed that parish boundary maps in A3 would be useful for the NP and also for the HIP. The council voted unanimously to agree to the cost of printing 4 posters at Abbey Print. **Action:** Cllr Wakes is to arrange. Cllr Chipperton volunteered to man to stall with other NP volunteers

231. CURRENT HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN – UPDATE

- A. The Clerk advised that the signs had just been installed. As agreed a couple of years ago, the Council discussed a collaboration with the school for the production and display of posters by the school children. The Council agreed to support by purchasing for its assets a poster board which can be manoeuvrable and useful for other purposes. The Clerk advised permission had been given for this to be located

by the entrance to the village hall. The Council unanimously voted to approve to support the project. **Action:** The Clerk is to liaise with the school and once costs are known, bring them back to the Council for approval.

232. NEW KCC HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- A. The meeting with neighbouring parishes had occurred on the 17th April 2024 with Cllrs Bannock attending along with two representatives from Dunkirk PC. Unfortunately the representative from Boughton PC was not able to attend but encouraged the meeting to continue. The councillors discussed and considered that there was sufficient overlap and crossovers to continue exploring the idea of a joint HIP to save costs and share resources. Cllr Bannock would share his notes and email addresses with all. Cllr Kemp at Dunkirk would appraise Boughton of the outcome of the meeting and a further meeting is to be arranged.

233. CURRENT HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN – UPDATE

- A. The Clerk advised that installation in April would be occurring and that on 22nd – 26th April there would be rolling roadblocks 9am-3pm. The Clerk had spoken to school to highlight.

234. PLANNING

Planning Applications-

- 1) 1) 24/500517/FULL Erection of single storey side extension.2 Uplands Cottages Highstreet Road Hernhill Faversham Kent

The Chair noted this was a reconsult by SBC, amendments to plans. Previous comments “Following the Parish Council meeting on the 28th February 2024, the council resolved to support the above application given that it is a modest extension and is considered to be of a vernacular that is in keeping with the different styles across the parish.”

The Council discussed, noting that the owner was in attendance and answered questions advising the change was requested by SBC Planning. The Council voted unanimously to continue to support the application with the following comment:

"Following the re-consultation in light of the amendments to the original plans, Hernhill Parish Council at its meeting on the 24th April 2024, resolved to continue supporting the application for the reasons previously submitted being that it is a modest extension and is considered to be of a vernacular that is in keeping with the different styles across the parish."

- 2) 23/505533/EIHYB | a) Full planning permission for Phase 1 of a mixed-use residential led development of 261 homes and 3,021 sq m of non-residential space, including: local centre with retail, commercial, community, business and/or employment uses (including Class E uses); water recycling centre; open space; earth form bund; landscaping; groundworks; green infrastructure; pedestrian and cycle routes; car and cycle parking; refuse and recycling storage; highways, drainage and infrastructure works including new vehicle access points to the existing network; supporting infrastructure; engineering, utilities, and other associated works. b) Outline planning permission for the remaining phases of the mixed-use residential led development, including: retail, hotel, commercial, business, employment uses (including Class E

uses); Class B2 and/or B8 uses; community and sports provision; primary school; nursery accommodation; health facilities; sheltered and/or other older persons' accommodation; open space; earth form bund; landscaping; groundworks; green infrastructure; pedestrian and cycle routes; car and cycle parking; refuse and recycling storage; highways, drainage and infrastructure works including new vehicle access points to the existing network; temporary access and construction route(s) as required; supporting infrastructure; engineering, utilities, and other associated works including the demolition of buildings and structures. All matters to be reserved. | Land At South East Faversham Between A2 Canterbury/London Road And M2 Faversham Kent ME13 9LJ

- i) Finalise Comments following Extraordinary Meeting on the 8th April 2024
- ii) Consider approach by neighbouring parishes concerning collaboration on the 'Duchy' application

The Clerk advised that Dunkirk PC have requested an extension in responses in light of National Highways comments to request delay until July otherwise recommend refusal in light of Brenley Corner upgrade. The Council discussed and voted unanimously to support this request for an extension. The Council also noted the suggestion by Dunkirk Parish Council to consider a joint approach. The Council discussed and agreed subject to further information.

The Clerk highlighted the complexity of the application in pulling together the Council's comments. Action: Cllr Bannock agreed to assist. These would be presented at the next extraordinary meeting on the 8th May 2024 for final approval.

The Clerk advised that Selling and Boughton PC had created a handout for the public on how to respond to the application. The Council reviewed and noted that permission had been obtained from Selling and Boughton to distribute, approved to add the handout to Facebook and Website and for inclusion on the Fete stall.

3) Canterbury Local Plan Consultation - Parish Council Response

<https://old.canterbury.gov.uk/planning-and-building/new-local-plan-2045>
https://mapping.canterbury.gov.uk/webapps/Major_Development_Sites/

The Council discussed and encouraged individual responses agreeing that there were sites in the Canterbury plan that would have a knock on effect to Hernhill PC, especially the new town on the edge of Blean. The Council agreed that there were many material considerations similar to that of the 'Duchy' application. The Council voted and unanimously agreed to respond as a Parish Council with comments to be drafted and approved at the next Full Council meeting on the 29th May 2024.

B. Planning Decisions -

- 1) 24/500813/SUB Submission of details pursuant to condition 11 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) of application 21/502972/FULL. Land South East Of A299 Slip Road Off Highstreet

Road Hernhill Kent ME13 9EN - Permitted

2) 24/500814/SUB.Submission of Details pursuant to condition 9 (Drainage Details) of application 20/502407/FULL. Land South East Of A299 Slip Road Off Thanet Way Highstreet Road Hernhill Kent ME13 9EN - Permitted

3) 23/503959/SUB Submission of details to discharge condition 21 (public highway safety) of planning application 20/502407/FULL.Land South East Of A299 Slip Road Off Thanet Way Highstreet Road Hernhill Kent ME13 9EN - Permitted

C. Planning Enforcement -Evaluna, Plum Pudding Lane – The Council agreed to discuss under a closed session.

235. ALLOTMENTS

- 1) Motion to waive notice charge for plot 2b. - The Clerk advised that there was a waiting list of people outside of the parish. The Council discussed and agreed to waive in this instance where any requests would be discussed on a case-by-case basis, thus not setting a precedent. The Council approved that the plot should be advertised for a month to give local parishioners the option first to apply before widening outside of the area. Action: The Clerk is to advertise.
- 2) Allotment fencing - update on installation – A potential date of the 13th May had been provided by the contractor.

236. LITTER PICK - Update on dates and Equipment

Cllr Wakes confirmed that we would be able to borrow the equipment from SBC which means collection at Swale House. able to borrow from SBC (Sittingbourne). Dates were finalised as 1st June, 17th August and 2nd November. **Action:** The Clerk is to prepare a poster for the 1st June event.

237. CONSULTATION ON REVISED VALIDATION AND GUIDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

The council discussed had had no comments to make regarding the consultation.

238. MOTION TO CONSIDER ALTERING FULL COUNCIL MEETING START TIME FROM 7:30PM TO 7:00PM.

The Councillors discussed the motion and unanimously agreed to a hybrid option of 7:30pm between April and September and 7:00pm between October and March.

239. ADVERTISING POLICY - TO APPROVE

The Clerk had prepared an advertising policy in connection with adverts in the hernhill News. This had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting. The Councillors discussed and unanimously approved as presented. **Action:** The Clerk is to add to the website under Documents.

240. INSURANCE RENEWAL - DISCUSS WHETHER TO INCLUDE OPTIONAL DEBT RECOVERY AND CONTRACT DISPUTE COVER

The Clerk had received details of the Insurance renewal under the 3 year term from Zurich. The insurance last year was £362.75 and will increase this year to £365.63. However, legal expenses are no longer to be included automatically. Previously the Council had cover of £200,000. If we wish to include Debt Recovery (for £30 plus Insurance Premium Tax) or Contract Disputes cover (for £15 plus Insurance Premium Tax) we will need to pay the extra stated. The Council discussed and unanimously resolved to not choose the optional extras.

241. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANNING

Communication had been received of a workshop on the 21st May 2024. This all-day training event is being delivered by an organisation called Communities Prepared in partnership with the Kent Resilience Team and the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC), and will be hosted at Ashford Borough Council's Committee Rooms. The Council discussed its current resilient plan and given its lack of assets and resources held by the Council decided not to send a representative.

242. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk had researched and costs would be circa £1440 for a new one and sometimes grants were available towards the cost of a new one reducing costs to £750. Funds would need to be found from reserves. The Council discussed and unanimously resolved not to purchase at this moment in time.

243. CLEVE HILL SOLAR FARM – Update

There was no update.

244. MATTERS ARISING

- A. Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report. PC Gary Morris had advised by email that we have not had any crime of note. No Burglary or Theft offences reported. PC Gary Morris VAWG Walk n Talk in the diary for Sunday 5th May at 1800hrs. Meet Village Green. Surgery to be held at the village hall on Friday 3rd May at 4pm-5pm.

245. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- A. The Clerk read an update from Cllr Lehmann concerning the bin collections.
- B. Cllr Wakes mentioned that Kent Fire and Rescue undertake home visits.

246. FINANCE

- A. The April bank reconciliation was approved and signed.
- B. April's 2024 payments were approved and signed.

For Payment April 2024		
-1- online Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing April)		£230.00
-Advice Only S/O R Parr (Home Expenses)		£20.00
- R Parr (Gross Salary)		£453.48
R Parr - Overtime		<u>£119.60</u>

-2 - online HMRC (Tax)		£24.40
-3 - online R Parr (Net Salary)		£548.48
-4 - online Hughes & Son (March Church Cutting)		£130.00
-5 - online KALC (Annual Subscription)		£363.46
-6 - online KCS (Photocopier Quarterly Charge May- Aug)		£73.67
-7 - online Zurich (Annual Insurance)		£365.63
-8 - online Hernhill Village Hall (Hall Hire March)		£17.00
		£1,909.24

- C. Lloyds Online Banking - Additional Signatories – Cllr Smith has now been added to the Lloyds Bank mandate.

247. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Guidance And Validation Requirements For County Council Development (Regulation 3) Applications - KCC Consultation until 3rd May 2024 - Duplicated agenda item.
- B. Briefing on Article 4 and Areas of Special Advertisement control by SBC via Microsoft Teams 7th May at 7pm – Cllr Wakes is to attend.

248. ADMINISTRATION

- A. None.

249. CHAIRMAN & CLERK’S SUNDRY REPORTS

- A. The Clerk advised that the internal audit had gone well.

250. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MAY’S FULL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Canterbury City Council - Draft Local Plan Consultation
- B. 80th DD Beacon 6th June – Finalise details
- C. Appt of the Chair & Vice Chair
- D. Approve and sign annual accounts for year ended 31st March 2024
- E. Annual return (Governance Section) to be reviewed, considered and signed
- F. Annual return (Accounts section) to be reviewed, considered and signed
- H. Annual Governance and Accountability Return Certificate of Exemption to be signed

It was resolved under Section 12, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business due to confidential nature of the business. The Council went into closed session.

251. Planning Enforcement -Evaluna, Plum Pudding Lane

- The case was discussed.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIR