



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hernhill Parish Church on Wednesday 25th January 2023 from 7:30pm to 8:35pm.

Present:

Cllr. B. Heller (Chair) Cllr A. Rumble Cllr B. Chipperton Cllr D. Figgis
,Cllr D. Waters & Cllr K. Wakes.

Also Present: Cllr A. Gould (SBC) and 4 members of the public

599 APOLOGIES

Cllr. T Valentine Cllr R. Lehmann (KCC) Cllr C. Page R Parr (Clerk)

600 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Heller declared an interest in planning application for Hathcote Oast Staplestreet and absented herself for the discussion which Cllr Figgis chaired.

601 MINUTES

- A. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 30th November 2022 (578-594) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.
- B. The Chairman to move that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 15th December 2022 (595-598) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.

602 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Geliot asked Cllr Gould if he was aware of a new green villages initiative, localities can take up green energy generating offers eg wind turbines and share the benefits with the generating corporations. He wasn't.

603 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs Wakes and Chipperton with the assistance of Mrs Hiester gave a report on the recent meeting of those interested in taking forward the Neighbourhood Plan. Ten people came to the Red Lion including Terry Fitchett who shared his experience of working on the Boughton Dunkirk plan. All agreed to continue and that a flyer should go out with the next Village News encouraging more people to get involved. A further meeting to brainstorm next steps and bring together any actual material we may already have available will be arranged. This was agreed by the Parish council who remain the sponsors of the Plan. The format of the flyer was agreed to include the date, time and place of the meeting.

604 NEWSLETTER PRINTING

The Village newsletter will now be copied by Martin Wood many thanks to him for taking this on. Alan Taylor and the distribution team will continue their sterling work delivering to the parish.

605 SOUTH EAST WATER DONATION

The council discussed how to best use the £7000 which is now in the bank. Cllr Figgis suggested it may well be needed to support professional input to the neighbourhood planning process. All agreed that the money should be kept in reserve until the scope of this becomes more apparent. Other suggestions will be considered at the next meeting.

606 LITTER PICK

Councillor Rumble proposed a village litter pick be arranged for Saturday February 11th starting at 2pm at the village hall. She will undertake necessary arrangements and all were in agreement.

607 PLANNING

A. Planning Applications-

- 1) 22/505759/FULL PROPOSAL: Fairbrook Grove, Staple Street: resurfacing of roadway to permeable block paving. Councillors had no adverse comments.
- 2) 22/505990/FULL: Land between A299, Whitstable Road, and Staple street Road flyover: Temporary change of use of land for compound for commercial vehicles, welfare cabin and new vehicular access for lorries servicing Cleve Hill Solar Park construction site. Councillors unanimously objected to the proposal on material planning considerations. These being significant loss of established trees and hedgerow, inadequate ecological impact survey, considerable highway safety issues and poor access, lack of a full restitution plan. However councillors were also sufficiently exercised by the proposal to wish to emphasise if planning consent is granted by Swale then adequate enforceable conditions should be added, particularly for highway safety, for restitution of the site and for enhanced biodiversity value.
- 3) 23/500310/LBC: Hathcote Oast Staplestreet: Demolition of timber bay and shed, new side extension and changes to windows. Councillors unanimously voted to support the application as thought to be generally an improvement.

B. Planning Decisions -

- 1) 22/504757/FULL: Yew Tree cottage Staplestreet: Construction of 2 houses with new access and parking- Refused.

608 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report.
- B. Allotment Gate - Quinneys replaced the gate on 23rd January.
- C. Dale Farm Oast - No further updates. Alastair Gould is to try and chase. Again!
- D. Monkshill Lorries - the clerk confirmed with Swale planning that no new applications have been made for activities at the farm and that current consents are sufficient. Lorry traffic continues to be significantly affecting the road structure and Cllr Waters agreed to pursue this with Highways in conjunction with Cllr Page.
- E. Clerk's Appraisal To be completed on her return.

- F. Yellow lines Wey Street After some discussion this was agreed to probably be a matter for SBC joint transportation board. Cllr Figgis agreed to pursue with the assistance of Cllr Gould, and bring back a proposal if feasible.
- G. Bins various Swale have agreed to replace bins at Village Hall and Staplestreet with modern covered multipurpose bins.

609 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Rumble raised the issue of work being done at Crockham Oast, wondering what was planned for the long ruined building and previously wildlife rich surrounding scrub and hedgerow. Cllr Heller has investigated this with Swale Planning as the PC had not been asked to comment on any submitted plans. No planning permissions have been sought as yet. The work done to date including water, electric supply and drains, clearing the vegetation does not apparently need permission unless risk can be shown to protected wildlife, newts, bats etc. Since these have not been surveyed nothing is at fault.

610 FINANCE

- A. The December Bank reconciliation was approved and signed.
- B. Updates to the bank mandate with Nat West have been completed.
- C. Internal auditor appointment confirmed.

611 CORRESPONDANCE

- A. None.

612 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FEBRUARY'S FULL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Neighbourhood Plan
- B. Village Speed Limits and HIP.
- C. Dale Farm Oast
- D. Monkshill Lorries
- E. Litter Pick
- F. Wey Street Yellow Lines/ JTB
- G. South East Water Donation
- H. SBC Household Support Fund.
- I. Clerk's Appraisal

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

CHAIRMAN