



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hernhill Parish Church on Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 8:00pm to 8:55pm.

Present:

Cllr. B. Heller (Chair) Cllr B. Chipperton Cllr D. Figgis
Cllr K. Wakes Cllr A. Rumble Cllr C. Page

Also Present: Mrs R. Parr (Clerk), and 3 members of the public

648 APOLOGIES

Cllr. T Valentine (SBC), Cllr A. Gould (SBC), Cllr D. Waters

649 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

650 MINUTES

- A. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 29th March 2023 (629-644) 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 6th April 2023 (645-647) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair

651 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. No comments

652 ELECTIONS UPDATE AND VACANCIES

The Chair stated that the election was uncontested with 5 councillors having applied. Two councillors were stepping down, Cllr Page and Cllr Rumble and the Chair thanked them for their sterling service over the past 4 four years. The Clerk confirmed that they remain in place until the 8th May 2023. Two vacancies have been advertised for co-option at the next meeting. Any parishioner interested in applying can get further information from the clerk.

653 YELLOW LINES WEY STREET/JTB

Cllr Figgis confirmed that there were no further updates.

654 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- A. Cllr Wakes provided an update confirming that a meeting had been held including those interested from the parish on the 11th April 2023 where 11 people had attended. The next NP meeting is on the 7th June at 7:15pm at the Red Lion.
- B. Terms of Reference - The Clerk had prepared a draft Terms of Reference for review

consideration by the NP group. A discussion was held regarding the difference between a sub-committee and a working party. The NP team preferred to keep things more informal preferring the Working Group option and therefore all decisions would be referred back to the full council. As it would be a Working Group, the NP would not be able to have delegated authority for some expenditure. It was agreed for the Clerk under their delegated S101 authority to have the ability to approve small expenditure items up to £100 for the NP Working Group. Anything over £100 would need the permission of the full council. Action: The Clerk is to update the ToR and also the S101 delegated authority.

- C. Mark Woodcock had provided a number of different logo for the NP group. These were in the process of being adjusted and a final one agreed at the next NP committee for presentation and approval at the full council in June.

655 KCC HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

An informal consultation was currently in progress. All comments received so far had been asking for areas to be extended. A formal KCC consultation will then follow. The Chair thanked Cllr Page for the ongoing achievements and progress for the project. The Clerk is to continue contact with KCC on the project once Cllr Page leaves the council.

656 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

A discussion was held as to whether there was any interest for training. At the present time there was not mainly due to other training held nearby but it was agreed to review on an annual basis.

657 NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The Clerk confirmed that the photocopier in the Jubilee Room would be used going forward. Martin Wood offered to continue to supply the paper. The council discussed concerns as to the number of copies left for the church and pub. Action: The Clerk is to investigate.

658 ALLOTMENT FENCING GRANT

Cllr Wakes confirmed that as a community group we would be suitable to apply for a grant through the AMity Allotment Fund. To apply three quotes would be required to accompany the application and Cllr Wakes was in the process of organising these. Cllr Wakes confirmed that there is no need to commit to funding until the outcome of the application.

659 KENT TREE PLAN - CALL FOR SITES

The Chair mentioned that the fund team are calling for expressions of interest for funding small woodland creation, community orchard and individual tree sites. Money is available for planting and natural colonisation of trees in areas outside of designated woodlands, including gardens, parks, beside roads and footpaths. Details would be added to the Hernhill News asking for anyone interested to contact the Clerk. The council noted that it did not hold sufficient land for the project but asked the Clerk to contact the Village Hall who may be interested. Action: The Clerk is to contact Peter Rawlins with details.

660 PLANNING

- A. Planning Applications-
23/501781/FULL | Creation of new vehicular access and driveway. | Bungalow
Mount Ephraim Staple Street Hernhill Faversham Kent ME13 9TX

The councillors discussed the application, noting that the new entrance did not qualify for permitted development. The council voted with 5 objections and one abstention. The following comment was agreed for the planning portal:

“Hernhill Parish Council voted to object to the application. Local knowledge informs us that the land to the east of the bungalow has been in agricultural use from at least the 1930s and not part of the garden to the bungalow. Therefore the council believe that now this area is shown to be part of the garden to the bungalow, that a change of use should be requested. In addition, the council felt that an additional entrance at this location would result in too many access points along this stretch of road and would result in unsafe additional vehicle access onto a narrow rural lane.”

- 2) 23/501777/FULL PROPOSAL: Erection of annexe ancillary to main dwelling, incorporating log store and garage. ADDRESS: Crockham Farmhouse Crockham Lane Hernhill Faversham Kent ME13 9LB

The council discussed noting that previous applications for a log store and garage had been approved. However, this application whilst for the same combined size included living accommodation. The council voted with three in support and 3 injections, with the Chair having the casting vote to object. The following comments: were agreed for the planning portal:

“Hernhill Parish council voted to object to this application in that it represents overdevelopment beyond the previously agreed garage and store in the creation of a separate dwelling. Should the Planning Authority be minded to grant planning for this application, the council would request for a condition that the proposed building be ancillary to the main house.”

B. Planning Decisions -

- 1) 23/501353/LAWPRO | Lawful Development Certificate for proposed creation of new vehicular access and driveway to existing dwelling. | Bungalow, Mount Ephraim Staple Street Hernhill Faversham Kent ME13 9TX - Withdrawn
- 2) 23/500935/FULL Conversion of redundant agricultural building to a 1no. one bedroom dwelling including removal of existing roof and replace with a new raised pitched roof, insertion of roof lights, changes to fenestration and associated parking and access. The Old Forge, Plum Pudding Lane, Dargate ME13 9EX - Withdrawn

661 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report
- B. Dale Farm Oast - The SBC Conservation officer had responded and stated that he was looking at options and would provide an update in due course.
- C. Monkshill Lorries - No update.

640 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- A. Cllr Wakes confirmed that she had attended Faversham Healthy Futures Events concerning future Health offerings in the Faversham area. The public are invited to have their say on future health care provision by completing the survey either

online via <https://qrco.de/fhf2023> or via a paper copy from Faversham Town Hall.
The details are to be included in the next Hernhill News.

641 FINANCE

- A. The April Bank reconciliation was approved and signed.
- B. April's 2023 cheques for payment were approved and signed.

Chq-1681 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing March)	£152.66
Chq-Advice Only S/O R Parr (Salary & Expenses)	£322.25
Chq-1682 Hughes & Son (February Church Cutting)	£130.00
Chq-1683 R Parr (overtime)	£55.80
Chq-1684 KCS (Photocopier hire)	£73.67
Chq-1685 Village Hall (March Hall Hire)	£17.00
Chq-1686 R Parr (Edible Culture Jubilee trees)	£67.00
Chq-1687 KALC (Annual Subscription)	£333.96
Chq-1688 KALC (Webinar -Rumble)	£16.80
Chq-1689 CPRE (Annual Membership)	£36.00
	£1,205.14

642 CORRESPONDANCE

- A. The Clerk had received notification of a number of road closures in the Staplestreet Area. Staple Street will be closed for approx. 3 days from 3rd June between 9:30 and 15:30 in the vicinity of Mountfield House and also Kemsdale Lodge for pole works. Staple Street will also be closed on the 8th June for up to 2 days in the vicinity of Fairbrook Cottage for South East Water.
- B. The Clerk had received a letter of thanks from the Air Ambulance for the Council's donation.

643 CHAIRMAN & CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- A. The Clerk confirmed that the dog bin had been replaced at the entrance to the playing field by Swale View with a multipurpose dog waste and rubbish bin. The replacement bin by the hall is still on the waiting list.
- B. KALC had posted a survey asking for the Clerk and Chair to complete together. The Clerk would make arrangements with the Chair for its completion.
- C. The Clerk had attending the SBC Local Council Liaison Forum, There were details of Parish Council planning training to be held on Wednesday 28th June at 7pm via Teams and on Wednesday 27th September at 7pm via Teams. All training will be recorded and can be watched back by those not able to attend. SBC is hosting A Big Lunch for volunteers at Muston for the Coronation on Sunday 7th May. The Council did not have anyone they would like to send. SBC will be undertaking a 34 hour week, closing on Fridays at 1.30pm in lieu of a pay rise.

644 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MAY'S FULL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Council Statutory Meeting
- B. Councillor Vacancies and Co-option
- C. Neighbourhood Watch
- D. Village Speed Limits/HIP/TRO.

- E. Dale Farm Oast
- F. Neighbourhood Plan
- G. Wey Street Yellow Lines/ JTB
- H. Audit

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

CHAIR