



## HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hernhill Parish Church on Wednesday 27th April 2022 from 8:00pm to 9:20pm.**

**Present:**

Cllr. B Heller (Chair)      Cllr B. Chipperton      Cllr. S Castle      Cllr P. Couzens  
Cllr C. Page      Cllr A. Rumble

**Also Present:** Mrs R. Parr (Clerk), and 8 members of the public

**453 APOLOGIES**

Cllr. T Valentine      Cllr Gould      Cllr R. Lehmann (KCC)  
Cllr S. Edgington

**454 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None.

**455 MINUTES**

- A. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 30th March 2022 (440-452) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**456 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT PLUM PUDDING LANE**

Josh Wilson of George Wilson Developments presented an update on their proposed development for the benefits of the members of the public. Following feedback received from SBC via a pre-app and KCC Highways, the developers is close to submission. The Drive through was revealed as potentially being McDonalds and a Litter Pick plan would be submitted. A query was raised with regards to control of development at the site and it was mentioned that as the commercial sites are leasehold and not freehold, George Wilson would retain control. The PC did not offer any comments in order not to prejudice the case for when it approaches planning.

**457 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. Mrs Chapman raised the issue of a missing SBC bin by the playground and entrance to the village hall. The Clerk will investigate obtaining a replacement with SBC.  
B. Mrs Chapman commented on the dilapidated state of the red telephone box. It was agreed for Cllr Page to take this up with BT.

**458 PLANNING**

A. Planning Applications:

- 1) 22/501787/FULL PROPOSAL: Section 73 - Application for minor material amendment to condition 2 (to allow an extension to the south of the building to increase the size of the crematory, an extension to the yard, and alterations to the toilet block to reduce size and to change its location on site.) pursuant

to 20/503666/FULL for - Construction of a new crematorium, associated car park, access road and gardens of remembrance. ADDRESS: Land Adjoining Faversham Showground Staple Street Hernhill Kent ME13 9HY

The Councillors all voted 'No Adverse Comments'.

B. Planning Decisions:

- 1) None

**459 MATTERS ARISING**

- A. Affordable Housing. The Clerk had received a poster to display across the parish and on the website stating that application for the properties would be available via Homechoice between Monday 2nd May and Friday 6th May.
- B. Neighbourhood Watch - No report.
- C. Village Speed Limits - Cllr Page confirmed that there had been no further progress due to KCC waiting on new FY before filling the vacant post. It is anticipated this may be filled in May.
- D. Broadband - Cllr Page confirmed that there was still the possibility of the Dargate application being successful.
- E. Planning Enforcement Case - The Clerk is in contact with SBC regarding the cases concerned and was waiting on updates despite chasing.
- F. Photocopier - The Clerk confirmed that the collection of the old machine had happened. The Clerk was still trying to obtain training for the new machine to add an access code.
- G. Queen's Jubilee - The Clerk's application for the road closure at Crockham Lane had been successful and the Clerk had received 2 Road Closure signs. Cllr Castle offered to arrange for them to be added to a stand. The clerk had received an invoice from Aberfeldy for the 2 Queens Canopy plaques and a cheque for £144 (post VAT) was included in the April cheque run. The Chair had found a crab apple tree called Royalty at Edible Culture for £30. The application for placing this at the church yard had been requested by the church. An oak tree for the school could be obtained for £10 from the woodland trust. It was agreed that this may be too small in size and a larger tree to be sought. A discussion for the species of tree concluded with a crab apple tree for the churchyard. For the current insurance company a risk assessment for the lighting of the beacon was required to be submitted 2 weeks prior. Discussion took place to finalise the detail for the lighting of the beacon in order to complete the risk assessment. It was agreed not to have public access to the beacon field.
- H. Oak Tree on the Green - The Clerk confirms that the works had taken place and no issues were highlighted. Cllr Page highlighted that a number of posts that were previously surrounding the edge of the village green had been placed on the corner by the noticeboard as they would need replacing. Cllr Page is to ascertain how many require replacing.
- I. Potholes - No update as Cllr Edgington was not at the meeting. However, the Clerk mentioned that the Staplestreet pavement previously reported had been cleared and the drains by Bounds Lane cleared.

**460 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

- A. Cllr Page had attended a meeting concerning the future developments to improve Brenley Corner. Highways England are preparing three schemes which would be put forward for public consultation in September with the preferred scheme then

put forward for public funding.

- B. Cllr Page highlighted that there was a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) in partnership with Faversham Town Council which was keen to link Faversham up with surrounding villages. It was agreed to keep in contact with the Town Clerk Louise Bareham.
- C. Cllr Couzens requested that SBC planning enforcement were contacted for an update on the long standing case on Evaluna. In addition, it was raised that large mounds of soil had recently been noticed at the George Bell Farm site and requested that this also be reported to SBC and the Environment Agency as there were concerns regarding the importation of waste to the site..

#### **461 FINANCE**

- A. The April Bank reconciliation was approved and signed.
- B. April's 2022 cheques for payment were approved and signed.

| <b>For Payment March 2022</b>   |  |                  |
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| Chq-1606 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing April)               |  | £144.02          |
| Chq-Advice Only R Parr (Salary & Expenses)                            |  | £246.20          |
| Chq-1607 Hughes and Son (March Church Mowing)                         |  | £130.00          |
| Chq-1608 D Parr (Tree Surgeon)  |  | £816.00          |
| Chq-1609 Boughton & Dunkirk PCC (Replacement cheque for photocopying) |  | £14.00           |
| Chq-1610 KALC (Subscription)  |  | £312.14          |
| Chq-1611 R Parr (Pay increase)  |  | £4.12            |
| Chq-1612 CAB (donation)   |  | £50.00           |
| Chq-1613 C Thornes (Allotment Refund -overpaid)                       |  | £10.00           |
| Chq-1614 P Shakesheff (Allotment Refund -overpaid)                    |  | £5.00            |
| Chq-1615 The Workshop Aberfeldy (Queens Canopy plaques)               |  | £114.00          |
|   |  | <b>£1,455.26</b> |

#### **462 ADMINISTRATION**

- A. The Clerk raised that delayed due to lockdowns was the need to obtain a valuation on replacement of the war memorial for insurance purchases. Cllr Page commented that there was to be a visit by a stonemason to the church and would also ask them to comment on the war memorial. The original ownership and transfer of the land concerning the war memorial was not clear and the church papers are held at the Canterbury Cathedral Archives. Cllr Page has a list of the documents held there and would forward that to the Clerk.

#### **463 CORRESPONDANCE**

- A. Road Closure at the Yorksetts westbound slip road on the 16th May to the 20th May between 19:00 and 05:00 for south east water. Whilst outside of the parish the alternative route includes traffic via Dargate Road and Highstreet Road.
- B. The Clerk had received a response from the New Day Festival concerning traffic in the village on opening day. The Festival organisers had arranged for a 'holding pen' with Mount Ephraim for attendees that arrive early before the general site is opened.

#### **464 CHAIRMAN & CLERK's SUNDRY REPORTS**

- A. None.

#### **465 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON APRIL'S FULL MEETING AGENDA**

- A. Affordable Housing
- B. Neighbourhood Watch
- C. Village Speed Limits.
- D. Planning Enforcement Case
- E. Photocopier
- F. Queen's Jubilee
- G. Potholes
- H. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

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

CHAIRMAN