



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hernhill Parish Church on Wednesday 27th July 2022 from 7:30pm to 8:35pm.

Present:

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

Also Present: Mrs R. Parr (Clerk), and 9 members of the public

502 APOLOGIES

Cllr. T Valentine Cllr R. Lehmann (KCC) Cllr A. Gould (SBC)

503 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

A DoI was received from Cllr Edgington in respect of his planning application.2/503431/LDCEX PROPOSAL: Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the erection of a single storey flat roof rear extension, replacement of the rear outbuilding of the original dwellinghouse. ADDRESS: 12 Swale View Church Hill Hernhill Faversham Kent ME13 9JS.

504 MINUTES

- A. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 29th June 2022 (485-501) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

505 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

- A. The Chair expressed her thanks for Steve Castle who had recently resigned as Councillor and for his wisdom he brought to the Parish Council, not just in his latest role but also in reflection of his earlier time as a Parish Councillor.
- B. Two candidates had put their name forward for the single vacant position. Mr D. Figgis and Mrs S. McGuigan. The Chair mentioned that there is the possibility of another vacancy becoming available shortly and commented that for the unsuccessful candidate, she was hopeful that they would reapply when the time comes. The Clerk confirmed that the applicant's CV had been circulated to all Councillors ahead of the meeting. The remaining six Councillors undertook a vote. Following the vote, it was agreed that Mrs S McGuigan was to be accepted and co-opted to the council.
- C. Cllr McGuigan then signed the acceptance of office and took her place on the council.

506 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Mrs Neesham raised a question regarding the speeding that is occurring on Staplestreet. Cllr Heller confirmed that this was something that the Council had been seeking to address for the past two years with Cllr Page providing an update on the position with KCC and the application for the introduction of speed limits.

Following the recent reorganisation at KCC, Cllr Page had secured an online call with them to discuss our Highways Improvement Plan and application. on the 4th August. Once any potential speed limits had been secured, then discussion would begin as to the appropriate method to enforce them.

- B. Mr Wilson confirmed with SBC that the road at Fostal did not have a name and the Clerk confirmed the KCC had also confirmed the same. The Clerk confirmed that she had made a request for directional signs for the village hall to be added to the Fostal area.

507 PLANNING

A. Planning Applications:

- 1) **22/503431/LDCEX PROPOSAL:** Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the erection of a single storey flat roof rear extension, replacement of the rear outbuilding of the original dwellinghouse.
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Cllr Edgington as the applicant explained that he was formalising the situation concerning his extension ahead of a house move. The extension had been built in March 2012 and that it extended out 5m and not 3m as per planning rules. Cllr Edgington then left the room.

The Councillors discussed the application, noting that it was built over 10 years previously and that support should not be given as to condone retrospective applications such as this. It was also noted that the depth of the extension was similar to those at the rear of the other houses in the same row. The Council unanimously voted and agreed 'No Adverse Comments'. Cllr Edgington returned to the room.

- B. Planning Decisions: None

508 MATTERS ARISING

- A. **Affordable Housing**. Mrs Neesham raised concerns regarding the hole in the hedge relating to the development and safety. Cllr Heller confirmed that the Council had raised the issue in the previous month's meeting. A response had since been received from English Rural confirming that they had also been liaising with a local resident regarding the gap in the hedge and materials. The gate will be a wooden pergola design which will be set back into the hedge and the gate on the new build side as not to be obtrusive.
- B. **Neighbourhood Watch** - Nothing to report. A replacement PC representative for the Neighbourhood Watch was required given Mr Castle's resignation. It was agreed that Cllr McGuigan would become the new representative. The Clerk is to liaise with Cllr McGuigan regarding the varying links and newsletters.
- C. **Village Speed Limits** - Mainly covered in section 509A. In addition, Cllr Page confirmed that the Chair of Dunkirk had been in contact with regards to a joint approach. It has been agreed that it would be best to see the KCC response to the Hernhill HIP first.
- D. **Queen's Jubilee** - Cllr Heller confirmed that the trees had been ordered with a crab apple called Royalty for the church yard and an oak for the school. These would be delivered bare rooted and planted in January. Cllr Heller had arranged with the village hall that the Beacon certificate and photos could be placed on the wall in the Jubilee Room.
- E. **Standing Orders** - Following the previous meeting's feedback these had been altered

- and recirculated ahead of the meeting. The PC agreed to formally adopt.
- F. Financial Regulations -Following the previous meeting's feedback these had been altered and recirculated ahead of the meeting. The PC agreed to formally adopt.
 - G. Privacy Notice (Public & Staff) - Following the previous meeting's feedback these had been altered and recirculated ahead of the meeting. Adequacy rules means that existing terms remain in place with the EU until 2025. The PC agreed to formally adopt.
 - H. Neighbourhood Plan - A discussion was held regarding next steps and requirements for the NP. It was agreed to invite Cllr Tuff from Dunkirk who is involved with the Boughton and Dunkirk NP which had recently gone to public consultation. Action: The Clerk is to arrange an invite to Cllr Tutt to the September meeting. The Clerk is also to provide information to Cllr McGuigan on NPs.
 - I. Allotment Gate - The Clerk had approached a couple of people but had yet to receive any quotes. It was agreed for the councils to also ask around for interest.
 - J. Grass Cutting village hall - The Clerk had received one quote so far and was waiting on a second. It was agreed to bring back this item to the next meeting.

509 STAPLESTREET BIN

- A. A Staplestreet resident requested for a new bin given the existing bin was an open topped bucket design and that there was trouble with waste blowing away. The Clerk had made enquiries as to the current cost for a replacement bin like the others in the village which were enclosed. Broxap, the supplier had a 'Derby' bin for £308.00 with £9.95 fixing kit and £87 carriage. There would also be associated costs to creating the concrete base. A discussion was held and there were concerns over the cost. It was agreed to contact English Rural to see if they could assist/contribute towards the cost given it was by the new build. Action: The Clerk is to contact English Rural.

510 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- A. Cllr Chipperton has agreed to inspect the defibrillator at the Dove on a weekly basis.
- B. Cllr McGuigan raised the issue concerning the dissemination of information parish wide, especially in relation to planning. It was agreed to bring this back at the next meeting.

511 FINANCE

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

For Payment July 2022		
Chq-1629 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing July)		£144.02
Chq-Advice Only S/O R Parr (Salary & Expenses)		£250.32
Chq-1630 Hughes and Son (June Church Mowing)		£130.00
Chq-1631 Village Hall (June hire)		£53.00
Chq-1632 PCC (Church Hire May)		£15.00
		£592.34

512 CORRESPONDANCE

- A. The Clerk confirmed that the following correspondence had been received and circulated to the Councillors. SBC Air Quality Consultation. NALC consultation on short term lets. Details concerning Operation Brock that Helen Whateley is intending to take to the House of Commons in the Autumn. Notice of the KALC Swale Meeting on the 9th August.

513 CHAIRMAN & CLERK's SUNDRY REPORTS

- A. The Chair commented that she would be documenting and reviewing the Clerks salary as it had not been reviewed in detail since the Clerk Started the role in January 2019.

514 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON JULY's FULL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Affordable Housing
- B. Neighbourhood Watch
- C. Village Speed Limits.
- D. Allotment gate
- E. PSCO to attend
- F. Neighbourhood Plans
- G. Staplestreet Bin
- H. Grass Cutting village hall
- I. Dissemination of Information
- J. DaleFarm Oast
- K. Clerk's Salary

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

CHAIRMAN