



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hernhill Parish Church on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 from 7:30pm to 8:40pm.

Present:

Cllr. B. Heller (Chair) Cllr B. Chipperton Cllr D. Figgis Cllr D. Waters
Cllr K. Wakes.

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

613 APOLOGIES

Cllr. T Valentine (SBC) Cllr A. Gould (SBC) Cllr A. Rumble
Cllr C. Page,

614 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

615 MINUTES

- A. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 25th January 2023 (599-611) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.

616 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. The Chair of Hernhill Horticultural Society spoke to advise that they had been offered a large quantity of snowdrops for public planting. It was not known when these would be available but some would be used for planting in the front of the churchyard. Some would also be offered to the PC for planting on the village green if wanted. The Chair thanked Mrs Geliot and it was agreed that the council would like a donation of some snowdrops when available for planting around the oak tree.
- B. A parishioner asked if there were any plans to celebrate the forthcoming coronation of King Charles. All agreed it would be good for parishioners to share any ideas and publicise them through the parish council and the Hernhill News as well as on social media.

617 YELLOW LINES WEY STREET/JTB

Discussions were still required between Cllr Figgis and Cllr Gould. It was agreed to move until the next meeting.

618 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

A meeting to arrange next steps will be held on Wednesday 1st March at 7.15pm in the Red Lion. Cllrs Heller, Chiiperton, Waters and Wakes would be attending. IT is

anticipated that there will be around 15 attendees. Cllr Waters agreed to prepare and agenda and the Clerk is to forward ahead of the meeting the useful information regarding NP. The Clerk also mentioned that the Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan had been approved by parishioners following a referendum and now carried full planning weight.

619 SOUTH EAST WATER DONATION

The £7500 donation had now been received for the council to use as it sees fit. The Councillors had considered uses for the money and it was agreed to keep the funds in reserve in case of need for the NP process for any possible additional costs that may not have been budgeted for in case of the speeding project.

620 KCC HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Despite attempts by the council to try and extend the area offered by KCC including a speed limit past the school, KCC refused to budge and only offered speed limits for a short stretch of Staple Street and the centre of the village on Church Hill. A parishioner in Dargate had also connected Helen Whateley MP and the council had then written providing information to Ms Whateley asking for assistance of which no response had been received. In addition, discussion with KCC by Cllr Lehmann to support our case did not result in any changes. KCC confirmed the cost of the TRO should we wish to proceed would be £2500 with a price rise in April. Cllr Lehmann agreed to fund the design stage of the project with a grant of £1006.00. The council were disappointed that KCC had not agreed to any changes to their offer but unanimously decided that some speed limits were better than none and agreed that we should move forward and ask for the TRO invoice. The Clerk is to request this in order that it is paid before the price rise in April. The council also thanked Cllr Lehmann for his offer. The council also agreed to continue to try and press for a case for the next TRO in future.

621 SBC HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

The council discussed this initiative by SBC where people may be eligible for help with food and cost of utilities through the fund as a Swale Resident. Also pensioners can get hot meals and help with shopping through Age UK and this scheme. Information is available on www.swale.gov.uk Help for Households. The council unanimously agreed to publicise the initiative through the newsletter, website and Facebook.

622 PLANNING

A. Planning Applications-

- 1) Amendment - 22/505990/FULL: Temporary change of use of land for provision of compound for commercial vehicles, welfare cabin and vehicular accesses for Cleve Hill solar park construction traffic. Land between A299, Staplestreet road and Whitstable road Graveney.

Previously discussed at the full council meeting in January, the applicants Cleve Hill Solar have now added additional information to the planning portal and hosted a meeting with local representatives, attended by Cllr Waters. Councillors voted unanimously, once again, to object to the application on planning grounds. It was considered that mitigations offered were inadequate and the potential for long lasting disruption for parishioners trying to get to Faversham or onto A299 significant.

- B. Planning Decisions -
- 1) 22/505240/FULL | Erection of fencing to replace existing to existing multisports court. | The Dawes Community Centre, Youth Club Multisports Court Football Ground Church Hill Hernhill Kent ME13 9JG - Approved
 - 2) 22/504854/FULL | Partial demolition of existing rear extension and erection of new orangery to improve kitchen layout, conversion of existing carport into a study/office and internal works to create a ground floor WC. | Holly House Staple Street Hernhill Kent ME13 9UA - Approved
 - 3) 22/504096/FULL | Demolition of existing derelict cottage and replacement with 2no. detached dwellings with associated cycle and bin stores, parking, and access (resubmission of 22/501068/FULL). | Thatch Cottage Staplestreet Road Boughton Under Blean Kent ME13 9TJ - Approved

623 MATTERS ARISING

- A. Neighbourhood Watch - The Clerk had been advised by KCC of a number of scams involving assistance with debt, Microsoft and lofts, which would be added to the website and Facebook by the Clerk
- B. Dale Farm Oast - No further updates.
- C. Monkshill Lorries - Cllr Waters updated the council saying the road had been closed for the past 3 weeks due to water repairs. Cllr Waters and Cllr Page are to progress the action from January's meeting. Agreed to bring back to next month's meeting.
- D. Clerks Appraisal - The Chair confirmed that feedback had been received from the councillors and the appraisal had been completed and was good. The Clerk has objectives for 2023 with joining SLCC and researching future training options with SLCC. It was agreed that the cost of membership would be shared 50/50 with that of Dunkirk Parish Council..

624 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- A. Cllr Heller reported that a parishioner had requested a salt bin in Staple Street following a crash in icy weather. The Clerk had made the request to KCC and the outcome was awaited.
 - B. Cllr Wakes raised the possibility of another litter pick following the success of the last one in early February. It was agreed to hold another on Sunday the 2nd April 2023 at 2pm.
 - C. Cllr Wakes also mentioned that she had received information from the Clerk regarding allotment grant which she would investigate and report back at the next full council meeting.
- Cllr Wakes also expressed an interest in defibrillator training. and it was agreed to discuss at the next full council meeting.

625 FINANCE

- A. The February Bank reconciliation could not be approved at the meeting as the bank statement had not turned up in time. When received the clerk will arrange for the bank reconciliation to be approved under S101 as soon as possible.
- B. February's's 2022 cheques for payment were approved and signed.

Chq-1669 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing November)	£144.02
Chq-Advice Only S/O R Parr (Salary & Expenses)	£322.25
Chq-1670 Hughes & Son (December Church Cutting)	£130.00
Chq-1671 Quinneys (Repalcement allotment gate)	£507.00
Chq-1672 SLCC (membership (50%))	£94.50
Chq-1673 Village Hall (January Hall Hire)	£17.00
Chq-1674 R Parr (WIX renewal Chq issued in error - VOIDED)	
	£1,214.77

- C. The Clerk confirmed that the approval of January's cheques and bank reconciliation was undertaken by S101 approval upon the Clerk's return from holiday at the end of January by the Chair and Vice Chair.
- D. The Clerk confirmed that the bank mandate changes had been completed with Cllrs Wakes, Figgis and Waters as bank signatories.
- E. The Clerk confirmed that the appointment had been made with the auditor, Lionel Robbins for the 12th May 2023.

626 CORRESPONDANCE

- A. The Clerk had received notification from a parishioner of a missing give way sign on Kemsdale Road approaching the crossroads with Staple Street. The Clerk had reported the missing sign to KCC.
- B. The Clerk had also been advised by a parishioner of branches left on the verge at Dargate Common with concerns that some were sticking out into the road and it was preventing cars from passing each other easily. The Clerk had reported this to KCC and KCC had undertaken a site visit stating no action was required.

627 CHAIRMAN & CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- A. The Clerk advised that the full council meeting in April would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting would start at 7.15pm with the full council meeting following at 8pm. The Clerk is to invite village organisations.
- B. The Clerk advised that she would be attending election training on the 23rd February with speakers from SBC and Canterbury council on the process. The Clerk would report back any useful information. The nomination papers for applying for the election as councillor had been received. The Clerk would also advise that these were available for anyone interested from SBC and or the Clerk. Papers can be submitted by hand to SBC between 16th March and 4th April. The Clerk would add this information to the Heernhill News, website, noticeboards and Facebook page. A reminder was also provided that to vote at the election, voter ID would be required, which would also be publicised.

628 ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MARCH'S FULL MEETING AGENDA

- A. Neighbourhood Watch
- B. Village Speed Limits/HIP/TRO.
- C. Dale Farm Oast
- D. Monkshill Lorries
- E. Neighbourhood Plans
- F. Wey Street Yellow Lines/ JTB

- G. South East Water Donation
- H. Coronation
- I. Elections
- J. Defibrillator training
- K. Allotment fencing grant.

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

CHAIRMAN