



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hernhill Village Hall on Wednesday 26th June 2024 from 7:30pm to 8:49pm.

Present:

Cllr. D. Waters (Chair) Cllr K. Wakes Cllr B. Chipperton Cllr D. Figgis
Cllr. E Bannock MBE

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Locum Clerk), Cllr A. Gould (SBC) and 6 members of the public

279. APOLOGIES

Cllr B. Heller, Cllr P. Smith, Mrs R. Parr (Clerk), Cllr R. Lehmann (SBC & KCC)

280. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

281. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 29th May 2024 (255-278) having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.

282. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Attending members of the public highlighted their concerns regarding the regular music at the Red Lion and at the green on Sunday afternoons and the associated use of the village green, and parking issues.

283. VILLAGE GREEN

Cllr Waters reported that there had been many complaints regarding noise and dangerous parking at the green in conjunction with music events on Sunday afternoons. After discussion by councillors present and representations from members of the public, it was noted that the volume of music was considered too loud and the number of vehicles associated with events restricted resident parking and potentially emergency vehicle access. The village hall was willing to offer additional overflow parking for these events. It was resolved for the Parish Council to liaise with the Red Lion requesting that highway safety and considerate parking be addressed.

284. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Wakes reported that responses to the proposed plan were positive however the support from Swale Borough Council was limited. The working group are seeking professional assistance and Cllr Wakes will be attending relevant training. The next Neighbourhood Plan meeting is on the 9th October. To assist in formulating the plan, the working group requested access to the Parish Council's Housing Needs Survey documentation. It was resolved to allow access to the Housing Needs Survey documentation and to seek professional assistance.

285. NEW HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Cllr Bannock reported that there was no further progress. Cllr Waters reported that the Clerk was going to provide A0 size maps, using specialist mapping software and the OS licence for the Parish Council.

286. CURRENT KCC HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

It was noted that the school had ordered speed warning signs and the cost had been approved in principle.

287. COUNCIL POLICIES

The following policies were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting for review:

- A. Code of Conduct
- B. Media Policy
- C. Social Media Policy
- D. Privacy Notice (public)
- E. Privacy Notice (Staff)
- F. Public Participation
- G. Complaints Policy
- H. Vexatious Complaints Policy

After consideration, it was agreed that minor amendments would be made to the Social Media Policy to allow for a wider interpretation of wording. It was resolved to accept the reviewed policies with the agreed amendments. Action: The Clerk is to follow up the requirement amendments.

288. PLANNING

A. Planning Applications-

- 1) 24/502123/EIOUT - Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for a mixed use phased development comprising up to 1,815 dwellings (Use Class C2 and C3); an Employment park (Use Class E(g) and B8); local centre accommodating a mix of units to provide a Health and Wellbeing Centre (Use Class E(e)), all purpose store (Use Class E(a)), shops/ancillary retail units (Use Class E(a)), community/general use units (Use Class F2) and food and beverage units (Use Class E(b)); public open space and recreation including community park, recreation trail and improved pedestrian/cycle links across the A2; sports and education facilities comprising 2 From Entry (2FE) primary school (Use Class F1(a)), early years centre (Use Class E), leisure facility (Use Class E(d)) and sports pavilion (Use Class E(d)); provision of a minimum of 10% Biodiversity Net Gain; transport and access infrastructure including an integrated bus link to the surrounding area, upgrades to the Dunkirk A2 junction through a new trunk road slips and an electric vehicle charging hub (c.0.2 ha) within the village centre for approximately 36 vehicles as a mix of medium, rapid, ultra rapid and Tesla chargers, alongside associated facilities including toilets and potential for cafe facility; and associated parking, servicing, utilities, footpath and cycle links, drainage, ground and other infrastructure. *Land North And South Of The A2 Boughton Bypass Dunkirk Kent ME13 9LG*

Following a brief discussion by those present, it was noted that councillors would draft comments for consideration at the July meeting.

- 2) 24/502251/FULL - Relocation of existing vehicular entrance to new position. *Mount Ephraim, Bungalow Staple Street Hernhill Kent ME13 9TX*

After consideration, those present resolved to record 'No Adverse Comments' to the application, noting that some of the supporting documentation on the planning portal was

incorrect.

B. Planning Decisions:-

- 1) 24/501227/ELEC Refurbishment of the existing overhead conductor and poles on five sections of existing low voltage overhead line surrounding Thanet Way. The conductor replacement will involve replacing all wood pole supports with like for like and restringing the existing overhead line. Thanet Way, Hernhill Kent - No objections
- 2) 24/501572/FULL - Demolition of existing garage and stores and replace with the erection of a new garage/store building. Hideaway Highstreet Road, Hernhill Faversham ME13 9EN - Application permitted.

289. ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that the new allotment fencing was scheduled to be installed on 1st July and that all plots are now currently taken. It was also noted that there was an outstanding payment for one plot, which was also very overgrown. Action: The Clerk to speak with the National Allotment Society for further advice on the matter.

290. WEBSITE

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk circulated a report on upgrading the website to be fully accessible and WCAG2.2 compliant. After consideration by those present, it was resolved to appoint Aubergine as the new website provider at a cost of £499 + VAT and to apply for a £100 government grant to assist with the cost.

291. LITTER PICK

Cllr Wakes reported that the event held 1st June was successful and approx. 12 bags of rubbish were collected. The next scheduled litter pick would be on Saturday 17th August.

292. WAR MEMORIAL CLEANING

It was noted that no volunteer had come forward to use the recently acquired pressure washer to clean the memorial. Action: The Clerk to add a volunteer request to the Hernhill News.

293. HERNHILL NEWS

After consideration by those present of how the newsletter is distributed to the local community, it was resolved not to continue with deliveries in the Yorkletts area, noting that it is not within the Parish of Hernhill.

294. CLEVE HILL SOLAR FARM

Cllr Waters reported that she was still attending regular transport meetings and that the Parish Council had been offered the opportunity to visit the solar farm. Action: Cllr Waters to arrange visit.

295. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

PC Gary Morris provided the following update via email:

Surgery - I will be holding a community surgery on Friday 28th June between 18:00-20:00hrs at Hernhill Village Hall.

Crime - I have reviewed crime recorded by Kent Police since the last Parish Council meeting, there has been one crime of note as follows-

14/06/24- Theft of fruit from a farm in Hernhill. No suspects are known currently.

Anti-Social Behaviour - I have reviewed all calls into Kent Police since the last Parish Council meeting, we have not had any calls about ASB in the Hernhill area reported via 101 or 999.

296. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Figgis raised concerns regarding the traffic and parking in the vicinity of Lavender Farm, Butlers Hill and Thread Lane, also noting that the number of vehicles parking by Wey Street bridge was significant and that the area would benefit from the installation of double yellow lines. It was mentioned that this is already under consideration in the new HIP.

297. FINANCE

- A. The June bank reconciliation was approved and signed.
- B. June 2024 payments were approved and signed.

For Payment June 2024		VAT (for info)	Expenditure Powers
-19- online Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Mowing June)	£230.00	£38.33	Open Spaces Act 1906 s.9
-Advice Only S/O R Parr (Home Expenses)	£20.00		Local Government Act 1972 s.112(2)
- R Parr (Gross Salary)	£453.48		Local Government Act 1972 s.112(2)
R Parr - Overtime	£119.60		Local Government Act 1972 s.112(2)
-20 - online HMRC (Tax)	£24.60		Local Government Act 1972 s.112(2)
-21 - online R Parr (Net Salary)	£548.48		Local Government Act 1972 s.112(2)
-22 - online Hughes & Son (April Church Cutting)	£130.00		Local Government Act 1972 s.214(6)
-23 - online Hernhill Village Hall (Hall Hire May)	£17.00		Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12
-24 - online Jill Geliot (Stamps - newsletter)	£42.50		Local Government Act 1972 s 143
-25 - online KCS (Photocopier hire)	£12.22	2.04	Local Government Act 1972 S 142
	£1,024.80		

Following the above payment list just prior to the meeting, an invoice relating to the cost for stakes and poster boards was £35.45 for the speeding awareness project and was approved for payment.

298. CORRESPONDENCE

None

299. ADMINISTRATION

None

300. CHAIRMAN & CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

The Chair read aloud the Clerk's report, which advised that she had recently attended a regional SLCC conference and the knowledge gained had been extremely beneficial.

301. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON JULY'S FULL MEETING AGENDA

Financial Regulations

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

CHAIR