

SUTTON BY DOVER PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes

Meeting held in Studdal Church Hall on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 7.30 pm.

1. Present and apologies G Akhurst (Chair)

A Calthorpe

G Smith

H Densham

S Smith (Clerk)

KCC Member Steve Manion (arrived 7.55 pm)

12 Members of the public

Apologies:

B Merriman

K Little

D Willet

DDC Member Nick Kenton

2. Approval of the 7 January minutes

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Calthorpe seconded by Cllr Densham and all members voted in favour. They were signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Matters arising from 7 January meeting

Canton Parking. Vehicles are still being parked on the verge causing damage. The contractor at the site has been spoken to and has offered to roll and reseed the verge.

Beacon Hill. Waiting for the contractor to carry out the work for KCC Highways.

Boundary fence. A copy of the public liability insurance has been supplied from the land owner. The cows are no longer in the field.

Jack's Bush trees and hedge. Cllr Willet and Cllr Akhurst have cropped some branches and removed a coppiced root, hopefully allowing enough space for the hedge owner to run their tractor with flail along the hedge line.

Manston. The decision on the development has been put back until May.

Roman Road potholes. The holes had been marked and the road closed but only half the road has been dealt with. Clerk to report this to KCC Highways.

Swing frame. Not removed yet as the ground is still too wet.

5. Visitors

A parishioner raised concerns about the aggressive behaviour of some drivers using Strakers Hill and several instances of verbal abuse. The resident was advised that this was not a parish council matter and to contact the police to report it.

6. Playing field

i) Boundary fence. Covered in matters arising.

7. Community upkeep

i) Cutting back of hedge/reducing trees at picnic area Jacks Bush. Covered in matters arising.

ii) Trees in Homestead Lane. Some of the trees have been taken down, the remainder of the overgrown trees are scheduled to be cut back by UK Power Networks. As the trees are near power cables, the electricity supply to local residents needs to be switched off and the road closed. We believe that two weeks notice will be given to those residents affected.

iii) Grass cutting contract. Discussed by the Council. Clerk to obtain quotes for cutting all the grass areas (other than the allotment/community orchard) for a year (not priced per cut) over a 3 year contract. To be decided at the next meeting.

8. Reports from DDC/KCC Members

KCC/DDC Member Steve Manion reported on: The DDC budget increase of just over 2%; climate emergency discussions; new homes for the homeless; parking charges; the KCC budget increase and adult social care.

Cllr Manion also offered to follow up the pothole work missed on Roman Road.

9. Finance:

Chq No.

001375 Clerk	January wages		£347.50
001376 Clerk	January ex	£ 20.00	
	Onedrive subscription	£ 13.68	£ 33.68

i) To approve the payment schedule for February was proposed by Cllr Densham seconded by Cllr Calthorpe and all members voted in favour.

ii) McAfee. To agree annual subscription renewal up to £25 was proposed by Cllr Akhurst seconded by Cllr Densham and all members voted in favour. Clerk to action.

10. Annual Litter Pick

The Community Centre has been booked for 4th April 2020. The Community Centre committee has kindly agreed there will be no charge for the hire.

The equipment cost is £10 for a set of 4 pick up sticks, it was suggested that 4 sets would be necessary. To increase the budget spend by £25 to £75 was proposed by Cllr Calthorpe seconded by Cllr Smith and all members voted in favour.

Cllr Calthorpe offered to do a risk assessment.

A notice of the litter pick event to be sent to Rural Roundup. Clerk to action.

11. Website

Cantium have been notified that the Parish Council will not be continuing with them. Clarification has been sought from Cantium regarding the KCC funding offer as it does not appear to offer any reduction in the cost that Cantium wish to charge for migration to a new provider. The Chair noted that even with Cantium's reduced price offering and free introductory year over a three year period moving to another provider will cost approximately the same. He informed the meeting that Cantium had agreed to charge £300 for migration rather than the £500 originally quoted. Final choice of new provider to be further discussed.

Cllr Smith to look into the possibility of scraping all information from the current website.

12. VE day 8/5/2020

i) To select committee members. A working group is to be set up for a collaboration between the Parish Council and the Community Hall Committee. Cllr Calthorpe agreed to take the lead on this. An informal hall committee meeting would be going ahead over the next couple of weeks ready for further discussion at the March parish council meeting. It was noted that this is not a subcommittee of the Council.

ii) Discuss funding. KCC Member Steve Manion has offered £300 towards the event.

Clerk to send email information to Cllr Calthorpe.

13. Parking charges - Eastry

The Councillors discussed the DDC idea of introducing parking charges. There will be a consultation which individuals and the parish council may respond to in the future.

14. Local Planning:

For consideration by Councillors:

i) Planning Policy. No action at the moment.

ii) DOV/19/01584 Canton, Downs Road, East Studdal, CT15 5DB

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 17/00697 to allow changes to vehicle access, construction of soakaway, hardstanding, erection of 2no. garages and relocation of bin store (application under Section 73)

The Council decided to object to this application. The original application for two houses had the garages at the front. The Council would have objected to an application with the garages at the back of the properties, almost in open countryside.

This was proposed by Cllr Akhurst seconded by Cllr Calthorpe and all members voted in favour. Clerk to submit response to DDC Planning.

DOV/20/00007 Brambles, Downs Road, East Studdal, CT15 5DA

Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, raise roof to facilitate loft conversion, erection of a rear dormer roof extension with balustrade, installation of 2no. roof lights to front elevation, insertion of new window to first floor side elevation (existing rear extension and garage to be demolished)

The Council decided to support the application. This was proposed by Cllr Calthorpe seconded by Cllr Smith and all members voted in favour. Clerk to submit response to DDC Planning.

DOV/20/00044 Warcott Lodge, Roman Road, Maydensole, CT15 5HR

Erection of single storey side extensions, replacement roof, addition of a first floor with balcony, balustrade and alterations to windows and doors (part existing conservatory front porch and extension to be demolished)

The Council decided to support the application with the condition that the final roof height does not exceed the existing height. This was proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Densham and all members voted in favour. Clerk to submit response to DDC Planning.

15. Allotments

The new agreement was discussed, to be updated and brought back for approval at the March meeting.

16. Correspondence

Consultations/Surveys/For consideration

DDC. Community-Led Housing Forums. Dates of the forums are in the noticeboards.

KALC. Survey. Clerk to complete.

email from local resident re flooding in Ashley. Clerk to report to KCC Highways.

Rural Kent Membership. No take up.

Noted:

Kent Wildlife Trust. Working together to create a wilder Kent.

New PCSO. Richard Bradley. Has been given the dates of meetings.

17. Any other business to report/matters to discuss

KCC Member Steve Manion offered to send over email information he had received on the Cantium website

18. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 3 March 2020 at the Church Hall, Studdal at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

Signed: Cllr Barbara Merriman

Date: 3rd March 2020

A paper copy is on file with the Clerk.