

Minutes

Meeting held in Studdal Church Hall on Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 7.30 pm.

- 1. Present and Apologies:**
 - G Akhurst (Vice Chair)
 - H Densham
 - R Little (arrived 7.55pm)
 - C Hogben
 - A Calthorpe
 - G Smith
 - 10 Members of the public
 - KCC Member Steve Manion (arrived 7.45pm)
 - S Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: B Merriman
DDC Member Nick Kenton
- 2. Approval of the 25 July minutes:**

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Hogben and all members voted in favour and they were signed by the Chair.
- 3. Declarations of interest:**

None
- 4. Matters arising from 4 July meeting:**
 - Diseased Ash Tree at Playing Field.* Colin to remove this and the wood to be burned.
 - Data Storage.* To go on the agenda for the October meeting.
 - Planning Enforcement.* Wentways, Strakers Hill, new hardstanding and enlarged access. This enquiry has been sent on to Planning Enforcement.
 - Mower for spares/mending.* This has been confirmed as scrapped by Mr Burr.
 - Stagecoach.* The consultation was extended for a week. The Parish Council did voice an objection to the loss of a bus services in the parish.

Matters arising from 25 July meeting:
None
- 5. Visitors:**
 - Canton.* A concern was raised that the recent planning application had contained incorrect information regarding the roof height of the neighbouring property which had been overstated by 2 meters. As the Parish Council had based their comment on this specific piece of information the clerk to write to Planning to query this.
 - Drones.* It was reported by a local resident that drones had been flying over various properties in the parish. The local resident was advised to write personally to the person involved.

KCC Steve Manion then gave his report. Recorded below at No. 7
- 6. Homestead Lane Planning - Land between The Homestead and meadow cottages.**

This piece of land had been included in the 2010 Site Allocation Document and had gone out to public consultation with local Sutton residents for 3 houses on the site. The Parish Council having taken note of the local responses and the fact that some development was needed in the parish, had agreed at the time that the site was an ideal location for development.

Mr Nicholas Rooke from Finns attended the meeting to represent the 2 landowners. They had taken Pre-application advice and were keen to engage with the local community.

The land owners propose to submit an application for outline planning for two times two semi-detached properties and to sell the land with this outline planning permission.

The Council noted that these properties were to be sited along the same line as existing Properties in the road. Concerns were raised by the council with regard to:

1. The removal of mature trees from the land. Mr Rooke assured the Council there would be a planting scheme to include hedging.
2. As the application was to be for outline planning it was considered this may cause problems with a future developer.
3. There is a large soakaway on the site which should not be disturbed. Mr Rooke explained that he was aware of this.
4. Parking. Mr Rooke assured the Council the development would have on-site parking.

Cllr Akhurst thanked Mr Rooke for attending the meeting to answer questions and noted that the Council now awaited a formal application.

7. Reports from DDC/KCC Members

Potholes. The County Council are having a blitz on potholes in the area up to Christmas time. Cllr Manion urged people to report them on line.

Bus Services. These are being looked into by a Select Committee. The report will shortly be going to KCC.

8. Finance:

- i) To approve the payment schedule for September

Chq No.	
001221 Clerks wage - July	£301.90
001222 Clerks wage - August	£302.10
001223 Clerks expenses - July/August	£40.00
001224 Post Office - PAYE up to 5 Aug £35.60	
5 Sept £35.40	£71.00
001225 Evergreen - June	£183.00
001226 Evergreen - July and Aug	£325.00
001227 Southern Water	£24.06
001228 Playsafety Ltd - RoSPA	£159.60
001229 CPRE	£36.00
001230 KALC - Clerk conference	£72.00

Approval of the above payments was proposed by Cllr Hogben, seconded by Cllr Calthorpe and all members voted in favour.

- ii) BACS Remittance Advice £375 KCC. Traffic Survey Member's Grant - Noted
KCC Member Steve Manion was thanked for this funding towards the parish traffic survey

9. Revised Insurance Values of Asset Register

The revised replacement values required by Came and Co. insurance were noted by the Councillors. Clerk to notify the insurance company.

10. A Defibrillator for the Parish

DDC Member Nick Kenton was not at the meeting so was unable to give a background talk of Eastry parish acquiring a defibrillator. Deferred to next meeting.

KCC Member Steve Manion offered to help with funding towards a defibrillator.

Cllr Calthorpe offered to take a look at the costings involved.

11. Appleday

- i) Change of date to Saturday 23rd September. Noted
- ii) Risk Assessment. Approval of the risk assessment was proposed by Cllr Calthorpe, seconded by Cllr Akhurst and all members voted in favour.

iii) Spending up to £30.00 for expenses. B Merriman to spend up to £30 to cover expenses (eg cups and biscuits) was proposed by Cllr Akhurst, seconded by Cllr Calthorpe and all members voted in favour.

12. Programme of Maintenance of Physical Assets

Small gate into playing field. Colin has kindly installed a new latch. The Parish Council thanked him for doing this.

Gate at playing field on to footpath. This had been looked into and although stiff, it was judged to be working adequately as the stiffness in the latch was incurred after the point at which the gate could be opened.

13. Local Planning:

For consideration by Councillors

For information - Noted

DOV/17/00631 - 4 Faggs Cottage, Chapel Lane, Ashley, Sutton, CT15 5HY

Erection of single storey, first floor and second floor side extensions, Insertion of 3 no. rooflights to rear roofslope and external alterations. DDC Granted permission

DOV/17/00540 - Aquajoy, Little Mongeham, Sutton, CT14 0HW

Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of three dwellings. Heritage Statement received. DDC Refuse planning permission

DOV/17/00687 - Site at Meadowside, Stoneheap Road, East Studdal, CT15 5BU

Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking. DDC Refuse planning permission

DOV/17/00733 - Honeysuckle Cottage, Downs road, East Studdal, Dover, CT15 5BZ

Creation of a pitched roof to garage. DDC Granted permission

DOV/17/00701 - 7 Oak Cottages, Downs Road, East Studdal, CT15 5DB

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission DOV/16/1182 to allow amendments to approved drawings. DDC Granted permission

DOV/17/00694 - Land adjacent Greenacres, Stoneheap Road, East Studdal, CT15 5BU

Erection of detached dwelling and creation of parking. DDC Refuse planning permission

DOV/17/00305 - Land to the south of Honeywood Parkway, white Cliffs Business Parkway, white Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield CT16 3FH

Erection of a detached flat roof building for use as a leisure centre. Additional Highways information, re-advertisement. DDC Granted permission

14. Community upkeep, Allotment, Memorial Garden, Playing Field and BMX track:

i) ROSPA Report.

The report was discussed by the Councillors to decide any necessary action.

Potential Pinch hazard on the pedestrian gate. It was agreed for Councillors to take a look at this before discussing a possible solution.

ii) Padlock for the playing field. Cllr Calthorpe offered to find out more about Fire Brigade Padlocks and to check whether keys are carried by the ambulance service as well as the fire brigade to gain access.

To spend £15 on an emergency padlock was proposed by Cllr Akhurst, seconded by Cllr Smith and all members voted in favour.

15. Speeding and Traffic Issues

i) Traffic survey. Cllr Smith gave an interim report on the speeding data shown up in the parish traffic survey. In summary, most speeding was between 30 and 35 mph with a couple of exceptions.

Once the data has been recorded in graph/chart form, this will be available to view on the website.

ii) Speeding issues - signs. The Council discussed erecting signs similar to the ones in Great Mongeham parish. Cllr Hogben offered to make the posts and Cllr Calthorpe offered to print out

the signs and to have them available for the next meeting for local residents to take away and install in their front gardens.

Cllr Calthorpe to spend £30 on printer ink was proposed by Cllr Akhurst, seconded by Cllr Smith and 5 members voted in favour with one abstention.

16. Correspondence

Consultations/Surveys - For consideration

Mr C Godderidge - letter regarding HGVs using lanes through Studdal and Sutton. The Council discussed Mr Godderidge's request for the Parish Council to campaign to replace the current signs from 'Unsuitable for HGVs' to 'Prohibited to HGVs'.

The ongoing problem of articulated lorries using Church Hill and cutting across the corner of Upper Farm Cottage, Sutton was also reported. This issue has already been referred to KCC Highways.

KCC Member Steve Manion explained that this is becoming an increasing problem. However it is not possible to prohibit lorries from using a particular road. He pointed out that it is necessary for local businesses to work with residents and to instruct lorries to use the approved HGV routes to the business premises. Cllr Manion offered to forward information about the signs to be erected in Nonnington village.

The Parish Council discussed what sort of signs it may be possible to erect. It was agreed to contact Richard Heaps, Highways to find out the cost of two of the new lorry signs and the cost of their installation by Highways. Clerk to action.

Cllr Smith to check the rumble strip traffic survey for lorry activity and report back.

KCC.

i) Rights of Way Improvement Plan Stakeholders consultation 11/08/2017 to 17/09/2017. Invitation to complete a more detailed stakeholder survey. No take up.

ii) Kent Highways Parish seminar 17/10/17. No take up.

KALC.

i) Chairmanship information day workshop 23/09/2107 9.30 am £60 plus VAT. Not required.

ii) Invitation to Low Carbon Britain Event 08/11/2017. No take up.

iii) KCC. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017-2023 consultation 16/08/2017 to 08/10/2017. Noted

iv) Invitation to attend an event in Kent hosted by your ambulance service. Thursday 28/09/2017. No take up.

Correspondence - To note

DDC

i) *Energy Deal* - Collective Energy Switching Scheme. Poster for noticeboards.

ii) Promoting Independence - Poster for website and forward information to Rural Roundup for inclusion in the magazine. Clerk to action.

KALC. Rural Kent. A guide to developing affordable houses in rural communities. Clerk to forward to Councillors.

17. Any other business/matters to discuss

Memorial Garden. A couple of the Sycamore trees are growing up close to both the electric wire and the BT cable. Clerk to report this to UK Power Networks.

Roman Road subsidence. Highways have been making regular weekly checks on the subsidence caused by the badger set. As there has been no deterioration of the road, the monitoring is to be reduced to occasional inspections.

Charity Commission Annual Return. Cllr Akhurst reported that the playing field Annual Return has been filed with the Charity Commission.

18. Date of next meeting:

Ordinary meeting Tuesday 3 October 2017 at 7.30 pm at Church Hall Studdal

Meeting closed 8.59 pm

Signed: B. Merriman (Chair)

Date: 03/10/2017

Paper copy on file with Clerk