

Minutes

Meeting held in Sutton Community Centre on Tuesday 27 July 2021 at 7.30 pm.

- 1. Present and Apologies** B Merriman (Chair)
 G Akhurst
 G Smith
 H Densham
 A Calthorpe
 KCC Member Steve Manion
 DDC Member Nick Kenton
 S Smith (Clerk)
 4 Members of the public
Apologies: K Little

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Akhurst declared an interest on item 8. Local Planning v) Settlement Confines

3. Approval of the minutes 22 June 2021

After a small alteration to the spelling of Pixwell Point, the minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Akhurst and all members voted in favour.

4. Matters arising from the minutes 22 June 2021

Lynwood, noise issue. No update from DDC.

Pilgrims Nook gate. No update from DDC.

Napchester Rd. The latest DDC update was that no planning application had been submitted yet. Concerns have been reported regarding the noise/dust and the amount of ground works going on at the site.

Forge Farm House. Cllr Akhurst had spoken to the neighbours prior to the previous meeting and there had been no objections to the planning application. One of the neighbours has subsequently sent objections to DDC Planning, copies of which have been sent to the parish council.

Sutton Lane verges. Some grass verges in the parish have been cut. Concerns were voiced as to the effectiveness of some of the cutting.

Playing field, youth shelter and picnic table. The painting is still outstanding.

Pixwell Point Footpath. This was not on the KCC grass cutting contract but has now been added.

Road sweeper. No visit yet.

5. Visitors

A local resident voiced concerns about the amount of dog litter bags left on the footpaths, particularly on the footpath over to The Brooms. Cllr Calthorpe offered to put something on the Sutton Facebook site. A notice to be put on the website. Clerk to action.

A local resident suggested the notice board at the Church Hall should be relocated to make it easier to read. The Councillors considered this. Various queries arose including whether the notice board is still necessary and would a new one need planning permission. A suggestion was made of relocating it to the bus shelter. Clerk to look into this and the costs involved. To be discussed again at the September meeting.

6. Finance

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

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001452 Clerk	June wages		£ 347.50
001453 Clerk	June ex	£ 20.00	
	Onedrive	£ 13.68	£ 33.68
001454 Sutton Parish Community Centre	Hall hire, 2 meetings		£ 20.00
001455 C Little	Grass cutting April to June		£750.00

ii) Bank reconciliation. The Current account has a balance of £14,755.08 and the reserve account has £15,637.46. To accept the reconciliation was proposed by Cllr Merriman seconded by Cllr Smith and all members voted in favour.

7. General Administration

- i) To add the Clerk's £20 expenses to payroll was proposed by Cllr Akhurst seconded by Cllr Merriman and all members voted in favour. A new contract has been drawn up to reflect the change, to be signed by the Chair and clerk.
- ii) Council's office equipment including laptop, printer and software. It was agreed to spend about £1000 to replace the equipment so that documents could be compliant with accessibility requirements when uploaded to the website. To be further looked into.
- iii) To discuss Council's risk assessment. To be revisited at the September meeting

8. Local Planning:

For consideration by Councillors:

i) DOV/21/00999 East Studdal Nurseries , Downs Road, East Studdal, CT15 5DB

Reserved matters application for the details of appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for the erection of 14no. dwellings, including details for conditions 1, 11, 21, 22 and 23 pursuant to outline permission DOV/18/00125

Cllr Smith gave a brief background on the planning history of the site. The application was discussed and it was decided to submit the following response:

Although the Parish Council has no objection to the site being developed, the Council are still of the opinion (as expressed in their previous responses) that the number of dwellings should be limited to 10. The Council therefore object to the application for the following reasons:

1. It is overdevelopment for the size of the plot.
2. The over bearing nature of the development.
3. It would have an adverse impact on the surrounding area.
4. The development does not match with the rest of the parish.

Sutton Council consider that a landscape visual impact assessment should be completed.

This was proposed by Cllr Merriman seconded by Cllr Smith and all members voted in favour. Clerk to submit the response to DDC Planning.

ii) DOV/21/00993 Land To North-East Of Martin Gorse Water Supply Works , Waterworks Hill, West Langdon, CT15 5JW

Change of use of land and erection of ion exchange building, 2no. tanks and associated plant kiosks and equipment, concrete bunds, 1.8m high security fencing, temporary welfare, office and storage units, temporary diversion of public footpath, access road, parking and landscaping

The Council decided not to comment on this application.

iii) DOV/21/00969 Jadaal , Roman Road, Maydensole, CT15 5HP

Erection of a front porch (existing porch to be demolished)

The Council decided not to comment on this application.

iv) DOV/21/00731 Land North Of Eastling Down Farm Cottages And East Of Sandwich Road, Waldershare, CT15 5AS,

Change of use to Gypsy/Traveller Site for 8no. pitches with 1no. static, 1no. tourer, 2no. parking spaces and dayroom per pitch (part retrospective)

To object to the application on the same basis as the objections lodged against the previous application was proposed by Cllr Merriman seconded by Cllr Smith and all members voted in favour. Clerk to submit the response to DDC Planning.

v) Settlement Confines Consultation

Cllr Akhurst had declared an interest on this item earlier in the meeting and agreed to withdraw from any voting insofar as it relates to Sutton. The consultation runs from 23 July 2021 to 10 September 2021 Cllr Merriman offered to attend the Teams events on 29 July. To be further discussed at the September meeting.

Noted:

i) DOV/21/00543 Fairways, Downs Road, East Studdal CT15 5DA

Creation of a vehicular access and driveway (existing wall to be demolished) Granted permission

ii) 21/00701 4 Stoneheap Cottages, Stoneheap Bottom Road, Little Mongeham CT14 OHS

Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension, steps with railings to front (existing side extension and rear boot room to be demolished) Granted permission

iii) 21/00738 Hillcrest Strakers Hill East Studdal CT15 5BS

Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission DOV/20/01141 to reduce the size of extension (application under Section 73) Granted permission

iv) Appeal decision. The Franklin, Pilgrims Cottages, Roman Road, West Studdal, Dover CT15 5FJ. The appeal is dismissed.

9. Report from DDC/KCC

Government help. KCC are asking for help from the Government to look after the asylum seeking children arriving in Kent.

Planning and Enforcement departments. Both are very busy. There has been a surge in housing application.

Electric charging points. The infrastructure is being put in.

Waste collection service. This service has been problematical since the routes were changed.

Little Mongeham Airstrip. A question was asked about the progress of this application. DDC has taken on an outside aviation contractor to help with the application. DDC are still waiting for extra information requested from the applicant.

10. Footpaths

i) Notification of the proposed upgrade of Public Footpath EE427 at Ripple/Sutton to Bridleway status has been received. The upgrade will come into effect from 6th September 2021.

11. Playing field

i) To approve of Cllr Akhurst making a nil Annual return to the Charity Commission for the year ending 31 March 2021. This was proposed by Cllr Akhurst seconded by Cllr Merriman and all members voted in favour.

ii) PSPO update. The current PSPO has been extended for one year as DDC has been unable to carry out a consultation. The existing one still shows a dog exclusion zone in the old play area. DDC hope to send the consultation out in the autumn.

12. Allotment

i) To clarify plot size. To be discussed at the September meeting.

13. Orchard

i) Orchard risk assessment. To be discussed at the September meeting

ii) Apple day. The date was fixed for Saturday 18 September 2021. Cllr Merriman offered to put the event in the September issue of Rural Roundup to include a warning to people that there are bee hives at the site. Cllr Calthorpe agree to do a specific risk assessment for apple day and the bee

hives, closer to the next meeting and to include up to date government guidelines. A suggestion was made that the hives could be closed for the day. Clerk to ask if this would be possible.

Last minute arrangements, to be discussed at the September meeting.

14. Correspondence.

i) Community Resilience/Emergency Plan Questionnaire. It was agreed that the same response to the previous questionnaire be submitted again. Clerk to action.

ii) KALC July Bulletin – Litter Motion and Petition. Details of the petition to go on the website. Clerk to action. Cllr Merriman offered to put the details on the notice boards.

15. Any other business to report/matters to discuss

None

16. Date and status of next meeting:

Tuesday 7 September 2021 7.30 pm – Sutton Community Centre

Tuesday 5 October 2021 7.30 pm – Sutton Community Centre

Tuesday 2 November 2021 7.30 pm – Sutton Community Centre

Tuesday 7 December 2021 7.30 pm – Sutton Community Centre

Clerk to book hall for the meetings.

Meeting closed: Just after 9.00 pm

Signed: Cllr Barbara Merriman

Date: 7th September 2021

A paper copy is on file with the Clerk.