

WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held in the Memorial Hall Annexe, Woodchurch, on Thursday, 23 August 2018 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mr J West, (Chair), Mrs G Davies, Mr A Faiers, Mr A Hukins, Mr N Jones, Mr P Spice and Mr P Wood

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:

COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 6 Members of the Public present for part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from Mrs C Allan (prior engagement) Mr R Woods (personal reasons), Borough Councillors, Mrs A Hicks and Mr G Bradford and County Councillor, Mr M Angell

[An apology was received from PCSO Kate Richards at 22.51 as she had been unable to get away from a call. She reported that, together with the Rural Warden and 2 traffic officers she had carried out speed checks in Lower Road and warnings had been given to a number of drivers].

2. APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Councillors unanimously agreed the apologies submitted by Mrs Allan and Mr Woods.

Proposed Mr Faiers

Seconded Mr Hukins

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest

Mr Jones declared a Significant Interest in application no 18/01203/AS, as he has a personal connection with the applicant.

Mr Faiers declared a Significant Interest in application no 18/01088/AS, as he has a personal connection with the applicant.

Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

Councillors are reminded that they should update their Declarations of Interest with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

To note the granting of any requests for Dispensations and the decision

No such requests received.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2018 were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr West should sign them as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Mr Jones Seconded Mr Spice

5. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECOVERED

The members of the public did not have any questions or comments.

6. PLANNING

Please see attached.

7. MATTERS ARISING

The KHS Schemes Manager reported that, following our letter regarding the speed limit along Georges Hill, he had visited the road to investigate the options that could be implemented to improve road safety.

His initial thoughts, after driving the length of the road, were that it would be very difficult for any vehicle (including motorcycles) to attain speeds much in excess of 30mph due to the narrow and winding nature of the road and number of blind corners. As there appears to be no more than 3 or 4 properties leading off Georges Hill and it is a no through road he would expect traffic volumes to be very low.

Like any rural country lane, drivers should expect to find pedestrians, cyclists and equestrian riders along their route and therefore should adjust their driving accordingly.

He is of the opinion that a warning sign or speed limit reduction would have minimal impact on road safety on Georges Hill, due to the low number of vehicle movements and the fact that the majority of drivers using the lane will have prior experience of driving this route and will already be aware of its hazards. They are therefore unlikely to pay regard to any new information that is provided in the shape of roadside signage.

With regard to the problems being experienced with drainage outside the garage in Front Road, the KHS Drainage Engineer confirmed that the investigations are still ongoing and include both KCC Highways and South East Water. He had arranged for a CCTV crew to inspect the drainage system and should have a clearer idea of what is causing the issue once completed. Mr Jones reported that he had spoken to the crew operating the CCTV and there appears to be a problem under the garage and the car park and there is still problem on the road so the contractors have been asked to log the fact that the issue has not been resolved and to ask for further tests to be carried out.

Mr West reported that most of the rubbish in the churchyard has been burnt and that a tree surgeon is going to tidy up the trees free of charge. Mrs Jones is waiting for a date to meet with the vicar, after which she will arrange for all the relevant parties to meet so that the work required can be co-ordinated.

8. FINANCE**Bank Reconciliation as at last Bank Statement**

Account Balance		Balance at Bank	
Opening Balance	47178.25	Money Manager Account	59402.64
		Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
			59402.64
Plus Receipts	<u>18614.45</u>	Less uncleared cheques	<u>7355.92</u>
	65792.70		52046.72
Less Payments	<u>13695.98</u>	Plus Community Account	50.00
	52096.72		52096.72
Less Earmarked Funds	<u>25827.31</u>	Less Earmarked Funds	<u>25827.31</u>
AVAILABLE FUNDS	26269.41	AVAILABLE FUNDS	26269.41

Earmarked Funds

	Balance 26.07.18	+/- August	Balance 23.08.18
Election/Standards Committee	3609.24		3609.24
Wildflower Meadow	8045.00		8045.00
Contingencies	3000.00		
Transfer to General Reserves		-3000.00	NIL
Maintenance of War Memorial	233.02		233.02
Play Area/CEE Budget	1689.31		1689.31
Village Trees	810.00		810.00
General Reserves	8440.74		
Transfer ex General Reserves		3000.00	11440.74
	25827.31	0.00	25827.31

PAYEE	CHQ NO	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £	DETAILS
Parish Clerk	1156	586.74	0.33	587.07	Salary and Expenses
Litter Picker	1157	306.86		306.86	Salary
CST Ltd	1158	572.50	114.50	687.00	Grounds Maintenance
Parish Clerk	1159	20.30		20.30	Postage Stamps
D Grabham	1160	140.00		140.00	Grounds Maintenance

Proposed Mr Wood

Seconded Mr Spice

It was agreed that cheque number 1161 should be drawn next week in favour of CEM Electrical Services Ltd for £238.15 for the Eco Heater in the toilet.

Amendment to Agenda

A letter has been received from Hallett & Co in which our solicitor says that the current owner of new area of Green is anxious to include a restrictive covenant to the effect that the land will be used only as a Village Green. There is an obligation in the Section 106 Agreement for the Parish Council to make an application to register the land as Village Green and our solicitor cannot therefore, see any detriment to the Council if a covenant is placed on the land stating that this is what it will be used for.

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to the inclusion of this covenant and will ask our solicitor to proceed with the transfer and to register the land as Village Green.

Proposed Mr Jones Seconded Mr Faiers

9. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

No items were put forward for inclusion on the next agenda.

10. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

The Chairman reported that he recently met with a new resident of the village who is a plant ecologist and expressed an interest in helping with the work required on the extension to The Green. Councillors unanimously agreed that they would appreciate any help he is able to give. The gentleman’s wife has a surplus of Ragged Robin plants that she had offered to the council to plant in the Wild Flower Meadow.

The extension to The Green needs cutting and the arisings need to be collected up into a pile as they can’t be burnt.

The Clerk was asked to order 2 new flags.

The residents of Drayson House will make the drive good once their new house is complete.

Mr Jones reported that he had met with a member of Rolvenden Parish Council to discuss The Rolvenden Rocket.

The mini bus has been supplied and is being funded for 18 months by ABC.

Passengers pay a fare for using the bus and this money goes to the Parish Council and will be used towards funding the bus once the current scheme comes to an end.

The bus needs to do a certain number of miles each week in order to break even.

Resident can book a seat online using a site set up by ABC.

In the event that there are too many people at a bus stop, priority is given to those who have booked in advance.

Mr Jones is trying to organise a meeting with ABC to investigate the possibility of setting up a similar scheme in Woodchurch.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Signed..... Dated

Chairman

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PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

2018

AUGUST 2018

- 18/01062/AS Stonebridgelands, Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3SL
Outline application for one detached single storey dwelling with all matters reserved except access.
Parish Council: Support
- 18/01088/AS 119 Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3SH
Two storey side extension; new first floor window on rear elevation
Parish Council: Support 6:1 abstention
- 18/01106/AS Bourne Farm, Brook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3SZ
Retrospective Change of Use of an Agricultural Grain Store and Associated yard area to Use as a Woodyard in Connection with Forestry Working
Parish Council: Support
- 18/01129/AS Willow Cott Farm, Brook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3SY
Prior approval for change of use of building and land from B1(c) light industry to residential C3
Parish Council: Support
- 18/01132/AS Garros Barn, Redbrook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3QS
Proposed conversion of existing garage to games room and link to existing barn
Parish Council: Support
- 18/01165/AS 33 Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3QB
Single storey rear extension
Parish Council: Support
- 18/01203/AS Garth End, Redbrook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3QS
Proposed agricultural building used for hay and machinery storage
Parish Council: Support 6:1 abstention

The following was not included on the agenda, but councillors agreed to discuss it as it was not considered to be contentious

- 18/01136/AS Plurenden Manor Farm, Plurenden Road, High Halden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3JW
Erection of two dairy heifer rearing sheds
Parish Council: No Comment

Decision Notices received from ABC

18/00343/AS Woodhouse, Shadoxhurst Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3QP
Proposed garage and garden store building

Borough Council: Permit

18/00678/AS Highfield Farm, Little Robhurst, Woodchurch, Kent
Agricultural storage barn

Borough Council: Permit

18/00830/AS Garth End, Redbrook Street, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3QS
Proposed side extension, roof terrace, external staircase and raised patio

Borough Council: Permit

18/00942/AS 93 Lower Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3SG

Proposed part first floor rear extension over existing ground floor rear projection.

Borough Council: Permit

18/00962/AS Sunny Mead Farm, Bethersden Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3QW
Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new ancillary accommodation and annex (for dependant family member) along with new garden store

Borough Council: Permit