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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 16 JULY 2019 IGHTHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Willingham (Chair), Cllr Holden (Vice Chair), Cllr Burgham, Cllr Emmett, Cllr Fielder, Cllr Mitchem, The Parish Clerk & County Cllr Rayner

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Cracknell, Cllr Hall, Borough Cllr Betts
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - None
3. MINUTES - The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2019 were approved and signed as a true record
4. UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr Rayner said he had attended a meeting of the Committee for Environment and Transport and that following the changes in charges for household waste, KCC have earmarked £250k to deal with fly tipping. The County will work with districts in Kent to help with enforcement on fly tipping and to be more pro active in problem areas. Cllr Rayner asked whether there were any problem areas in Ightham as he would be able to put them forward for consideration.

The reason for charging for plasterboard and rubble is that it is classified as non-household waste and other boroughs in the country are already charging for its disposal. This has meant that residents from other counties have been coming to Kent to dispose of this type of waste and Kent County Council wanted to avoid passing on the cost of this to its council tax payers.

There is no further update on the Local Plan or broadband.

5. PUBLIC - None present

6. PLANNING

6.1 Planning Applications

TM/19/01317/LRD - Ightham Place, The Street, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HJ.

Details of condition 3 (joinery) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/19/00189/LB (External window refurbishment to the rear elevation, 2x internal replacement windows, 1x new window and refurbished driveway gates. Refurbishment of existing driveway entrance gates). "No objection."

TM/19/01371/FL - Cottage Field, Tonbridge Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AN.

Single storey rear extension. "No objection."

TM/19/01362/RD – Pinewood, Pine Tree Lane, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0NJ.

Details of conditions 2 (materials) and 7 (surface water & drainage) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/18/01166/FL (Demolition of existing house and erection of a replacement dwelling with detached car port and stable. Change of use of agricultural land to residential use).

TM/19/01384/FL - 68 Nutfields, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9EA. Replace existing conservatory with a smaller single storey extension. "No objection."

TM/19/01562/TPOC - 28 Nutfields, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9EA. Fell dead tree, species unknown. No proposal for tree replacement due to excessive shading from existing trees and close position next to neighbouring garage buildings. "No objection."

TM/19/01574/FL - Crown Point Nursery, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0HB. Retention of new agricultural/nursery dwelling and associated works. Revision to scheme approved under TM/13/01382/FL

TM/19/01633/TNCA - Old Stones, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HA .T1. Twin stemmed Cherry on western boundary- fell tree in sections to near ground level. T2. Cherry to Northwest of T1 - remove large dead section and advise on condition of remaining tree together with any recommendations to ensure safety. T3. Lawson Cypress to front of house - fell to near ground level. "No objection."

6.2 Planning Decisions – Approved

19/01219/TPOC - Large Oak outside the garden of 19 Nutfields - reduce the crown back from the property extension by approx 2m (not to the boundary) and remove dead wood that may affect the property - 19 Nutfields, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9EA.

19/01218/TPOC - T46 Oak Tree - remove the dead wood, two standing dead stems of Silver Birch within the woodland section - fell, two trees on top of a steep bank in the woodland edge to the south of No. 42 - reduce the height of the trees by at least 50%, two fallen trees hung up on the bank to the rear of No 16 - fell, T9 and adjacent Ivy covered Oak - remove significant deadwood and sever ivy, Dead Oak trees x2 adjacent to T16, (No 22 Nutfields) - fell, Dead Willow rear of No 22 Nutfields - fell, T34 - remove dead branch above the bank and T57 and adjacent tree - remove significant deadwood - Former Redland Tileworks, Redwell Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9EH.

19/01330/NMA - Non Material Amendment to planning permission TM/16/03292/FL: Variation to the design of the new covered porch to the west elevation of the property with smaller open structure, adjusted window size - wider opening - to east elevation of property, revised entrance porch design to include oak over-cladding to existing structure. Replacement windows throughout - Three Birches, Common Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9DY.

19/01153/TNCA - T1 3 Stem Oak - Dismantle to near ground level and T2 2 Stem Oak - Dismantle to near ground level. Both opposite No 3 – Glenwood, Spring Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9DR.

19/01164/TNCA - T1 and T2 Norway Spruce - fell - Land Adjoining Upper Spring Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

19/00942/FL - Demolition of existing garage and utility room and erection of replacement garage and first floor rear extension - Point House Stone Street Road Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0NH.

19/00740/FL - External elevation changes, demolition of lean to utility room extension, internal alterations to form open plan family room and kitchen space - The Old Malt House, Ightham Court, Fen Pond Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9JF.

Trees on Allotment Land: Cllr Emmett asked about the trees behind 10 Common Road as he had been approached by a tenant of the allotment. There is a dead tree that needs to come down and an Oak that needs pruning; Treeability have already looked at the trees. There was no objection to the dead tree coming down but the Clerk will check with Liz Guthrie about the Oak as we are unsure whether it is within the conservation area.

6.3 Area 2 Planning Decision – Woodford Old Lane – Follow up meeting – Cllr Willingham gave thanks to Cllr Mitchem for speaking at the Area 2 Planning Committee on behalf of the Parish Council. The Planning Officer had recommended that permanent residency was given to travellers and the Parish Council and several residents spoke against this on the basis that they didn't feel that the very special circumstances cited stood up. The very special circumstances cited were that the children needed access to schooling and that there were no other sites available for the travellers; however the meeting received reports and testimonies from several sources to say that the travellers hadn't lived at the site for the past 2 years. The Committee voted against the recommendation of the Planning Officer and TMBC said that the application be deferred to the next meeting of the Area 2 Planning Committee to enable the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer to submit an independent report on the possibility of costs if Members were minded to refuse the application. One of the residents has requested a meeting with Parish members to discuss the outcome and we are waiting for Cllr Betts to come back to us to see what, if anything further can be done to prevent the site becoming approved.

6.4 LOCAL PLAN – Borough Green Gardens Update – Nothing to report.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Highways Matters –Missing gate at the entrance to Ightham Mote from High Cross Road, overgrown brambles on footpath and fly tipped containers opposite Applegarth - The Clerk was asked to contact James Sheldrick at Fairlawne about these matters. Potholes on Common Road; overgrown hedges on Ismays by Fir Croft and outside Nutfields, overgrown hedges outside Hope Cottage, brambles by Longstead Cottage, overgrown hedges from White Post to Upper Spring Lane. Note to go into Parish Magazine and Clerk to circulate the letters to Councillors and report to Kent Highways.

Village Traffic Matters - Les Henry Associates - Report Update – Cllrs Mitchem, Cracknell and The Parish Clerk met with Les Henry to discuss the suggested traffic calming measures. A few adjustments have been made one confirmed between the Traffic Group and Les Henry, we will write to Kent Highways and the Joint Transportation Board. The Clerk needs to get costings for some of the proposals and we will offer to part fund. **Accident on Leathercote Corner** – Cllr Willingham had put together some costings for the insurance claim and the Clerk will pass onto the Insurance Company.

HGV's Oldbury Lane – Cllr Fielder reported that the HGV's weren't such an issue at the moment.

Scout Hut/Pavilion – Update - Cllr Holden reported that the scaffolding is down and the cladding is due to go on next. There have been a few delays to the project due to challenges with the roof, guttering and heating for the showers. These issues are now resolved and building control has signed off water heating proposal. The inside is largely complete and the builders are due to vacate the site within the next few weeks. The project is broadly on budget with any additional costs balanced by savings/donated materials in other areas. The groundworks have yet to be done and the Clerk asked whether the excess soil could be used to increase the bund. Cllr Holden will ask the scouts. It is intended that the old pavilion is demolished before the start of the new school term. A letter has been sent to the scouts to say that the Parish Council will take ownership of the old scout hut free of future liability once the new pavilion is complete.

Tennis Club Lights – Update – Nothing to report.

Ightham Cricket Club – Update - Cllr Mitchem reported that she had spoken to the Cricket Club who have requested funding to install a septic tank and drainage to the existing pavilion toilet. They have had 2 quotes for the works: £4,860.00 + vat for installation of the septic tank but no connection to the existing toilet and £4,485.00 + vat for installation of the septic tank and connection to the existing toilet. This is the preferred option. They have already completed a soil porosity test at the cost of £400.00 + vat. As a result of successful fund raising this season they can contribute £3,000.00 to the cost and are seeking the balance of £1485.00 plus the vat £897.00 (£2,382.00) from the Parish Council. The need for an efficient toilet has increased as the ground is now again being used on Saturday mornings for junior cricket in conjunction with Plaxtol C.C. albeit with many of the boys living in the Ightham area. The Clerk was asked to write back to the Cricket Club to ask what the future plans are for the club and pavilion for the next 5 years before making a decision.

Busty Stream/ Flooding – Update - Flood Action Group - Bridge Works – Emergency Plan - Leak **Recreation Ground** – The school fete on the recreation ground was successful and was cleared afterwards. **Pitch Levelling** –We are still waiting for the report. **ROSPA Inspection** – We have just received the Rospa report and they have identified a few low/medium risk repairs – The Clerk will get some quotes from playground specialists to carry out the repairs. The main repairs are to the damaged wetpour. There are a couple of fence posts that need repairing and Cllr Willingham will look at these, and some branches that need to come down and The Clerk will ask Treeability whether they can do the work.

Broadband – Update - Cllr Willingham reported that the current cost per household was estimated at £200.

Bus Stop Back Lane – Update – Cllr Willingham will ask Anthony Edwards to cut back behind the bus stop to improve accessibility. The Clerk reported that the bus stop post had been repaired.

Website – Upgrade - This is now underway.

Village Hall - Refurbishment and car park access. Cllr Willingham reported that the vinyl had been taken up in the toilets and tiles ordered. Cllr Mitchem, Cllr Cracknell and The Clerk has been to the hall to identify other areas that need looking at and these will be reported at a later date. Cllr Mitchem suggested that the screen in the ladies toilet should be removed – agreed. The Clerk will send the letters about the car park access over the summer. We are still getting fly tipping in the car park and will see whether this will continue after the bins have been removed to see whether any further enforcement action is required.

Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch – The Clerk reported that we now receive regular crime reports from our PCSO and that there had been a Burglary in Rectory Lane.

Climate Change - Farm Waste – Following a report from Cllr Betts to say that there is a plastic recycling facility available for farms, Cllrs Fielder, Mitchem and Burgham will follow up on this.

Travellers – Height barrier in recreation ground – We have received a quote to reduce the height of the barrier to 2m for £650 plus VAT – agreed.

Skips – Drainage, nettles– We have received a report of a drainage smell from outside Skips and The Clerk had recommended calling the waste water service provider... There are some overgrown nettles outside the entrance to Skips and the Clerk will ask James Hayward to cut them back.

7. FINANCE & POLICY

Bank Mandate signatures – It was resolved that the mandate should be updated to removed Cllrs Brierley, Edwards and Chartres and add Cllrs Fielder, Burgham and Emmett. The forms were duly signed by all new and remaining signatories.

The following accounts are submitted for payment:

Parish Clerk Salary & Expenses July	£677.02
Parish Clerk Salary August	£633.80
HMRC – Employer Tax July and August (<i>nil to pay as credit on account</i>)	£9.20
Gel Creative - July (OLT)	£40.00
JH Estate & Gardening Services – Grass cutting June	£864.00
Anthony Edwards – Churchyard July	£603.64
Anthony Edwards – Parish Council Maintenance July	£593.08
Donation – Kenwood Trust	£100.00
Donation – Citizens Advice Tonbridge	£100.00
Warners - Legal Advice	£312.00
Wrotham Parish Council – Legal Advice Local Plan (Share)	£120.78
E-on – Electricity in Rec – unmetered supply	£55.81
R Willingham – new tiles for village hall toilets	£201.34
ROSPA – Annual Park Inspection	£103.20
On Call Carpets – Flooring for new scout hut	£2,880.00
Anthony Edwards – Churchyard August	£593.16
Anthony Edwards – Parish Council Maintenance August	£496.52

NatWest Deposit Account: £217,274.15 Current Account: £8,132.70 Unity Trust Bank: £5,055.38

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Confirmed diversion Order relating to public footpath MR614 at Ightham.

Consultation on 'Building for the High Weald' - A Design Guide for new housing development in the AONB - The Design Guide is the subject of an eight-week period of formal public consultation from Wednesday 19 June until Wednesday 14 August 2019.

Environment Agency – Flood and Coastal Risk Management Maintenance Programme 2019/20

The meeting closed at 9.50pm