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MINUTES

MEETING OF IGHTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 7.30pm at Ightham Village Hall

Present: Cllr Willingham (Chairman), Cllr Holden (Vice Chairman), Cllr Burgham, Cllr Clark, Cllr Emmett, Cllr Fielder, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hogarth, Cllr Mitchem, Borough Cllr Betts, County Cllr Rayner and 1 member of the public.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Sarah Huseyin (Clerk)
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - None
- 3. MINUTES** - Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2021 – In regard to item 4, Cllr Holden added that The Parish Council had agreed to pay for the tree work at the allotments discussed in the October meeting.

A couple of typo's were marked up and the minutes were approved and signed.

4. PUBLIC

A member of the public from Oldbury was in attendance to raise a parking issue. The issue is due to neighbours parking on Oldbury Lane opposite the cottages; consequently, lorries and farm vehicles drive over her verge and flowers and the road is too narrow and the resident has suffered abuse from drivers when she challenges them. Following a particularly nasty incident the resident requested yellow lines to be put opposite her house to prevent parking. Cllr Rayner said that this would need to go out for consultation. Cllr Rayner has spoken with Oldbury residents who have suggested that the farm traffic goes along Spring Lane onto A25. Councillors thought that this would not be possible. It was decided that we should discuss this when the Traffic Group meets with Claire Venner on 1st December with a view to adding the lines to a TRO. It was confirmed that residents are not able to install CCTV to monitor traffic or parking without consent. Cllr Betts said that he would possibly be able to assist with the enforcement side of things if lines were installed.

The Parish Council gave support to the installation of the lines.

- 5. UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR** – Cllr Betts said that he was Councillor for Environment and Climate Change and offered to do a walk around Ightham to see how we could reduce carbon – he has done this in Wrotham and the exercise was useful.

Cllr Betts reported that TMBC is doing a trial at Darenth Valley of a wild nature reserve, it started in March 2021 to support biodiversity. Cllr Rayner suggested identifying areas within Ightham Parish where we could do the same.

TMBC has launched Green Business Grants and there have been 20 successful applicants including Ightham.

There is support available for electric vehicles and this will help Parish Councils to install charging points.

The Mayor and Cllr Betts wrote to local schools to pledge to reduce carbon during COP26.

Cllr Hall asked why resources were being used on climate change when bins and planning were in disarray?

Cllr Betts said that there was a weekly update being sent out from TMBC about waste.

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Cllr Betts reported that as there was no Local Plan there was no adequate Traveller provision and TMBC were employing an independent consultant to see what the shortfall is.

Cllr Holden queried that the only problem identified in the Local Plan was “failure in the duty to co-operate”.

Boundary Review – If we don’t like the new name of the Ward then we can make our own suggestion. Councillors said in the last meeting that they didn’t agree with the name Pilgrims as it has religious connotations and is no longer appropriate. Alternative suggestions were “The Downs” or “North Downs Parishes”. Our suggestions should be sent to the Boundary Commission.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr Rayner reported that we were meeting with Clare Venner on 1st December to discuss our Highways Improvement Plan and will add Old Lane to the list of discussion points.

There is a consultation about a speed reduction on A25 in the vicinity of Dark Hill and Borough Green Road. This will end in late December.

The 306/308 bus service has been taken over by Red Route.

KCC Members are no longer welcome to attend the PPP meetings.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Highways & PROW Matters - Yellow lines outside Ramblers request

White line refresh outside the Plough. Openreach Closure - Mote Road, Ivy Hatch - 19th November 2021. Gulleys from Crown Point to Seven Wents are blocked. Resurface request for High Cross Road. Parish will purchase a Salt Bin for Oldbury/Spring Lane as KCC refused.

Old Lane –Drainage issue will be discussed with Claire Venner on 1st December.

Village Traffic Matters – Update on Highways Improvement Plan – meeting deferred until 1st December, Cllr Hall suggested a formal agenda and pre-meeting.

Footpath Clearing - Update – Anthony Edwards cleared the leaves from White Post to the recreation ground on A25 footpaths. Sevenoaks Road needs clearing too.

School/ Old Scout Hut – Update - The Premises Committee requested 2 bar door locks and these have been fitted at a cost of £990.

Ightham Football Club – Pitch Levelling – We have had another quote for £69,000 for 2 pitches, this doesn’t include seeding or drainage work. Cllr Holden suggested that we revisit this with the Finance Committee in January 2022 . The container is due to be delivered on 24th November.

Tennis Club - Update - Reported that the lights aren’t working. Request for some of the Sycamore trees to be cut down , agreed. The Tennis Club would like to resurface the courts next year.

Busty Stream - Ongoing maintenance - It was reported that the residents have cleared the stream.

Recreation Ground –Rospa recommendations – approval of quote for fence repairs £1,020. Quote for seat repairs (including at White Post)

Village Hall - Update - We have received grant funding from TMBC for solar panels.

Trees/ Hedges - Trees /hedges at Five Acres, Sandy Lane have now been cut back. The request for dead trees to be removed at the allotment behind 12 Common Road was agreed and The Parish will cover the cost. It was agreed that we should speak to the residents about their previous offer to pay for replacement trees.

Litter Pick – 13 November – 3 members of the public attended in addition to Parish representatives.

Community Payback Services – Defer to the next meeting.

Bus Shelter – A227 – Grant Funding Application – Defer to next meeting.

Garden Waste Collection – Provision of skip – it was decided that we should wait to see how successful the skip at Shipbourne is before booking.

Boundary Review – Consultation response to proposals for Ightham and renaming of ward. It was decided that we should put forward the suggestion of “North Downs” as the new ward name.

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Coxcombe Fair – We have received advice from the KALC lawyers to say that we cannot use the Parish bank account to organise the funding but we are able to offer finance for the fair under s.145 Local Government Act 1972. It was reconfirmed that we would contribute up to £7,500 towards costs and in addition will cover the cost of the road closure.

Dark Hill, A25, Ightham Bypass, Borough Green Road - 40mph Speed Limit – we will discuss this at the meeting with Claire Venner on 1st December.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Planning Applications

Stangate Solar Park – Outline proposals - Awaiting application

TM/21/02709/FL - Beech Tree Cottage, Sandy Lane, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0PB
Proposed replacement of dwelling roof and first floor cladding (hanging tiles), removal of 1 nos. chimney stack, demolition of 2 nos. outbuildings and replacement with 1 nos. outbuilding, new outbuilding, landscaping changes to entrance, and installation of solar panels to dwelling and detached garage roof. "No objection."

TM/21/02871/LB - Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0NT.
Listed Building Application: Reinstatement of two doors in original openings, one in external wall and one in internal wall, in the south east range of Mote Farmyard, the building is not Listed but is within the curtilage of Listed Buildings and the Ightham Mote Conservation Area. "No objection."

TM/21/02520/FL - 5 Chapel View, Chapel Row, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9AQ. Proposed detached garden room. "No objection."

TM/21/02543/FL - 62 Nutfields, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9EA. Retrospective application for remodelling of garden embankment. "We leave this to TMBC to determine."

TM/21/02672/TNCA - Oldbury Farm House, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9DE. T1 Large Declining Apple - dismantle in sections to near ground level, T2 Apple - reduce large decayed bough back to position of epicormic growth and prune remaining tree where required to balance. SG1 Grind out stump to approx 300mm below grind. "No objection."

TM/21/02552/TPOC - 9 Fen Meadow, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9HT. T5 Goat Willow - reduce height and spread by up to 2m and thin by 25%. "No objection."

TM/21/02614/TPOC - Three Birches, Common Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DY. T1 Beech - Crown reduce whole crown by approximately 3m. "No objection."

TM/21/02649/FL - Oldbury Hatch, Oldbury Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DG. Demolition of existing structure and erection of a one bedroom bungalow. "We repeat our concerns about development within a conservation area, AONB and Greenbelt"

TM/21/02716/TPOC - 61 Nutfields, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9EA. T1 small Judas to remove. "Question whether this requires permission but see no convincing justification for removal".

TM/21/02828/TNCA - April Cottage, Bates Hill, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HB. T1 Norway Maple - Crown reduce to previous pruning points and sever Ivy. "No objection."

TM/21/02970/FL Old Stones, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HA. Add a garden structure/pavilion at the bottom of the garden which is at the northern tip of the site. "No objection."

TM/21/03007/TNCA Elim Bungalow, Busty Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HP. Works to T1 Hazel coppice, T2 Hazel cut back overhang from stream and T3 Ash (self-sewn in wall) fell. All works being done at the request of the Parish Council to stop debris falling in the stream and alleviate the risk of a repeat flood event. "No objection."

TM/21/03047/TNCA Elim Bungalow, Busty Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9HP. Coppice Hazel in rear garden to near ground level, fell self-sewn Ash in wall and trim jasmine to boundary. Second Hazel in neighbouring land - reduce limbs the overhanging stream. "No objection."

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7.2 Planning Applications – APPROVED

TM/21/02233/LB - Listed Building Application: Repair and conservation of existing southwest gates and side screens to bridleway and install new gate to southwest gardens Ightham Mote - Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0NT.

TM/21/02554/TNCA - T1 Sycamore, twin stem - crown reduce whole crown by approximately 2-3m and crown lift by approximately 2m and T2 Hawthorn Pollard - dismantle to near ground level, leaving smaller stem on left - Chance Cottage, Bates Hill, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9HB.

TM/21/02239/FL - Erection of a timber framed shed and store with stained tongue and grooved boarded cladding and a felt roof - Hazel Wood, Ismays Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0NZ.

TM/21/02337/TNCA - Poplar (T1)-Fell as too close to the property and is now inappropriately large for the location. Beech tree (T2)- Fell as showing signs of stress and decay posing a danger to the property adjacent - Glebe House, Bates Hill, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 9BG.

TM/21/02794/TNCA - T1 Oak - Crown reduce lower overhang by approximately 3m and remove major deadwood. Tree heavily overhangs a neighbours property and they have asked if it could be reduced back to improve light and reduce to amount of bits dropped on cars - The Tower, Oldbury Place, Spring Lane, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 9DR.

7.4 LOCAL PLAN –Update - See above.

8. FINANCE & POLICY

The following accounts were submitted for payment: Proposed by Cllr Mitcham and seconded by Cllr Hogarth.

Online Transfers - Unity Trust Bank

Parish Clerk Salary – (Standing Order)	£684.40
Gel Creative - (Standing Order)	£50.00
Zen Internet - Business Full Fibre 2 (Standing Order)	£46.20
Smurfit Kappa – Newspaper Bin rental village hall (standing Order)	£54.00
Lock Sub – Push Bar locks Oldbury Annex (School)	£990.00
Ray Fielder – Cutting Beech hedge	£80.00
Anthony Edwards - Parish & Churchyard maintenance	£tbc

Cheques

Parish Clerk Reimbursements	£23.90
JH Service & Gardening – Grass Cutting	£tbc
Royal British Legion – Wreath & Donation	£50.00
Rodney Willingham – Paving Slab and lintels – Reimbursement	£86.90

Income

Ightham Primary School – Rental and electricity reimbursement	£2,363.65
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9. CORRESPONDENCE – (* circulated in advance)

KALC News *
KALC CEO Bulletin 2021*
Kent's Plan Bee September 2021 Newsletter

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TMBC Consultation on Air Quality for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles, **1 October 2021** until the **31 December 2021**.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022

Kent Police - My Community Voice [Home Page - My Community Voice Kent](#)

Kent Police Rural Task Force Report and the Summer Edition of Rural Matters

Kent Recycles - Offer to attend Parish Council meetings or do a Q&A session with members of the Parish Council and/or residents

KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative to encourage Parishes to check their own fire hydrants

10. AOB

It was suggested that we have a flagpole behind the war memorial, and this should be discussed at the December meeting.

Chase up the report of the abandoned car on Ismays Road

Cllrs Mitcham, Hogarth and Clark will talk about trees at the December meeting

The meeting closed at 10.39pm

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