

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St John's School, Provender Way, Grove Green on Monday 5 December 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.**

Councillors present: Mr B Hinder (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mr I Davies, Mr V Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mrs W Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mr R Martins, Mr P Sullivan and Mrs M Waller together with the Clerk Mrs P Bowdery, Borough Cllr D Butler and 4 members of the public/press.

**1. Apologies and absences**

Cllr Clarke (unwell), Cllr Harwood (car issues), Cllr Macklin (holiday), Cllr S Martins (family commitment) and Cllr Radcliffe-Godfrey (family commitment). PCSO Adlington (Police meeting).

**2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

Cllr Vic Davies notified members that he was a Trustee at Grove Green Community Hall. Cllr Wendy Hinder notified members that she was a member of the MBC Licensing Committee (item 10).

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7 November 2016**

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** and **signed** as a correct record.

**4. Matters Arising From the Minutes**

4.1 Minute 2926/4.1 Sandling entrance. The results of the KCC investigation into the options, including any designs are expected just after Christmas. The KCC project to install the cycle route into a shared cycle/pedestrian/horse route is planned for early in the 2017/18 financial year. Due to insufficient funding KCC had dropped the work planned for the parking area south of Grey Wethers. **Noted.**

Cllr Wendy Hinder notified the meeting that the next Environment Committee was discussing whether it applies to the parish council for a budget to contribute towards the dropped highways works. **Noted.**

4.2 Minute 2927/9 Civic Regalia. The work is being progressed but the two bars may have to be sourced from elsewhere. **Noted.**

4.3 Minute 2927 MBC Dog Waste Bins. Replacement bins. MBC had agreed to supply an additional 7 co-mingled bins including one for Lodge Road. **Noted.**

4.4 Minute 2928/17 Kestrel Boxes. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had taken the issue up with MBC but the response was that the parish council has to submit and pay for pre-application planning advice. The application had been submitted. **Noted.**

4.5 Minute 2926/4.8 Alan Springgate Tree. The parish office is attempting to locate a tree or a company that has trees coming on (for planting 2017 winter) but so far has been unable to source the tree. **Action: Clerk.**

4.6 Any other matters arising from the minutes which are not on the agenda. None

**5. Report from the PCSO and Police Issues**

Crime statistics and report. **Received and noted.** Concern was raised by the spike in crime in the North Ward and members discussed how best to get the word out to residents. It was agreed:

- To undertake a push to sign up more residents to the community alert.
- To ensure that the noticeboards had details of the system and an article to be included in the Downs Mail.

The Clerk was asked to supply members with the numbers of residents signed up within the four areas. **Action: Office.**

The meeting adjourned at 7.45 pm. Mr Monty Knight Olds Chairman of Grove Green Community Hall asked that members consider an emergency grant request as the heating at the hall had failed and the boiler urgently needed replacing at a cost of £3,500 plus VAT. The meeting temporarily reconvened and after discussion Cllr Holland proposed, seconded by Cllr Wendy Hinder that "a grant of up to £3,500 to replace the boiler be made". Cllr Ivor Davies proposed an amendment that "**the grant amount is for the cost and installation of a replacement boiler unit of up to a maximum of £3,500**" seconded by Cllr Dengate. The amended resolution was put to members and was **agreed**, with Cllr Hollands and Cllr Wendy

Hinder agreeing the amendment, (8 votes for and 2 abstentions). The meeting adjourned to allow another resident to report that work on the faulty road arrows at Old Chatham Road had still not been undertaken by KCC. Cllr Wendy Hinder reported that the work had been scheduled. Meeting reconvened at 8.00 pm.

## 6. **Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings**

### **Received and noted.**

- 6.1 Environment Committee meeting 7 November 2016.
- 6.2 Environment Committee meeting 14 November 2016.
- 6.3 F&GPC Committee meeting 15 November 2016.

## 7 **Finance**

- 7.1 Payments made out of meeting 01.11.16 –28.11.16. **Received and noted.**
- 7.2 Receipts for the period 01.11.16 – 28.11.16. **Received and noted.**
- 7.3 Account balances 28.11.16. **Received and noted.**
- 7.4 Payment of accounts. **Authorised.**

## 8 **Policies and Procedures**

- 8.1 Beechen Hall Extension Working Group Terms of Reference. **Approved.**
- 8.2 Vision and Business Plan (review). **Approved.**

## 9 **Draft Budget 2017/2018**

Councillors are reminded that they should notify the parish office of any projects that they wish to have considered for the budget. **Noted.**

## 10 **Draft, Statement of Licensing Policy consultation**

The report was **received and noted.** The response was **agreed** as **The consultation is welcomed and the draft supported.**

## 11 **Volunteer Support Warden Scheme**

Members' **received and noted** the background information. After discussion on the benefits and the current work of the office and councillors Cllr Wendy Hinder proposed seconded by Cllr Ivor Davies **no further action at the moment but keep under review.**

## 12 **Reports from councillors/office**

- 12.1 Cllr Bob Hinder's report on KALC AGM 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016. **Received and noted.** The Clerk was asked to monitor the progress of the Tonbridge and Malling Local Plan as there was concern about development on the boundary of the boroughs, which included the parish boundary. **Action: Clerk.**
- 12.2 Maidstone KALC Area Committee minutes, Cllrs Ivor Davies and Bob Hinder attending. **Received and noted.**
- 12.3 Cllr Dengate's verbal report on his attendance at the KALC Chairmanship Training Day was **received and noted.** He informed members that he had found it particularly valuable and had discussed with KALC about having a module specifically for Vice Chairpersons.

## 13 **Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Cllr Wendy Hinder spoke about the increase in flytipping and the need for residents and councillors to report it. She gave a brief report on the support for vulnerable people now offered by UK Power Network when there were power cuts.

Cllr Butler notified the meeting that he had attended a Neighbourhood Watch AGM and they had received an excellent presentation about the need to protect youngsters from and education youngsters about the dangers of sextexting etc. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether local schools undertook such education and if not then to notify the council who might be willing to work in partnership with the schools to host such a presentation. **Action: Office.**

## 14 **Matters for Decision**

- 14.1 Parish Tour. Members are asked to notify the office of any Saturday dates in

March and April that they will not be available. **Noted. Action: Office to gather dates after Christmas, reminder e-mail.**

Item taken at the end of the meeting.

In view of the confidential nature (personal details and data) on the following item the Chairman excluded the public and press from the meeting.

- 14.2 KALC Community Award. One name was put forward and members **unanimously agreed** the nominee. **Action: Clerk.**

#### 15 **Correspondence**

15.1 Parish Liaison Officer. Notification that this post will come to an end on 21 December and the officer will revert to her previous position. **Noted.**

15.2 Alan Springgate pond, Cossington Lane. Members' were informed that since the creation of the pond the flooding of water down from the woods had lessened to the degree that in a recent downpour no water was observed flooding down the lane. A letter of thanks from a resident had been received and also copied on to the Walderslade Woodlands Group.

Local councillors were asked to monitor the situation with regards to flooding in Brownlowe Copse. **Action: Cllrs Ivor Davies, Bob and Wendy Hinder.**

#### 16 **Matters for Information**

16.1 K60 Telephone Box, Boxley Village. Cllr Clarke has asked that BT be contacted to paint the box. **Noted.**

16.2 New local history book author Robyn Ambrose, Vinters, Weaving & Grove Green Memories. The book was available from Vinters Valley Trust, via the Chairman Cllr Vic Davies. Books sold by the Trust generated a donation to the Nature Reserve.

#### 17. **Next Meeting**

23 January 2017 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade ME5 9RU commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.51 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman..... Date.....