

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 May 2021. This meeting was held in the car park of Beechen Hall at 7.00 pm**

Present: Mr V Davies - Chairman, Mr M Beckwith, Ms A Brindle, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr B Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs P Huntingford, Mr W Salter, Mr C Sheppard, Ms K Macklin, Mr J Willmott, L Clarke and Mr P Sullivan, together with the Clerk Mrs D Baylis, Assistant Clerk, Mrs Melanie Fooks and Henry Monk.

All Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed before the meeting in the presence of the Clerk.

**1. Election of Chairman.**

Cllr Sheppard was nominated by Cllr V Davies and seconded by Cllr A Brindle. As no other nominations were received, Cllr Sheppard was elected Chairman with one abstention. Cllr Sheppard signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**2. Election of Vice-Chairman**

Cllr V Davies was nominated by Cllr D Hollands and seconded by Cllr P Dengate. As no other nominations were received Cllr V Davies was elected Vice-Chairman. Cllr V Davies signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**3. Co-option of one Councillor**

As only one application had been received, Henry Monk was co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

**4. Apologies and absences**

None

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

None declared

**6. To Appoint Committees, Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen**

**Environment Committee**

The following members were appointed to the Committee

Cllr Anne Brindle  
Cllr Bob Hinder  
Cllr Lynn Clarke  
Cllr Pat Huntingford  
Cllr Chris Sheppard  
Cllr James Willmott  
Cllr Ivor Davies  
Cllr Henry Monk  
Cllr Vic Davies  
Cllr Warren Salter

**Chairman of Environment Committee**

Cllr James Willmott was nominated by Cllr B Hinder, seconded by Cllr A Brindle. There being no other nominations he was duly elected Chairman of the Environment Committee.

**Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee**

Cllr Anne Brindle was nominated by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr C Sheppard. There being no other nominations she was duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee.

### **Estates Committee**

The following members were appointed to the Committee

Cllr Dennis Hollands  
 Cllr Paul Dengate  
 Cllr Mick Beckwith  
 Cllr Lynn Clarke  
 Cllr Ivor Davies  
 Cllr Vic Davies  
 Cllr Bob Hinder  
 Cllr Chris Sheppard  
 Cllr Pat Sullivan  
 Cllr Henry Monk

### **Chairman of Estates Committee**

Cllr Dennis Hollands was nominated by Cllr V Davies, seconded by Cllr P Dengate. There being no other nominations he was duly elected Chairman of the Estates Committee.

### **Vice-Chairman of the Estates Committee**

Cllr Paul Dengate was nominated by Cllr D Hollands, seconded by Cllr V Davies. There being no other nominations he was duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Estates Committee.

### **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

The following members were appointed to the Committee

Cllr Chris Sheppard – as Chairman of the Parish Council  
 Cllr Vic Davies – as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council  
 Cllr Dennis Hollands – as Chairman of the Estates Committee  
 Cllr Paul Dengate – as Vice-Chairman of the Estates Committee  
 Cllr James Willmott – As Chairman of the Environment Committee  
 Cllr Anne Brindle – as Vice-Chairman of the Environment Committee  
 Cllr Kaz Macklin  
 Cllr Ivor Davies

### **Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Cllr Chris Sheppard was nominated by Cllr A Brindle, seconded by Cllr P Dengate. There being no other nominations he was duly elected Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

### **Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Cllr P Dengate was nominated by Cllr V Davies, seconded by Cllr C Sheppard. There being no other nominations he was duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

## **7. To Appoint Representatives to External Bodies**

### **The following were appointed to represent BPC:**

Grove Green Community Hall	Cllr Vic Davies.
Kent Association of Local Councils	Cllr Ivor Davies, Cllr Anne Brindle
Action on Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK)	Cllr Ivor Davies
Sandling Village Hall (2 Trustees)	Cllr Dennis Hollands, Cllr Bob Hinder
(meets first Tuesday in every month)	
Vinters Valley Nature Reserve (Trustee)	Cllr Chris Sheppard
Parish/Police Liaison meetings	Cllr Bob Hinder

**8. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6 April 2021**

The Minutes of the meeting were agreed and would be signed when possible.

**9. Matters Arising From the Minutes****10. Finance**

- 10.1 Payments made out of meeting 1.4.21 – 30.4.21. **Noted**
- 10.2 Receipts for the period. 30.4.21 – 30-4.2021. **Noted**
- 10.3 Account balances report **Noted**

**11. Reports from Councillors/office**

Cllr Hollands reported that Sandling Village Hall was reopening and were having a meeting that evening.

Cllr W Salter reported that former Councillor John Constable had died. The Clerk was asked to send a letter and card of condolence to the family on behalf of the Parish Council.

**12. Written reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Cllr Brindle has written a report that she will circulate to members. Maidstone Borough Council will be having their first meeting on Saturday 22 May at Detling Show Ground. Cllr Hinder said that there were radical changes planned now that the Conservatives had a majority. 2 proposals were the return to a cabinet system and 4 yearly elections. Cllr A Brindle said that the proposed development at Lidsing was still being opposed and that Medway Council had objected. There was a 5,000 house proposal at Detling.

**13. Grant Applications****13.1 St Mary and all Saints Church – Grant request for the repair of the church clock.**

Cllr K Macklin proposed that the grant be agreed in principle, the money to come from General Reserves subject to the Clerk obtaining an answer as to whether the Church had tried to claim for the damage from their insurance. This was seconded by Cllr P Dengate and all agreed.

**13.2 Kent Air Ambulance**

Cllr V Davies proposed a grant of £500. This was seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed.

**14. Matters for Decision****12.1 Future meetings**

Cllr J Willmott proposed that all meetings be via Teams until restrictions are lifted on the 21<sup>st</sup> June with all decisions made at these meeting to be ratified during the July Meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Pat Huntingford and all agreed.

**15. Items for Next Agenda**

Councillors' reports and requests for items to be included on the next agenda to be submitted no later than 25 June 2021.

**16. Next Meeting**

5 July 2021

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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