

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 January 2022 at 7.30 pm via Teams

Present: Mr C Sheppard - Chairman, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr B Hinder, Mrs A Brindle, Mrs P Huntingford, Mr P Dengate, Mrs K Macklin, V Davies, D Hollands and J Willmott together with the Clerk Mrs D Baylis, Mr D Hubbard, prospective Councillor and Mr C Shorter from KCC

1. Apologies and absences

Cllr M Beckwith – unable to connect

Cllr P Sullivan – unable to connect

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6 December 2021

The minutes of the meeting were agreed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Any other matters arising from the minutes.

5. Co-option of New Councillors

David Hubbard was co-opted as a Parish Councillor. The Chairman asked David Hubbard if he accepted the office of Parish Councillor and he confirmed that he did. It was agreed that he would attend one of each Committee Meeting before deciding which Committees to join.

6. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr P Huntingford was nominated by Cllr C Sheppard and seconded by Cllr P Dengate. There being no other nominations she was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

7. Crime Report and Police Issues

Noted.

8. Adjournment to enable members of the public to address the meeting

Mr C Shorter from KCC gave an overview of the Nottcutts and Kims roundabout improvement scheme.

Drainage was being created to filter water before it entered Vinters Nature Reserve to remove silt and pollutants. Some trees would need to be removed from the crematorium to facilitate the work. Any trees removed would have substitutes planted elsewhere. The work would start in April.

Cllr Sheppard asked about timescales. The answer was 13 months. 3-4 on access roads and 8-9 that would affect traffic. The permanent signals would be installed during the later stages of the work.

Cllr V Davies asked why the crossing was not being put in its original location. This was more due to ecological concerns than economical ones.

Cllr Hinder thanked Colin Shorter for all of his work on the project and said that most of the current problems were due to faulty equipment and not the location of the temporary crossing.

Cllr Willmott asked if an underpass option had been looked at. Colin Shorter said that it had not as they were usually considerably more expensive and more disruptive to install.

9. Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

Received and **Noted** the following draft minutes.

9.1 Environment Committee Meetings 13 December 2021 and 10 January 2022.

9.2 Estates Committee 11 January 2022.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments made out of meeting 30.11.21 – 18.01.22. **Noted.** Clerk was asked to clarify how often fuel was purchased for WWG machines and works van.

10.2 Receipts for the period. 30.11.21 – 18.01.22. **Noted**

- 10.3 Account balances report **Noted**.
- 10.4 To agree the budget for 2022/21 proposed by the F&GP Committee
It was proposed by Cllr Hinder, seconded by Cllr Sheppard and all agreed that the budget be accepted.
- 10.5 To set the Precept for 2022/23
It was proposed by Cllr Hinder, seconded by Cllr Brindle and all agreed that the Precept be set at £194,552.89..

11. Policies and Procedures

None on this Agenda

12. Monthly Website update

Cllr Dengate proposed and all agreed that a thank you be conveyed to Jane Denham for all her hard work on obtaining the facts to enable a decision to be made on the Facebook account.

13. Reports from Councillors/Office

Cllr Sheppard reported that there would be an Against Lidsing Development on Tuesday 25th January at the Bredhurst PC meeting.

14. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Hinder reported that residents in Leybourne Close had requested that bollards be reinstated. This would be done by the Parish Caretaker.

He also reported that he had contacted Phil Coyne to remind him about the meeting with the Transport Consultant for the Lidsing Development.

Cllr Brindle had been contacted by residents on The Street in Boxley village with concerns about increased flooding risks to their properties following the recent installation of a bund next to the village green. Cllr Willmott suggested that this could be reviewed with residents at the Environment Committee Meeting in February.

15. Grant Applications

None on this Agenda.

16. Walderslade Woodlands

No updates.

17. Investment of Walderslade Woodlands Enabling Fund

The Clerk was arranging a meeting with the charity specialist at CCLA.

18. Cluster Meetings

Cllr Hinder had received communication from Martin Jeynes and the next meeting would be in June.

19. Matters for Decision

20. Correspondence

None.

21. Matters for Information

Irate residents of Gleaners Close had to replace a fence due to vandalism by children from the new STEM school. There were increasing concerns over traffic as the school appeared to have stopped allowing parents to drop children off at the school. The Clerk was asked to check the planning conditions. The residents have been advised to contact the police regarding children standing in the road and stopping cars. The Clerk was asked to report to the PCSO and the school's board of governors.

22. Items for Next Agenda

To be received by the Clerk on or before the 28 February 2022.

Noted.

23. Next Meeting

7 March 2022.

The Chairman to move that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be considered the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

24. Personnel Matters

Noted.

The meeting closed at 20.56

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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