

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2 October 2017 at St John's School, Provender Way, Grove Green commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr B Hinder (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Ms L Clarke, Mr J Constable, Mr I Davies, Mr V Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr T Harwood, Mr G Hayday, Mrs W Hinder, Mrs K Macklin, Mr P Sullivan and Mrs M Waller together with the Clerk Mrs P Bowdery Borough Councillor Derek Butler and 5 members of the public/press.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Cllr Clarke and Cllr Wendy Hinder for attending the MBC Planning Committee which had resulted in two planning applications being refused by the committee.

1. Apologies and absences

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4 September 2017

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

4. Matters Arising From the Minutes

4.1 Minute 3019/4.1 Honour Boards. It is planned to undertake another visit to the archives as soon as possible. **Noted.**

4.2 Minute 3019/4.3 HGV signage. The sign has been taken by KCC arrangements having been made to install it. **Noted.**

4.3 Minute 3019/4.4 BT box Sandling. BT has scheduled the box to be removed but it may take 1-2 years because of a back log of work. **Noted.**

4.4 Minute 3020/12.2 Parish Tour 11 November 2017. **Noted.**

4.5 Minute 3020/12.4. Local Nature Reserve Grove Green. Response awaited from MBC, the resident is liaising with the local community. **Noted.**

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

5. Crime Report and Police Issues

Crime statistics. **Received** and **noted.** Members asked that a letter be sent to the Crime Commissioner about the drop in the service from PCSO. **Action: Chairman.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.39 pm to allow a member of the public to comment on the damaged signage at Chatham Road/Tyland Lane. The Clerk reported that KCC and MBC had been contacted and arrangements were being made to replace them. The meeting reconvened at 7.40pm.

6. Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

6.1 Environment Committee meeting 4 September 2017. **Received** and **noted.**

6.2 Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 12 September 2017. **Received** and **noted.**

6.3 Environment Committee meeting 18 September 2017. **Received** and **noted.**

7. Finance

7.1 Payments made out of meeting 29.08.2017-25.09.17. **Received** and **noted.** Cllr Dengate raised a query over a missing grant payment the Clerk to check and confirm that the payment was made just outside of the timescale of the report. **Action: Clerk.**

7.2 Receipts for the period 29.08.2017-25.09.17. **Received** and **noted.**

7.3 Account balances. **Received** and **noted.**

8. Policies and Procedures

8.1 Community Engagement Strategy /Protocol for attending PC and Committee Meetings. It is planned to try to combine the two policies into one and a report will be provided to the next meeting. **Received** and **noted.** **Action: Clerk.**

9. Reports from councillors/office

- 9.1 Draft minutes of the Maidstone KALC Committee 11 September. Cllr Ivor Davies attended.
- 9.2 KWT AGM. Cllr Bob Hinder's written and verbal report were **received** and **noted**.
- 9.3 Licensing of New Vicar and the Team Missioner Captain at St Mary and All Saints. Cllr Bob Hinder's report was **received** and **noted**.

10 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Butler informed members that he had attended an event, hosted by Golding Homes, for all the support services in the Borough. He mentioned the call in of the Local Plan by the two MPs which had temporarily stopped MBC adopting the plan.

Cllr Wendy Hinder notified members that she had attended a site visit to the Grovewood Drive North Play Area. She has raised concerns that the replacement play area only really catered for toddlers and not the larger age group as promised. She has therefore asked for more equipment to be installed. UKPower had still not undertaken additional work on Boxley Road, Walderslade and flytipping in the North Ward was really bad. The Clerk was asked to remind residents that if they see flytipping they should report it. **Action: Office.**

Cllr Harwood spoke to Cllrs Butler and Hinder about the recent night closures on M20 which was pushing traffic onto local roads rather than drivers using the very long signposted diversion. He suggested a united approach to Highway England concerning the problems being caused. Cllr Dengate identified that the work on the SMART road system would also cause problems. The Borough Councillors to liaise about a meeting.

11 Budget

Draft Budget 2018/2019. Members were reminded to submit any suggestions or projects to the parish office/committees. **Action: All councillors.**

12 Matters for Decision

None submitted.

13 Correspondence

None submitted.

14 Matters for Information

- 14.1 Old Chalk New Downs Celebration 15 October 11.00-3.00 Leybourne Lakes Country Parks.
- 14.2 Daffodil Bulbs. The Chairman notified members that 13 areas had been identified throughout the parish and the bulbs were being distributed.
- 14.3 Local Nature Reserve Grove Green. The resident who had raised the issue was waiting to hear from the parish council on MBC's response to the request for LNR status before canvassing residents living around the woods. The Clerk was asked to chase MBC. **Action: Clerk.**

15 Next Meeting

6 November 2017 at The European School of Osteopathy, Boxley Village ME14 3DZ commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.14 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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