

BROOKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES 58

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Brookland on Monday 21 January 2008 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Mr, C Highwood (Chair), Mrs M Akers, Mrs C Coleman, Mr C Hill
and Mr D Rhys-Jones

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There was one Member of the Public present for part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no Apologies for Absence

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

i) Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they should update their Declarations of Interest with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes 57 of the last meeting were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Highwood should sign them.

Proposed Mrs Coleman Seconded Mr Rhys-Jones

4. MATTERS ARISING

We have received a reply to our letter to SDC regarding the debris being deposited on the A259 at the entrance to the Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm site. The letter assures us that every precaution is being taken to keep the roadway in a reasonable condition. It also included the telephone number of Mr Gardner, the Resident Engineer, so that we can register any concerns with him directly in the future. The number is 01797 344318.

Mr Highwood and Mr Rhys-Jones have not yet written to Kent Highways regarding the chevrons at The Filberts.

5. PUBLIC INTERVAL

The Meeting was opened to the Members of the Public for questions and comments from to 7.22 to 7.35pm.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Highwood had nothing to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, FINANCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Correspondence

SDC Agendas, Minutes and Planning Lists

InterRoute

Kent Youth Service

Rekk

Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority's Integrated Risk Management Plan 2008/09

Victim Support

Mr Knight

Groundwork

KAPC Parish News etc

Erha

Kent Highway Services re East View

SDC Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Clerk and Councils Direct

Kent Air Ambulance Trust

SDC re Thrift Farm and Little Cheyne Court

Office of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Kent

KCC Love Food Hate Waste

SDC re Little Cheyne Court

Erha

SDC Local Development News

Deaconlandscape

Re-Play

KAPC

Mr J Martin re Lydd Airport Development

Oast to Coast

Communities and Local Government – consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England

SDC – Press release re Lydd Airport

Mr Highwood informed Councillors that he wished to resign from both his position as Chairman and as a Parish Councillor. He said he would attend the next meeting to oversee the election of his successor and then leave the meeting.

Account Balance

The Current Account Balance stands at £1115.25 and the Reserve Account Balance at £11918.45 War Bonds show in the accounts at £218.37.

NOTE: £7000 – Grant for Cemetery Wall

£86 – Net Cost of Specification

£5690 – Net cost of repairing Cemetery Wall

£1224 – Left from KCC Grant earmarked for Youth Shelter (included in Balance)

£1750 – Left from Budget. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to earmark this for the Youth Shelter as well

£2000 – Earmarked from funds 2007-2008

Accounts to be paid

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £
Mrs J Batt	Salary and Expenses	406.90	8.30	415.20
BVHMC	Hire of Hall for PC meetings And for Youth Club	36.00 72.00		36.00 72.00

Proposed Mr Hill Seconded Mrs Akers

Resolution

Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above accounts.

Clerks Salary and Allowances**Resolution**

It was unanimously agreed to increase the Clerks salary from SCP 18 - £8.387 to SCP 19 - £8.916, backdated to 1 April 2007.

It had also previously been agreed to pay her an allowance of £2 per week for the use of office machinery, heat, light etc.

Grass Cutting Tenders

One tender has been received from Mr Coleman as follows:-

Cemetery - £65 per visit

Land at rear of Village Hall - £35 per visit

It was agreed to ask Mr Coleman to leave a note with Mr Rhys-Jones at the Royal Oak each time he cuts the grass.

Insurance

We have received an email from Norwich Union informing us that they are now offering a bespoke Insurance Policy for Parish Councils. Mr Rhys-Jones will compare this with our current policy with Allianz Cornhill and report back at the next meeting.

Risk Assessment/Risk Inspection

The Clerk passed the Risk Inspection forms to Mr Hill for completion prior to the end of the financial year.

The Clerk was asked to contact the County Lengthsmen and report the following:-

The poor state of the highway along Old House Lane

The fallen tree in Tillery Lane

The pothole in the road at King Farm, Brack Lane

The mud on the road and the verge along King Street

She was also asked to report the fact that the rubbish is not being collected from the lay-by on the A259

8. VILLAGE HALL FIELD

We have received a letter from Mr Knight as he is concerned that there is a lack of understanding regarding the license agreement for the above land. The licence states that the land is to be used as 'an amenity for the community' and Mr Knight is concerned that not enough efforts are being made to encourage community use of the land.

It was agreed that the clerk should bring the licence to the next meeting for councillors to read.

9. CEMETERY**Proposed Price Increases**

Deferred until the March Meeting.

10. PLANNING

Please see attached list.

We have received a reply from SDC regarding Thrift Farm in which they say that at this stage they can only remind the owner of the conditions relating to the holding of boot sales on the site. Councillors are asked to keep a record of the dates on which sales are held.

11. VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITIES**Matters Arising from the Round Robin****East View**

KCC have agreed to cut the grass later this week, but may not do so again as there is some uncertainty as to who is responsible for the area. The Clerk was asked to write to them again in an effort to clarify who is responsible for the land so that the grass can be cut on a regular basis.

Youth Shelter

Mr Knight updated councillors on this project during the Public Interval. It is hoped to obtain enough funding to be able to erect a youth shelter and a couple of other items of equipment suitable for older children on the play area at Salthouse Close. The children are involved with helping Mr Knight with the project.

Village Hall

The Committee have co-opted one new member.

A firm of commercial cleaners has been employed to clean the hall once a month and a local resident has been employed to keep the hall clean on a weekly basis.

Speed Limit on the A259

We have received a reply from Interroute regarding our concerns about speeding on the A259. They will be carrying out a review of all speed limits on the A259 in the financial year 2009/10 and any works recommended will be implemented in the financial year 2010/11. They have passed our comments regarding the extra works traffic generated by the wind farm to their Strategy Manager for Kent and the npower representative. It was agreed that the Clerk should write again listing councillors specific concerns.

Use of Hall by Cyclists

Mr Highwood and Mr Rhys-Jones have not written to the Village Hall Committee yet.

12. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

Mrs Akers asked for Green Waste Bins to be included on the next agenda.

Mr Hill said he had contacted Dr Casper regarding the Memorial Gates, but is still waiting to hear back from him.

Mr Hill said he had to make 16 phone calls to BT before they fixed the light in the telephone box

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed Dated
Chairman

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PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

20 NOVEMBER 2007 – 21 JANUARY 2008

PASSED TO CHAIRMAN DURING RECESS

Y07/1278/SH Nobbs Hall, Old House Lane, Brookland, Romney Marsh, Kent
Change of use of agricultural land for keeping of horses together with the
erection of stables and store rooms and formation of sand ménage
Parish Council: Support

Y07/1535/SH Mr and Mrs Tollett, 10 West Place, Brookland, Romney Marsh Kent
Erection of a 2 storey side and rear extension
Parish Council: Support

The following applications have been Approved with Conditions:-

Y07/0109/SH Mr N Rigden, Land South East Straight Lane, Brookland, Romney Marsh
Erection of Steel Framed Agricultural Barn for Storage of Crops and Machinery
(28 Day Notification)

Y07/0633/SH Mr C Apps, Boxted Lodge Farm, Boarmans Lane, Brookland,
Romney Marsh, Kent
Erection of a two storey office building following demolition of existing
barn/store

Y07/0953/SH Mr D Cubbon, re Land adjoining Framlea (formerly the petrol station),
Approval of Rye Road, Brookland, Romney Marsh, Kent
Reserved Erection of 4 detached two storey dwellings being details pursuant to
Matters Outline Planning Permission Reference Y04/0221/SH

Y07/1201/SH Mr and Mrs Pollock, Misleham, Old House, Brookland,
Romney Marsh, Kent
Demolition of an internal wall to create a family bathroom and construction of
new internal walls to create an ensuite and other internal alterations

SDC raised no objection to the following:-

Y07/0874/SH EDF re overhead lines in parishes of Brookland, Brenzett and Snargate, Kent
Rebuilding and reconductering of existing overhead lines