

**MINUTES THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH JULY IN THE DURLING VILLAGE HALL
STARTING AT 7.10PM**

Prior to the start of the meeting two representatives from SEC gave a presentation regarding the proposed development of land near the converter station in Aldington. The idea is to place solar panels, facing South to generate electricity and feed it into the national grid.

Leaflets giving all the information was posted out to residents in Aldington, Sellindge and Brabourne. The footpaths will remain open, although it was noted that there may be a need to divert some when the building works takes place.

S Carey arrived.

47/21 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Councillors : S Bull – Chairman, J Tritton, N Fursdon, S Parish. Also present was one member of the public, J Hollingsbee – FHDC, S Carey – KCC and the PC Clerk.

Apologies were received prior to the meeting from R Bristow and L Powell and C Brace

48/21 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

There were none declared.

49/21 To Note and agree the minutes of the Meeting held in April & May

The above item should read June minutes, and these were **noted** and **agreed** as a true record. The Chairman signed the Minutes at the meeting.

50/21 Open Session

A member of the public asked what was happening to the Newsletter, as there was little information on what the parish council is doing. A short debate took place on how this could be improved, and perhaps rather than spend a lot of money printing newsletters that don't get read, to go on line more with copies available from places in the village.

51/21 To hear reports from

a) Cllr J Hollingsbee

- Cllr Hollingsbee, gave an emphatic apology for the waste collection issues, which started when the contract was changed. Under normal times it is always better to phone or email the District Council, but at present please continue to do this, but also contact her and she will ensure that bins are collected.
- She continued to state how important it was to get vaccinated, anyone over 18 years of age can go along to the 'grab a jab' venues the next one is on 24th July.
- She was aware of the concern raised by residents over the increase in traffic through the village, however it does not help when lorry drivers are using car satnavs.
- It was highlighted that junction 10a layout does not help as often lorries get confused with the A20 exit when they are looking for the M20 exit.
- The core strategy is due to be found 'sound' after the amendments that have been advised by the inspector have been made; then further comments may only be made on the items that were amended.

The consultation by the Boundary Commission has started, Sellindge will still be in the Folkestone & Hythe DC.

b) Cllr S Carey

Cllr Carey reported the following:

- She thanks those who voted for her, and she confirmed that she has been made a cabinet member at KCC for the Environment.
- The temporary clamping that was taking place has now stopped, but it does prove that there is enough parking for lorries albeit parking that they have to pay for.
- That the flashing speed sign at Barrow hill is often not reported as not working, but after being repaired soon fails again.
- A bus strategy has commenced and everyone is encouraged to make comments.

52/21 Planning

To consider the following applications and agree comments

1) To note decisions made by the District Council

There were none to report.

2) To note the following applications and agree any comments

a) 21/1420/FH, Sycamore House. Moorstock Lane. Proposed Annex conversion & indoor swimming pool. After a brief debate it was agreed to support the application of the bungalow but would like more information on the access.

b) 21/1421/FH, Lansdowne, Brook Lane. Outline planning application for the erection of a chalet bungalow and attached garage, with matters of access and layout reserved. After a short debate it was agreed to raise no objection.

53/21 Finance

a) To note & agree the following invoices and payments

Name	Reason	Amount	Chq No/other payment method
Hopkins Ltd	Replacement electrode kit, testing & replacement battery	£95.16	Bacs
DVLA, via Clerk	MOT for van	£275.00	Bacs
Mannington's	Invoice 2116. 1/03 to 30/06	£192.00	Bacs
J Hickinbotham	Replacement office computer	£300.00	Bacs 06/07/2021 5977262
S Bull	Reimbursement for mower	£765.00	Bacs 06/07/2021 5977288
HMRC	NI & IT	£3965.23	Bacs 06/07/2021 5977375
KALC	Invoice 145644694201	£42.00	Bacs 06/07/2021 5977425

b) To consider adding a planning application tracker to the website

Costs £140 one off installation, then £10 per month

The Clerk reported receipt of information which would cut down on the work to complete a spreadsheet of the planning applications and the decisions of the District Council. This would help local residents as well as they would be able to access the information for local planning applications easier.

- c) To consider / agree a budget in principle for the Queens 75th Jubilee next year.
This item was deferred to the Finance & General purposes Committee
- d) If above item is carried to consider whether or not to have a beacon built on the village green
This item was deferred to the Finance & General purposes Committee
- e) To agree the cost of £18 per .gov email for each Councillor and agree the format that is required.
The use of a .gov email for each councillor was agreed in principle, some time ago.
The cost will be £18.00 per year per email, plus the VAT which can be claimed back.
A brief discussion took place over the format, **and agreed.**

54/21 To note update on outstanding item

- a) Clerks verbal update on Meadow Grove.

The Clerk reported receiving an email from the Crown Estates solicitors, the letters required from the Ministry of Justice disclaiming the land have been received and the next steps can now take place.

55/21 Matters of General Interest

The Chairman asked all councillors to think about a way forward for the Newsletter and how to improve the circulation. It is common knowledge that a lot of people, prior to the pandemic were not reading it. The costs of chasing the advertisement payments is outweighing the income. If you have any ideas please let the chairman know.

56/21 Date of Next Meeting and Close

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10th August, there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm