

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MARCH IN THE DURLING VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 6.35PM

022/23 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Those Present: Councillors S Bull – Chairman, J Tritton, L Rhodes, N Fursdon, G Worthy, L Cronin and S Parish; also present was Cllr J Hollingsbee – DC, S Carey – KCC, 3 members of the public and the PC Clerk.

023/23 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

None were declared

024/23 To agree and sign the minutes of the February meeting

Having been previously circulated the Minutes were **agreed** and **signed**

025/23 Open Session

(To allow members of the public the chance to ask questions regarding items on the agenda.

- A member of the Stanford PC was allowed to address the public.
- He handed out an updated letter, which the clerk had received over the weekend so was not on the agenda. However, was agreed that councillors once they had read this could send any comments to the Clerk.
- He also raised an issue that the Police Community event that was being held in the village hall at Sellindge had not been advertised. It was noted that all Clerks had received notices of the events in an email from the Police Community group, it was not something the Sellindge PC had arranged.
- Continued questioning on the number of hours each member of staff works was raised. A suggestion by the District Cllr to discuss this outside of the meeting was made and this was felt the way forward. The Clerk has stated she will obtain legal advice on this.

Cllr S Carey arrived.

026/23 To hear Reports from

a) Cllr J Hollingsbee – F&HDC

She read out from her report, and this will be placed on the PC website.

b) Cllr S Carey –KCC

Apologized for being late, but had been checking to make sure the information she was going to present was accurate, the report will also be placed on the PC website.

027/23 Finance

a) To note & agree the following invoices and payments

The Clerk handed out an updated list due to various changes, these were:

- Items now not required to paid, Some had been included in a previous list, Two items for quotes were added as required fairly urgently.

Name	Reason	Gross Amount	Chq No/other payment
D Prior	Reimbursement Salt bins	£740.77	Bacs

Cascade	Ink for when at Home	18.12	Bacs
Vision ICT	Website hosting & 1 email	£279.60	Bacs
Pear	Subscription	£30.00	Bacs 07/03/20323 21228255
	Training for burial ground	£108.00	Bacs
L Hedley	Reimbursement Batteries	£3.99	Bacs
Mannington's	Payroll fees	£264.00	Bacs
Rialtas	Microshade licence	£154.80	Bacs 07/03/2023 25252903
Sellindge Village hall	Invoice 23/037 Electric	£239.76	Bacs
	Underpayment for 2022	£229.82	Bacs
To consider	The following		
Quote for	Lister Wilder Bristle Brush	£240.00	OK
	KSS Air ambulance Grant	£300.00	Ok Section 137

All on the list were noted and **agreed** for payment.

b) To **note** the draft F&GP Minutes

The Clerk, brought items for information, to the attention of Members.

1. The planning application for The 'Piggeries Site' would be debated, having been referred from the F&GP

c) To **note** reconciliations

This was deferred.

d) To **consider** Quotes for the Churchyard Pathway and **agree** any actions

A debate took place on the four quotes that had been received.

- Three of the quotes had come from local businesses.
- The final agreement was for the quote of £4,320
- The Clerk explained that there is now a need to obtain planning permission as the path while replacing some pathway there is also some that will be new. She also explained that she had difficulty in getting advice from the planning department, and she will be speaking to a planning consultant on Wednesday to see what help they can give.

e) To **consider** the idea of the purchase of new speed (flashing) Lights

There had been emails from residents in Barrow Hill regarding the speed of vehicles through that area of the village. Some felt it was due to the flashing light having been removed after it became unrepairable and not replaced; however, it was noted that;

- Speed had been a problem even when the flashing light was there

- Rules and regulations have changed since it had been put in place some long years ago.
- Both the highways departments and the police have stats that show people ignore these types of warnings after a short time, so they are not effective
- Various comments and suggestions were made, after which it was **agreed** that further work should be carried by staff to investigate all possibilities and obtain prices.

028/23 Planning

a) To **note** any decisions made by the District Council

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the following decisions were granted by the District Council

22/1209/FH	38, Swan Green	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension with extension to existing garage Granted
22/1424/FH	Dukes Head, Main Road, Sellindge,	Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. Granted
23/0008/FH	Erection of detached pool building.	Sycamore House, Moorstock Lane Granted

b) To note receipt of any applications received and agree comments

- 1) 23/0214/FH/NMA, Grove Park. Non-material amendment to planning permission 21/0279/FH Phase 1 Reserved Matters application to allow for amendment to the approved self build design code. No comments were made.
- 2) 23/0242/FH, Hale House, Main Road. Lawful development certificate (proposed) for loft conversion and dormer extension with Velux to front. No comments were made
- 3) 23/0243/FH, Hale House, Main Road. Single storey side and rear extension with provision for solar panels to existing outbuilding roof. To **support** providing that materials match the existing.
- 4) 22/1290, Land adjacent to Dragonfly – locally known as ‘The Piggeries’
A report had been circulated just before the meeting. The Clerk read out the most salient points. The PC have objected to the Greenfield section of the application and they continue to strongly Objection again. A short debate took place where it was **agreed** that with some grammar & spelling corrections the report would be sent to the District Council. The report will be annexed to these minutes.

029/23 Correspondence

Various emails forwarded as they arrived from KCC, the district council, KALC and NALC.

a) Complaints regarding people taking dogs in to the play area

The Clerk reported receiving a number of emails regarding people taking their dogs in to the play area. This area is for children to play safely and without the chance of

getting dog poo on them which is very dangerous to young children and can cause blindness. It was **agreed** that signs would be put up on the gates.

b) Highway improvement plan (HIP) update

The HIP was debated during the above session from the F&GP minutes.

It was further noted here that are various issues around the village that need addressing, this will be completed. Cllrs were asked to send any issues they were aware of to the Clerk so that they can be considered for inclusion at the next Council meeting.

030/23 To agree the following policies

a) IT equipment

Having been previously circulated the policy was agreed subject to changing the name from Tablet policy to IT Equipment Policy.

The Chairman stated that these would be handed out after the local elections in May, and at the same time Cllr elected. Should they need any help in using them this will be done when they are allocated.

b) Playground equipment monitoring form.

This had been completed in draft form as more information is required to be placed on the list. The Clerk handed out copies for Cllrs to look at, after which the document was **adopted**. Any changes will not be required to be presented to any future council meeting as it is an internal document to assist in the management of the assets of the Council, the additional information is reference numbers for parts, which will aid the replacement and repair of the equipment when required.

031/23 To hear Verbal update on the following projects:

a) New mower – the clerk explained that this is on going at this time but highlighted that the Council was quoted £148,000 for a new mower. More research is required.

b) Coronation event – The Clerk explained that trying to get each of the organizations to attend the same group meeting proved difficult, as not everyone was available on the same day/time; however, it was noted that, with a budget of £1,000 the following could be arranged:

- Bunting for The Lees
- Obtain a bouncy Castle & some face painting.
- Possible children's races, the primary school have agreed to lend any equipment we need for this.
- Possible decoration from the primary school for The Lees, using the school made 'floats'.
- Some live music - Southern Dawn have replied to a request for attendance, but are unable to attend.
- Invite people to bring their own picnic, and the PC will supply scones and jam (cream tea) to everyone who attends on The Lees.

c) Transfer of The Lees – this has been placed on hold due to the bridge over the stream requiring to be completed before the handover can take place. There is a delay in the bridge being built due to the underground cables.

- d) Salt Bins – these have been ordered and should be delivered in the next couple of weeks.
- e) Banner – this has been ordered and will arrive, at the latest, by the end of next week.

038/23 Matters of General interest

The various issues raised by Cllrs were;

- Information has arrived on the local Elections that are taking place in May. The Clerk reported that she had received the first of what will be many pages of information and will circulate these as required by the Returning Officer.
- A request for Cd's DVD's and blue ray things, was requested for an art installation at the church, around 1000 are required.
- With regards to the Traffic lights by the entrance to the development by the motorway and rail bridges, it was noted that the road looks very narrow where they are placed, it was noted that these barriers are moved if required when a large vehicle goes through the village.
- The sign stating that the pavement is closed is Blocking the pavement. The Clerk will send an email to Quinn's.

039/24 Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting will be on 11th April, at 6.30, there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm