

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL  
TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY  
IN THE DURLING VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 6.30PM**

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**040/23 To Elect a Chairman for the coming year**

The Clerk explained that she had been informed by S Bull, that although he wished to continue as a Councillor, he felt that it was some-one else's turn, and he was going to speak to Cllr S Parish.

Cllr S Parish, stated he was happy to stand, although Cllr Bull had not approached him however, this was seconded by Cllr Worthy; there being no further nominations Cllr Parish was elected.

**040.23a Chairman to sign the declaration of acceptance of chairmanship**

Cllr Parish signed the Acceptance form.

**41/23 To Record those Present and list any Apologies**

Those present were: Cllrs G Worthy, N Fursdon, L Cronin and S Parish. Also present was Cllr Hollingsbee – Folkestone DC and Cllr Carey – KCC, 4 members of the public and the PC Clerk.

Apologies were received Cllr Bull.

**042/23 To sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, if not already done so**

While some Cllrs had been to sign their declarations of Acceptance, some had not and these were completed.

**043/23 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**

None were recorded.

**044/23 To agree and sign the minutes of the previous Council meeting**

Having been previously circulated they were agreed and signed as a true record.

**045/23 To Co-opt to fill the casual vacancy since the election**

Ms Janet Tritton had made an error on the nomination papers, as Folkestone & Hythe Council could not contact her, she offered to be co-opted. Those present agreed unanimously

**046/23 To elect the following:**

- a) To confirm continuation of Members for the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Cllrs: S Bull, N Fursdon, S Parish stated they were happy to continue as members of the F&GP. Cllr G Worthy volunteered as the 4<sup>th</sup> Member, and all **agreed**.
- b) Two Representatives for the KALC  
Councillors G Worthy and L Cronin both volunteered and will arrange who will attend as required.
- c) Two Volunteers for an event working group.  
It was agreed to defer to a later date.

## 047/23 Project management

- a) To consider the idea of having Cllrs to assist with projects  
It was agreed to defer this item to a later meeting, there were still a vacancy and it would be helpful to have Cllrs skill sets listed, it was considered a good idea in principle.
- b) If item 'a' above is agreed to agree names of those Cllrs for current projects.  
This was deferred until a later meeting see the agenda item above.

## 048/23 Open Session

- A suggestion about how the Lees will run was questioned. Until this is handed over, there is no item to be discussed.
- Grass in the church yard. This was noted as it had grown very tall, but as the Caretaker had taken holiday, he was now catching up with the problem.

## 049/23 To hear Reports from

- a) Cllr S Carey – KCC gave a verbal report.  
Report will go in the newsletter and on the website.
  - She mentioned that the third Solar round, would be completed on May 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Housing stock has been increased by around 8,000 properties, using the government policy to bring back empty properties in the county.
  - Community orchard and other trees is an initiative that people can apply for.
  - Electric vehicle charging points – it is hoped to increase these around the county.
- b) Cllr J Hollingsbee – F&HDC  
Thanked Cllr Susan Carey for the 24 years support she has been given since she became a Councillor.  
She highlighted the results of the District Council election, as there is now no overall control by any party.

## 050/23 Finance

- a) To **note & agree** the following invoices and payments  
No list was available, due to the work load of the Clerk
- b) To note the F&GP minutes  
Having been previously circulated they were **noted**.

## 051/23 Planning

- a) To **note** any decisions made by the District Council  
These were **noted**
- b) To **note** receipt of any applications received and agree comments
  1. Talbot House, Cllr Fursdon handed out a report strongly objecting to the application. The report was adopted and will sent to the District Council.
  2. Lords Manor, TPO application. The tree is close to the conservatory, but it was agreed to defer until further details could be obtained.

## **052/23 To report on the success of the Coronation event**

This had already been discussed elsewhere. See open session above

## **053/23 Correspondence**

1. The Clerk was asked about the van in Meadow Grove, it appears it is not taxed.
2. Glebe Farm. There was concern that the trees on the side of the road, on land of Glebe Farm had been taken down. The Clerk stated that she had noted this and would speak to the planning department, in case the PC had missed anything. It was noted that there had been a previous application refused in 2015. The situation will be monitored.

## **054/23 To Review & agree the following policies**

- a) Standing Orders – agreed.
- b) Finance Regulations - agreed
- c) Dates for the coming year - agreed
- d) Schedule of Delegation - agreed

Having all been previously circulated it was agreed to adopt the above documents

## **055/23 To hear Verbal updates on the various projects outstanding**

The Clerk gave a Verbal update.

## **056/23 Matters of General interest**

Q. potholes in Swan Lane, the reply from the KCC Councillor was that there is just not the money to keep up with all of them.

## **057/24 Date of next meeting and close**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June; with the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, both being held in the Durling Hall, there being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm