

**THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE
IN THE DURLING VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 6.30PM**

058/23 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Present: Cllr Stephen Parish (Chair), Cllr Janet Tritton, Cllr Stan Bull, Cllr Laura Cronin and Cllr Nigel Fursdon. Also Present, were two members of the public, Cllr Hollingsbee (District Councillor,) and the PC Clerk.

Apologies: were received from Cllr Gerry Worthy and Cllr Elaine Martin (District Council).

059/23 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.

060/23 To agree and sign the minutes of the previous Council meeting

The minutes were Agreed. Cllr Stan Bull abstained due not being able to attend May meeting.

061/23 Open Session

The following was noted:

- There was no update on the path in the church yard, waiting for the F&HDC planning department to reply.
- The website minutes and agenda need updating,
- It appears that no grass cutting at Grove Bridge is taking place. This will be investigated.

062/23 To hear Reports from

a) Cllr S Carey

- KCC – explained what the Council tax paid for. Kent Social Services can be and Invisible support.
- On 5th June, Rishi Sunak visited Kent, he was here talking about and getting information on the increase of vaping and vapes, that has increased over the last few years, especially by people under 18 – the legal age to purchase them.
- Visit Kent an event once a year. – ballet for free event, using some money from Government with free bus travel.
- Consultation on budget for next year starts soon and encouraged people to make comments on it.

b) Cllr J Hollingsbee – F&HD,

- A Note of thanks to Stan Bull for his hard work over the many years he has been with the Council. Cllr Hollingsbee hopes this will continue for many more years to come.
- A question about disposing of the old type of slug pellets was asked. These can be put in with household waste and will be burnt to produce emergency.
- A question about skips being placed on the road asked. A License from the Council will be required if it is on the road.
- Traffic lights at the Quinn development, it was noted were still there long after the date for their removal had passed. This was due to technical issues on the works to the new development.

063/23 Finance

a) To **note & agree** the following invoices and payments

Name	Reason	Gross Amount	Chq No/other payment	VAT.
Various	Staff pay and costs	£3,138.16	Bacs 29/03/23 24267349	0.0
Direct365	Extra weight waste	£6.90 £11.04	Bacs	£3.59
S Bull	Reimbursement Lawnmower blade	£36.07	Bacs	£6.01
	Reimbursement Dog poo bags	£78.85	Bacs	£13.14
	Reimbursement PPE boots	£74.98	Bacs	0.0
Hopkins Ltd	Invoice 230619SPB Sellindge phone box	£226.80	Bacs	£37.80
	Invoice 230619SSC Sellindge phone box	£226.80	Bacs	£37.80
	Invoice 230619SVH Sellindge phone box	£226.80	Bacs	£37.80
S Bull	Reimbursement Materials	£31.49	Bacs	£5.25
Lionel Robbins	Audit 2022	£210.00	Bacs 30/06/2023 24403222	0.0

b) External auditors report.2021/22
Noted, already on the website.

c) Governance questions
These were read out. And each question was agreed separately.

d) Agar Report 2022/23
The final accounts as completed for the External Auditors was circulated prior to the meeting, plus copies were handed out. These accounts were adopted.

e) To agree a date for the first Finance & General Purposes Committee since the election
This will be on 30th June.

064/23 Planning

a) To **note** any decisions made by the District Council
There were none noted.

b) To **note** receipt of any applications received and agree comments
There were none.

065/23 Correspondence

a) National Grid

b) Highway improvement plan

It was agreed that the Clerk will arrange for speed survey to be carried out.

c) Clock on The Lees

With cost of electricity increases recently the Clerk was asked to investigate alternative power sources.

d) Update on Newingreen Junction

Noted, that work had started.

066/23 To hear Verbal updates on the Annual Council Meeting

The clerk reported on a poor turnout of members of the public, but for those who did turn up the refreshments were enjoyed.

067/23 Matters of General interest

- Reminded Cllr present to complete their DPI Forms & expenses returns.
- It was reported that 2 new staff have now been employed to ensure that the extra work that is now required is fully covered.
- In addition, it mean that no-one is now required to carry out work while alone, which is not good practice under health and safety advice and best practice.

068/24 Date of next meeting and close

The date of the next meeting will be on 11th July, there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.