

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
IN THE DURLING VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 6.30PM**

079/23 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Those present: Cllrs S Parish, S Bull, J Tritton, N Fursdon, G Worthy; also present were Cllrs E Martin, J Hollingsbee – F&H DC, S Carey – KCC, 4 members of the public and the PC Clerk

Apologies were received from Cllr Hollingsbee who advised that she would be arriving around 10 minutes late.

080/23 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

None recorded.

081/23 To agree and sign the minutes of the August Council meeting

Having been previously circulated the Minutes were agreed, however there was no printed copy to sign and this will be carried out after the meeting.

082/23 Open Session

(To allow members of the public the chance to ask questions regarding)

Various issues were commented on

A suggestion on whether it was possible to have some background to the agenda items was made.

Cllr J Hollingsbee arrived.

It was noted that the meeting on 20th September is for feedback only from the event earlier this month.

A member of the public highlighted that the Quinn Estate application for Elm Tree Farm has been submitted. The Clerk replied that this has not been listed on valid application lists sent out by the District Council

A debate about Speed Watch took place

Cllr Carey pointed out that every road in Kent has speeding issues. She reminded people that Sellindge PC did have a Speedwatch group in the past, but this has since stopped.

It can be most successful, but there a number of people must be prepared to give up a small amount of their time to make it work.

She continued that the Otterpool Town development will have to make a contribution to highways.

083/23 To hear Reports from

a) Cllr S Carey –KCC

Consultations still live.

We have a budget crisis, there is 15% costs increase on last year.

There more people needing mental health care and special needs transport.

The full report will be placed on the PC website.

b) Cllr J Hollingsbee – F&HDC

- Already spoken about the time of day that speeding is a problem.

- Sellindge surgery would ask if the PPG flu clinics.
- Otterpool park we should use as much time to influence, went out with the team saw the whole area. They are also aware of other developments
- Community voice gives you info on scams
- My report gives you lots of information and you can report things.
- 22% will be social housing.

c) Cllr Martin – F&HDC

- Cllr Martin stated that was her 1st report, but she had come from another meeting
- Stage coach have reduced the No 10 bus, and it is not going to Lympe, stagecoach claimed they were waiting for subsidy, which had not been granted.
- Residents were advised to check the time table.
- She had arranged a rural meeting to discuss issues.
- The Joint PC meeting on Thursday was being shown on tube.

084/23 Finance

a) To note & agree the following invoices and payments

Name	Reason	Gross Amount	Chq No/other payment
Various	Staff pay and costs	£4,316.38	Bacs 12/09/2023 26371320
Cascade	SINV 00930427	£79.92	BACS 12/09/2023 26371522
Allstar	E2017564716 Petrol van /mowers	£92.10	Bacs
Manningtons	Fee Note 3205	£264.00	Bacs
Rialtas	SM26168 Licence	£154.80	Bacs
L Hedley	Reimbursement Planting (may)	£26.00	Bacs
S Bull	Reimbursement Dog poo bags	£78.85	Bacs
	Yellow jacket replacement	£34.99	Bacs
Vision ICT	Inv 16755 Upgrade of website	£48.00	Bacs

b) To note latest reconciliation/s

This was deferred as they were no available

c) To note the draft Minutes of the F&GP meetings held in June & August
The Clerk

085/23 Planning

a) To note any decisions made by the District Council

There were none to report

To note receipt of any applications received and agree comments

23/1078/FH	Land Adjoining The Mount, Barrow Hill, Sellindge, Kent	Works to trees the subject of TPO No 1 of 2017: T1 Scots Pine crown clean removing deadwood, crown lift all around to give 2.5 metre clearance above ground level. Reduce large lateral limb on the south side of the tree by 8 metres to bring it back to the edge of the canopy Proposed to support, all
23/1289/FH/NM A	Land Rear Rhodes House, Main Road, Sellindge	Non material amendment to planning permission Y16/1122/FH to allow for change to roof materials on 4 units. Proposed by to support providing does not make the visual impact worse.
Ref: 23/1220/FH	Tylden, Harringe Lane, Sellindge,	Free standing timber framed garage All supporting

b) To Note updated report regarding potential Section 106 payments from Otterpool

The Chairman, gave a verbal update; he explained that

Every 2 months the Area Committee of KALC is holding a meeting with A Jarrett, from the Otterpool Town LLP

At the last meeting the parishes were asked to present on possible 106 payments.

These will be initial thoughts, as discussion will be ongoing and may be changed.

The following was put forward

- 30mph for the Barrow Hill end of Sellindge
- To Narrow the road by widening the pavement
- Requests that Installations of crossings, by traffic lights or some other means to slow down the traffic
- New PROW/ walkways potential to provide a river side walk to Harringe lane.
- Community orchard on the Lees

086/23 Correspondence

To note items previously circulated as received.

- These were noted
- The Clerk highlighted receiving a request for a new road signs at Coopers Lane and to note the parking of vehicles on the verge of Coopers lane,
- This was noted and the Clerk was advised to speak to the Ward Police Officer

Kings Award

A new award has been announced and the PC it is suggested that PC's put forward groups or individuals who make a difference to the wider community, suggestions received and these will be considered and put forward

087/23 Policy for Election of Casual Vacancies

a) To note report from the Skills Survey of current Councillors

As there were still a couple of Cllrs who had not responded, this was deferred

b) To consider / adopt the Policy

Having been previously circulated this policy was adopted unanimously

88/23 Memorial Garden

a) To consider the idea of re-activating the Memorial wall in the New Burial Ground

- The Clerk explained that this item was a decision that had been made many years ago, but due to various things had never fully got off the ground.
- It was considered a good idea in principle, as over the last few months the PC has been approached by loved ones wanting to put a plant or plaque somewhere.

b) If 'A' above agreed, decide on next actions

It was agreed in principle that something could be considered

c) if 'A' above is **not** agreed to consider the idea of a memorial garden or other monument in the new burial ground. This is not required, given the decision of 'b' above.

089/23 Matters of General interest

For Councillors to highlight any issues, or for items on the next agenda.

090/24 Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting will be on the 10th October, there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm