

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH MARCH
IN THE DURLING HALL, STARTING AT 6.30PM**

021/24 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Those Present: Councillors, S Parish – Chairman, S Bull, G Worthy, N Fursdon, L Cronin and D Haining, also present was Cllrs E Martin and J Hollingsbee – District Councillors, S Carey – KCC Councillor, 9 members of the public and the Parish Council Clerk.

022/24 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Worthy declared an interest on agenda item 27b The Hazels application.

023/24 Minutes

To note and agree the following:

- a) Minutes of the December meeting – having been previously circulated the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- b) Minutes of the January meeting – having been previously circulated the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- c) Minutes of the February meeting – having been previously circulated the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

024/24 Open Session

Dog exercise area. Comments included:

- This was debated and the Clerk stated that the only comments to the consultation that would be considered were the ones received via email.
- That dogs would not need to be on leads while in the exercise area, which was the whole reason for it.
- Dogs that are not on leads are not being controlled adequately.
- A Cllr stated that one of his children had been very frightened by a dog running up and leaping at her, and while the dog was friendly this may not have been the case.
- If they are running loose, you may not see where they have been to the toilet.

025/24 District and County Councillors reports

- a) Cllr Hollingsbee – the report was noted and will be placed on the PC website
- b) Cllr Martin – the report was noted and will be placed on the PC website
- c) Cllr Carey – the report was noted and will be placed on the PC website

026/24 Finance

- a) To note and agree payments

The following was agreed;

Dilton Mini skips	Invoice 1027 Skip hire	£800.00
Hopkins LTD	Invoice 23/0926SELSP Battery & electrodes	£118.20
Vision ICT	Invoice 17941 .gov domain	£78.00

Allstar	Invoice 14015151 Petrol, van & machines	£265.20
Sellindge V/H	Invoice 24/048 Electricity (Feb)	£275.55
	Invoice 24/038 Meeting (Feb)	£22.00
Microshade	Invoice 18864 Hosting, support, etc	£336.02
D Prior	Reimbursement Various	£308.87

027/24 Planning

- a) To note any decisions received
 Planning application 23/1610/FH, for 32 dwellings & a doctor’s surgery, was noted as being refused.
- b) To note any applications received and agree comments if required

24/0228	8 Lourdes Manor Close.	Single storey side & rear extension This item was deferred until the F&GP meeting
24/0112	13 Swan Lane	Replacement of existing rear extension with the addition of a pitch roof Noted, discussed & supported.
23/1867	The Hazels, Moorstock Lane	This is a re-application, the last applications was submitted in 2021 and gained approval. The PC did not comment. The application number was 21/0591 Cllr Worthy left the meeting while this application was debated. This application was noted & debated. It was agreed to send comments asking for a larger space from the boundary wall to the proposed building.

028/24 Correspondence and Updates

- a) Meeting with the planning department – this has still not been arranged. Cllr Hollingsbee stated she is still speaking to the Planning Department about this.
- b) Taylor Wimpy outstanding issues on The Lees – The Chairman gave an update on the items that are still outstanding. Taylor Wimpey have said that they will update the PC again at the end of the month, the items outstanding are all dependent on other government departments: Highways for the lighting before the fence can be re fitted and the slope on the pathway, First Port sorting out the entrance to the verge in the new entrance, KCC Rights of Way agreeing for the path to be realigned where the bridge was going.
- c) Phone & Internet – the Clerk reported that, she hoped the lengthy problems with the phone and internet was now resolved, as the new phone company Flotek have been

dealing with BT over the broadband issues. However, this afternoon while on the phone it did 'drop out' again, so this will have to be monitored. In the mean time it is hoped that the Website can be brought up to date over the next few weeks.

- d) Dog exercise area – see comments under the public session.
- e) Speedwatch update – The Clerk reported that one session had taken place, 179 cars were logged with only one vehicle breaking the speed limit. Although it was noted that there were some rude and sarcastic comments and gestures. Given residents in the village have been complaining about the speed through the village, the Clerk stated 'she hoped that none of them were locals'. The second session is booked for 20th March.

029/24 Casual Vacancies

- a) To hear any presentations from prospective applications
Mr Instance and Mr Gipson both introduced themselves.
- b) To take a vote to fill the vacancies
The Chairman proposed and Cllr Cronin seconded. It was a unanimous decision to co-opt both. It was further **agreed** that they would visit the office to sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms at the end of the meeting,

030/24 Matters of General interest

1. Cllr Fursdon, apologized for being late, he had attended the Planning Conference in East Peckham, that was arranged via KALC, they will be sending round the Power Points that were used in the briefings, and he will forward these when he has received them.
2. Cllr Haining raised the question if a shelter of some kind could be put on the land at Meadow Grove for people to use while waiting for the bus, rather than standing in the wet weather. The Clerk replied that this was number 67 on her list of things to take forward.
3. A member of the public asked if he could make a statement and was given permission by the Chairman.
He stated that his family had been waiting for 5 years for a decision on an application they had made, all in good faith. He felt that the planning system was a closed shop, he was unhappy that although a public meeting had been promised – and it was stated this would be by the end February – this has still not been arranged.
Cllr Carey replied, that he could make an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate which is outside of the area.

031/24 Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting will be on 9th April, there being no further business the meeting closed at 7.44pm.