

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
ABOVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE STARTING AT 6.30PM**

F022/24 To Record those **Present** and list any **Apologies**

Those Present: Councillors, G. Worthy – Chairman, S. Parrish, N. Fursdon, and S. Bull: Also present was the PC Clerk.

F023/24 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

None were reported.

F024/24 Minutes

To note and agreed the following:

Minutes of the 1st March, having been previously circulated, these were agreed and signed as a true record.

F025/24 Finance

- a) To note and agree payments;

These were agreed and will be paid over the weekend.

Name	Reason	Gross Amount	Chq No/other payment
Allstar	Invoice 2018418168	£41.00	28/03/2024 31903442
Sellindge V/H	Invoice 24/020 Electricity (Jan)	£431.98	Bacs 28/03/2024 31894142
	Invoice 24/008 Meeting (Jan)	£22.00	Bacs 28/03/2024 31894142
Various	Staff Pay, NI & IT & Pension	£5,670.24	Bacs 27/03/2024 31876480
Flotek	Phone & B/Band	£217.67	Bacs 28/03/2024 31893872
Hopkins Ltd	Invoice 24019SELV Replace electrodes etc	£293.99	Bacs 28/03/2024 31903040
Direct365	Inv 1801846 Waste removal	£90.95	Bacs 28/03/2024 31894233
N Fursdon	Reimbursement Travel to updating event	£36.00	Bacs 28/03/2024 31894066

- b) To consider and decide getting ROSPA to do a safety check on the play equipment.
This is a legal required, the Clerk will investigate and find a company to do this.
Noted that the play equipment is not available for children with disabilities.

F025/24 Planning

a) To note any decisions received

22/1497/FH	Single storey side & rear extension	Springfield House, Main Road. Refused
24/0103/FH	33 Swan Lane	Two storey side extension along with a detached garage & home office building. Approved
23/1867/FH	The Hazels, Moorstock Lane	Extension of existing garage to create an ancillary annex. Approved, with conditions.
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 1.8 metre clearance above ground level. Reduce large lateral limb on the south side of the tree by 4 metres

b) To note any applications received and agree comments if required.

24/0228/	8 Lourdes Manor Close,	Single storey side & rear extension, deferred from PC. Have no objections, the clerk will send this.
24/0391/	Annex At Stone Hill Farmhouse, Stone Hill	Listed Building Consent for the installation of flue to accommodate a log burning stove in the annexe building, and removal of internal partitions within annexe building. Deferred
24/0258/	Annex At Stone Hill Farmhouse, Stone Hill	Installation of flue to accommodate a log burning stove in the annexe building, and removal of internal partitions within annexe building. Deferred

F026/24 Correspondence and Updates

- Black Forge Art. – can we build a plinth to raise it off the ground and put it back in the same place.
- Council Tax information – I have contacted both prior to setting the precept, then again after the precept was set, and now the bills have come out the bills are now 14.3% even though the PC worked out a 5% increase only.
- Mazars – External Audit – the PC have received the papers for the audit.
- PC offices – due to Sage being given the keys by the District Council, the residents of the flats have put stuff for storage in the Offices. This has to be removed and there is 21 day wait for things to be removed, before we can take possession.
- Phone/broad band – still having problems.
- Planning meeting. The meeting that was to be arranged for some time in February is now confirmed as being on Thursday 18th April, the venue will be confirmed at a later time. It was noted that Chairman of Sellindge is on holiday and the DC was unable or unwilling to change the date. It was **agreed** to ask one of the chairmen from a neighbouring parish

F027/24 Matters of General interest

It was noted that a second team for Speedwatch, has been set up and has a date to be in Barrow Hill.

F028/24 Staffing

- a) To consider and decide on the idea of taking on a Financial bookkeeper
- b) If 'a' above is carried to consider the following
 - a. No of hours required
 - b. Month for advertising
 - c. Agree the wording of the Advert

Brief debate took place. Where it was agreed that this would be considered at a later date.

F029/24 Date of next meeting and close

The next meeting will be on 26th April, there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm