

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
IN THE DURLING HALL  
STARTED AT 6.30PM**

**068/24 To Record those Present and list any Apologies**

Those Present: Councillors, S Parish – Chairman, J Triton, S Instance and D Haining. Also present was District Cllrs, J Hollingsbee & E Martin, KCC Cllr S Carey, 3 members of the public and the PC Clerk.

Apologies: were received from Councillors S Bull, G Worthy, L Cronin, K Gipson and N Fursdon; All were accepted.

**069/24 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**

None were recorded.

**070/24 Minutes**

To agree and sign the following

- a) Ordinary meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> June – having been previously circulated these were agreed and signed as a true record.
- b) Extra ordinary meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> – having been previously circulated these were agreed and signed as a true record.

**71/24 To note the minutes of the committee meetings,**

(any comments will be included in the next meeting of the relevant committee)

- a) Planning, this includes comments made by Gladman  
These had been circulated and were noted.
- b) Finance & General Purposes
  - 1) To adopt the report from the external auditor for 2023/24 as recommended by the F&GP. The Clerk highlighted the comments made as listed in the Extra ordinary meeting.
- c) Staffing – these were not available,

**072/24 To hear reports from District & County councillors**

- a) J Hollingsbee – District Cllr
- b) E Martin – District Cllr
- c) S Carey – County Cllr

The reports from all of the above had been circulated prior to the meeting and will be posted on the website of the Parish Council

**073/24 Finance**

To note and agree any payments made prior to the meeting and those listed

Name	Reason	Gross Amount	Chq No/other payment
L Robbins	Internal Audit	£175.00	Bacs 10/07/2024 34861696
D Prior	Reimbursement Fuel Kit and Titan brush cutter	£190.79	Bacs 10/07/2024 34861755
Allstar	Fuel for van and machinery	£244.18	Bacs 10/07/2024 34861816
Sellindge V/hall	Invoice 24/155 Electric	£24.99	Bacs 10/07/2024 34861884
	Invoice 24/143 Hire of hall	£22.00	Bacs 10/07/2024 34861920
Hopkins Ltd	Invoice 240611SSC Consumables replacement	£232.74	Bacs 10/07/2024 34861965

**074/24 To consider and agree the following policies**

- a) Complaints and. the revised complaints form – These had been previously circulated and were adopted.
  
- b) Grievance and Disciplinary – This policy had been circulated and were adopted.

**075/24 Updates if not already taken place elsewhere during the meeting**

F&GP Minutes

The committee recommends that the report as noted from the External auditor is adopted.

The comments made are in the minutes of the committee meeting

Also, in the minutes is the quote from Jim Boot regarding the costs of the support for the NHP. The Committee discussed this at length and recommend **both items for accepted.**

**76/24 updates and correspondence**

- KALC, NALC, FHDC & KCC emails have been circulated when arrived. Noted.
- With regards to the Bruno Peek email and the 80<sup>th</sup> VE Day celebrations, will the PC be putting on an event and if so, can the Events and Communications Committee let me know when they can meet so we can start the ball rolling

A debate took place, the following comments were noted:

- The Clerk highlighted that most events have been arranged at short notice and although there were other events on D-Day, they were not actually commemorating the D-Day landings.
  - A Cllr thought the event should be transparent and necessary,
  - Someone else wondered why the PC should do it.
- There were no votes taken, however it was agreed in principle that the Events and Communication committee should arrange to meet and discuss further, then be guided by their decision.

- The Clerk has had a meeting with Gary – site manager – from Taylor Wimpey, regarding the door being on the wrong side of the storage building and the issue with the floor. A more senior person is arriving later this week, although no confirmation of the actual day yet.  
*Post meeting comment, this has taken place; the floor will be monitored and the technical engineer from TW will obtain further instructions*
- The Project with regards to the Parish Rooms. This was a stalled project prior to the pandemic. There was a positive meeting with Rev Chris and Curate Sue on Monday. The clerk is hoping to arrange a meeting with Mike Bishop and Rev Sue in the future to look at some community use of the Rooms in addition to the Thursday morning Coffee and cake event. Mike Bishop of Kent sheds has said he would be happy to help, now need to look at dates.  
Noted – with the Clerk reporting back to a later meeting.
- A20 Road closure now confirmed as being starting on 5<sup>th</sup> August for 14 nights, any weather issues may lead to weekend work taking place. From 8.00pm to 5.00am each night. Diversions have been listed, notice will be placed on the Website and notice boards. The Clerk intends to visit the Sevington Inland Border Facility prior to the start date, as there will be nowhere for HGV's to turn around and this will cause problems.

Email from:

- Resident in Meadow Grove re the trailer, Southern Housing visiting.
- Resident wishes to have a different bin outside village hall, explained this does not belong to PC therefore need to contact Viola for advice. Would Cllr Hollingsbee or Cllr Martin be able to facilitate this.  
*Post meeting note, these two items will be monitored, Cllr Hollingsbee will seek information regarding the bin and report back.*

## **077/24 To note the date of the next ordinary Council Meeting & Close**

The next meeting of the council will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> August, there being no further business the meeting closed at 7.29pm