

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH APRIL
IN THE DURLING HALL STARTING AT 6.30PM**

039/25 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Those Present: Councillors S Parish, N Fursdon, S Instance, G Worthy, L Cronin and J Tritton. Also Present was Cllrs E Martin J Hollingsbee – District Councillors and S Carey – KCC Cllr, 3 members of the public and the Proper Officer (PO)

Apologies were received from K Gipson, and Cllr Haining passed his apologies through another Cllr.

040/25 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

There were none declared.

041/25 To note and agree the Minutes of previous meetings as follows

- a) Minutes of the 11th March – Noted, agreed and signed.
- b) To Note the minutes of the F&GP – these were noted.

042/25 To note items raised by the public prior to the meeting.

A member of the public raised a question regarding the bin outside the hall.

The PO Officer replied that this had been ordered but there had been no response from Viola who empty them.

A member of the public thanked Susan Carey for the support that she had given to and the work carried out in the parish over the last 20 or so years, as this was her last meeting.

The dog bag dispenser on the Lees has been noted that this dispenser was empty.
The swathes of wild flowers areas appear to be cut.

043/25 To receive reports from District and County Councillors

- a) Cllr S Carey – Kent Councillor – mentioned
 - Operation Brook has been indicated.
 - The Lower Thames Crossing new crossing will be a tunnel, and this will relieve the traffic congestion in Sellindge.
 - There was a competition to name the gritters, the winning name was 'Grittersaurus Rex' The full report will be on the website.
- b) Cllr E Martin – Folkestone & Hythe Cllr – gave her verbal report, the written copy will be added to the website.
- c) Cllr J Hollingsbee - Folkestone & Hythe Cllr - gave her verbal report, the written copy will be added to the website.

044/25 To note the following planning applications and agree any comments

Please see the report 25/04/01

045/25 Finance

a) To agree and/or ratify the payments as listed

The following was agreed:

Name	Reason	Gross Amount	Chq No/other payment
Allstar	Invoice E2020162811 Fuel for van & equip	£186.62	DD
J Boot	Invoice Sel03 NHP	£3,046.80	Bacs
Rialtas	Invoice For Dec – Mar data	£1,392.00	Bacs 02/04/2024 42359224
ICO	GDPR	£52.00	DD
L Hedley	Reimbursement Various	£141.61	Bacs

c) Current update on the work being carried out by Rialtas

Due to the end of the year work they do, this had been delayed, we now have some dates set up to complete the data inputting.

046/25 To receive and note project updates/reports

Please see report 25/04/03

a) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Instance gave a verbal update, the plan is currently being drafted and the steering group hopes to have a draft copy to start initially reviewing by the end of the month.

b) Security Door for New Office

The materials for the manufacture for the bespoke hinges and brackets had been proving difficult to obtain, but it is hoped this will be completed soon,

047/25 Correspondence

To note Lease from Wellers Hedley – re land Transfer from TW and Title No.

This was noted, and will be filed in the office.

048/25 Date of Next Meeting & Close

The date of the next meeting will be on 13th May 2025; there being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.32pm

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REPORT 2025.04.08

Agenda item updates & reports

1. NHP a verbal; update will be given by Cllr Instance
It is hoped that Jim Boot will have a draft copy by the end of the month. He has presented the PC with a last invoice.
A thank you was recorded for all the work that Cllr Fursdon and D Prior have done.
2. Security Door. Due to some difficulties getting materials, the door is now complete, but hinges and door latch plates need to be manufactured.

Agenda Item 37/25 correspondence

1. Emails from KALC, NALC, F&H District Council and other round robin emails have been forwarded as they arrived.
 - Noted.
2. Notice to fill the vacancy left by Stan has been advertised, Members of the public have until 20th March to request an election by calling or writing to the District Council.
 - As there was no request for an election, the Parish Council can Co-opt now. I have put out notices.
3. 2 emails and a couple of phone calls regarding the building work being undertaken at the Otterpool Quarry.
 - This is being investigated by the Environmental Agency and KCC Enforcement department
4. This is to note the PC have received the title deeds from HM Land Registry Office.
 - These will be in the office, any-one wishes to read the detail.
5. Emails covering various issues, resolved as needed, or as required.

Agenda item 44/25

25/0165/FH, 10 SWAN GREEN, SELLINDGE, ASHFORD, TN25 6EX

Rear extension to garage and conversion to attached annexe.

Cllr Fursdon proposed a motion to support; ll agreed.

25/0258/FH 16 SOMERFIELD BARN COURT, MAIN ROAD,

Installation of wood burning stove and associated insulated flue through existing roof.

Cllr Fursdon proposed a motion to support providing the Officers were satisfied: All agreed.

Ref: 25/0189/FH AbbyWood, Stone Hill

Four new dwellings to include demolition of other buildings on site alongside other associated works.

Object to application due to the following concerns

The applicant considers this is a 'loose representation of a farmstead' these are areas that have grown over hundreds of years, so have 'developed' over time, so is this statement relevant.

Although the applicants report makes much of farmstead buildings and oast houses etc, the proposed dwellings are made of completely of different materials, and are not replicating them, nor within the vernacular of the surrounding properties.

Even though the KCC highways states that this application is not with the guidelines for comments, considering the entrance has only been used for a maximum of 2/3 dwellings, now to replace with three 4 bed dwellings, plus one 3 bed dwellings it will increase the number of movements both for everyday use and for household waste collection.

The entrance is also on a slight rise and the exit, as it is at present, would cause difficulties with traffic wanting turn right towards Brabourne, with the speed limit being 60mph this could be dangerous as the road is fairly narrow.

It is also noted that the picture was taken during a sunny winter's day, with no tree canopy causing shadows and obstructions as when in full leaf. This would not be safe.

Both Brabourne and Sellindge shops and village activities are not within walking distance from this site, as the site falls within the countryside. With no pavements safe walking is not possible and cycling will be just as hazardous, thereby increasing the need for private transport, CSD9 within the Sellindge Master Plan puts development within the confines of the centre of the village.

There is no mention of the need for work to protect the neutrality or safeguarding of the River Stour.

Decisions

24/1927/FH, 33 SWAN LANE, SELLINDGE,

Erection of a new dwelling and associated parking, boundary treatments and landscaping.

Granted by Planning Authority.