

**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE DURLING HALL ON TUESDAY 9TH APRIL
STARTING AT 7.00pm**

037/19 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Those present were Mr S Bull – Chairman, Mr N Fursdon, Mr C Mason, Mr C Brace, & Mrs S Carey. Also present were 5 members of the public and the PC Clerk and Minute Secretary.

Apologies were received from Councillors Ms J Tritton, Mr D Harris & Mr M Pullen. Mrs Hollingsbee arrived at 7:30pm.

038/19 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

039/19 To agree the minutes of:

- a) The March PC meeting - Having been previously circulated, these were agreed and signed as a true record.

040/19 Public Open Session

- A member of the public enquired as to how many vacancies there were on the Parish Council. It was advised that there were 4 at the moment.
- A thank you was made to Cllr Mason regarding his refurbishment of the telephone box by Greenfields. He confirmed that the light does now work and books can now go in. The defibrillator has been ordered. The Clerk also advised that the lettering for the top windows of the telephone box would be measured in due course and ordered to say 'Defibrillator'.
- The member of public also enquired about what was happening to Jubilee Gardens. The Clerk advised that she had emailed FHDC for an update.
- Another member of the public enquired about page 3 of the April Village Newsletter regarding the Core Strategy exhibition and the worries the PC had concerning the map that had been published by the Sellindge Residents Association. This issue had been raised by the District Council, with an inquiry of who authorized it. A discussion was had concerning this. Cllr Carey spoke to the member of public advising them of the inaccuracies within the map. The member of public felt that the Clerk had overstepped the mark.

041/19 To hear a report from

- a) County Councillor – Susan Carey
 - Susan advised that preparations are in place concerning the traffic regarding Brexit in Kent. Of the £29million allocated for the roads to KCC, a lot of it has been spent already.
 - Advised of road closures in Sellindge on the 10th April along the Main Road and also by the church on the 12th April. It was unsure as to whether these closures would go ahead now.
 - Sellindge Primary School's expansion will be in 2 phases. She is hopeful it will commence next year.
 - Advised that the FHDC Master Plan has been submitted and this is currently going through its process. Members of the public were encouraged to look at it.
 - Advised that both Jenny and herself had been to visit a medical facility at Estuary View in Whitstable. The concept was excellent and one they hope could be copied on the Otterpool Park site, this was also reported to the Patients Committee at Sellindge Surgery.
- b) District Councillor – Jenny Hollingsbee
 - Advised that she had made enquiries about why there are new signs in Brook Lane.
 - Advised that she was disappointed that there were only 5 candidates for the election.

042/19 Planning

- a) To **note** any decisions made by Folkestone & Hythe DC
No decisions made by the district Council were received.

- b) To **note** the receipt of any applications and **agree** comments.
19/0262/FH – 3 Somerfield Court – listed building application.
 There were no objections to the application from the councillors present.
19/0340/FH – The Conifers, Barrow Hill – rear extension
 This application was supported with no objections.
Otterpool Park
 The Clerk gave an update regarding the above advising that Ian McClintock had emailed FHDC to chase the printed maps the PC have been waiting for.

043/19 Correspondence

- a) To **Note** items received and **agree** actions as required:
 1. British Navy – Red Ensign Day – 3rd September – it was agreed that the Ensign will be raised details will follow. It is hoped that more people will turn out to the event than last year.
 2. A20 Closures within the village – the closures were noted.

044/19 Finance

- 1. **To note Minutes of last F&GP meeting.**

There were none.

- 2. **To agree invoices and sign cheques as required:**

Linda Hedley	Reimbursement. Post	£1.34	Leave till F&GP
N Fursdon	Reimbursement. Travel	£30.15	501062
Sustainable Print	Invoice 0960	£132.00	Bacs
Sellindge V/H	Invoice 19/048 Electric	£80.25	Bacs
Mickle Print	Invoice 014360	£186.00	Bacs
Sellindge V/H	Invoice 19/14	£122.70	Bacs
	Invoice 19/19	£98.70	Bacs
PJ Mills	Invoice 22085. Meadow Grove	£100.00	Bacs

The Clerk advised that a cheque for £27.18 had been received from the Court for the damage caused to the office when it was broken into to assist with updating costs.

- 3. **To note the reconciliation of accounts to 31 December 2018**

The Clerk advised that the 1st precept payment had been received.

045/19 Action Log update on potholes and other highway issues

- The Clerk updated the councillors concerning the latest issues which had been reported. These being a pothole/street light that does not work in Stone Hill. A pothole in Coopers Lane. All were under investigation.

046/19 To consider and agree the starting time of future meetings

It had been agreed previously that during the winter months the meeting would start at 7.00pm After a brief discussion, it was **agreed** by the Councillors to continue with the meetings starting at 7pm.

047/19 Matters of General Interest

- Cllr C Mason raised the question that there are no dragons' teeth painted on the Main road by the 30mph and 40mph signs. However, it was advised that the Highways Steward had changed. The Clerk would chase this matter.
 - Agenda Item for next month – to clean out the telephone box by the church and install a defibrillator in it.

048/19 Date of next meeting & Close.

- The Annual meeting of the parish Council will be on the 14th May 2019 at 7pm. This is the first meeting with new councillors
- The Annual Assembly would be held on Friday 31st May 2019, details will be placed on the Council Website

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

049/19 To exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and sections 100 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972

060/19 To discuss employment reviews

The Clerk advised that the National Wage Limit had increased to £8.21 per hour.

A debate on hourly rates for each of the three members of staff took place, new rates were agreed.