

**STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1 JULY 2013 AT FAIRSEAT VILLAGE HALL, VIGO ROAD, FAIRSEAT AT 8.00 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman	
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	Vice-chairman	From item 4
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth		
	Cllr George Goring		
	Cllr Miss Janet Howie		
	Cllr Michael Osborne		
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk	
In attendance	Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler	Kent County Council	
	1 member of the public		

<b>Item</b>	<i>Action point</i>
Minute no 2013/14/	

**1 APOLOGIES**

118 An apology for absence was received from Cllr John Brooker, due to work commitments, which was accepted. An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Mrs Falconer. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllrs Mrs Ann Kemp and Matthew Balfour, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

119 Cllr Mrs Goodworth declared a pecuniary interest in item 5a(i), planning application for Plaxdale Green Farm, as she lived directly opposite the site.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2013**

120 It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Miss Howie and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2013 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

121 No matters were raised.

**COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

The Chairman suspended the meeting for Cllr Mrs Hohler to give her report.

Cllr Mrs Hohler reported that Cllr Balfour was also the County Councillor for King's Hill and consultation was in progress for a further 900+ dwellings; however traffic movements were likely to decrease, not increase. The Government was consulting on a new Thames crossing. The options were another bridge at Dartford; a crossing from the Swanscombe Peninsula; or a crossing east of Gravesend. The second two options could be either a bridge or a tunnel. All would need road improvements to the A2/M2 and M20. KCC felt that although the first option was the most popular, it would not work. The second two options were better from the economic aspect. Cllr Mrs Hohler thought that the third option would be preferred, using a long tunnel. Cllr Mrs Goodworth asked if the new crossing was linked with the possibility of a new airport. Cllr Mrs Hohler replied that that would be a separate consultation.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Hohler and reconvened the meeting.

**5 PLANNING.**

**a Applications**

- 122 **i TM/13/01037/FL:** Plaxdale Green Farm, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted: Change of use and conversion of 7 no. former agricultural buildings to provide 7 no. live/work units with associated parking, access and landscaping and the demolition of 3 no. former agricultural buildings –additional information.

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Cllr Mrs Goodworth left the room.

After discussion, it was agreed not to make any further comments.

Cllr Mrs Goodworth returned to the meeting.

- 123 **ii TM/13/01531/RD:** Hillreed Homes Ltd, Oakwood Farm, Vigo Road, Fairseat: Details submitted pursuant to conditions 2 (materials), 5 (landscaping), 6(a) and (b) (site investigation), 7 (drainage), and 12 (levels) of planning permission TM/10/00887/FL (Demolition of existing chicken sheds, workshop, store, packing shed, stables and other associated structures (total 3464sqm floor space) and erection of 8 no. dwellings with associated parking, garaging, access and landscaping)

No objection.

- 124 **iii TM/13/1881/TNCA:** High Tree, Tumblefield Road, Stansted: Reduce height of Leylandii hedge; cut trees in rear field to ground level/fence height. Crown lift 2 sycamores above stable block.

No objection.

125 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on appendix A were received.

**c Enforcement**

126 **i The Old Rectory, Stansted**

It was reported that a large amount of soil had been imported onto the site, which was in a conservation area. Enforcement would be informed.

127 **d Appeals**

No new appeals were reported.

**e Other Planning Issues**

128 **i Field Shelter, Plaxdale Green Road**

Cllr Bott asked to be reminded to take a photograph to help Enforcement identify the correct structure

129 **ii Compass Cottage, Malthouse Road.**

Cllr Osborne said he had discussed the matter with Cllr Balfour and he understood that an enforcement officer would be returning to look at the wall.

130 **iii Cob Trees, Hatham Green Lane**

The Clerk reported that KCC Highways were dealing with the bollards, some of which had been installed on a neighbour's land.

131 **iv Fairseat Lodge, Vigo Road**

Cllr Bott would attend the planning committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July and would say that if the balcony was withdrawn, there should be a sloping roof.

132 **v Seafield, Malthouse Road**

The property was in Ash-cum-Ridley parish and Sevenoaks District. The alignment of the new fence had been reported, but nothing further had been heard. The Clerk was asked to find out what had happened. *RB*

**6 FINANCE**133 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

134 **b Cheques Signed since Last Meeting**

None.

135 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the accounts as listed on appendix B be paid (cheques 656 – 657, with the addition of £25, Stansted Village Hall (cheque 660 ).

**7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**136 **a Stansted Village Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr Miss Howie, seconded by Cllr Goring and agreed a grant of £1,100 be made under S 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976. (cheque 658).

137 **b Fairseat Village Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed a grant of £1,100 be made under S 19 of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976. (cheque 659).

**9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY**138 **a Contract with KCC Landscape Services**

The Clerk reported on her meeting with the contractor to resolve problems with the new.

contract. It was expected that the implementation of the contract would now run more smoothly.

**a Recreation Ground**

- 139 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.  
140 ii. Hire of Ground. Permission was given for the pre-school to use the field during the  
141 first week of August for a play week.  
141 iii. Bye-laws. A model set of bye-laws produced by the Department for Communities  
and Local Government was given to councillors, who were asked to annotate them and  
return to the Clerk, so that a set pertinent to the parish could be drafted.

142 **b Play Equipment**

A meeting of the planning group would be set up with the Chairman of the Governors.

143 **c War Memorial and Garden**

Following the meeting with the contractor, it was expected the standard and frequency of mowing would improve.

144 **d Telephone Kiosk**

Cllr Goring said the item was on the agenda for the next Governors' meeting.

145 **e Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

**9 POLICE LIAISON**

146 **a Police Report**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth said she assumed the PCSO would be attending the Farmers Market the following Thursday.

147 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported that it was possible Dave Cox would become the co-ordinator for Stansted. Cllr Goring offered to distribute any leaflets.

**10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

148 **a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Miss Howie said there had been some complaints about the footpaths and stated she believed that kissing gates or easy accesses had to be installed. One of the stiles on Cllr Bott's land was quite high. Cllr Bott agreed to look at it.

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149 **b Parsons Lane**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth said that the road marking had been re-done and the paint now went through a pothole.

150 c **Pond, Hatham Green Lane**

It was reported that the pond in Hatham Green Lane had recently been dug out. The Clerk would contact the local highways engineer and him to evaluate it and fence it off.

11 **VILLAGE HALLS**

150 a **Stansted Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

151 b **Fairseat Village Hall and Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

12 **BROADBAND**

152 Cllr Bott said he had no update. He had missed the deadline for the last issue of the magazine but would write a general article for the next issue.

13 **CONSULTATION**

153 No documents received.

14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

154 None.

15 **AUGUST “WALKABOUT”**

155 The August “walkabout would take place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July, meeting at Fairseat pond at 6.30 pm.

16 **REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

156 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

157 a **Dog Fouling Signs**

Cllr Osborne said that he had seen new dog fouling signs in Trosley Country Park.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Matters were raised were:

A new litter bin for Stansted Village Hall.  
Parking outside the school.

These matters would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2013