

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017 AT FAIRSEAT VILLAGE HALL, VIGO ROAD, FAIRSEAT AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	Vice-chairman
	Cllr John Brooker	
	Cllr Michael Osborne	
	Cllr Daren Sefer	
	Cllr Kevin Sparkes	Items 10, 5 - 9, 11 - 19
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Robin Betts	Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
	2 members of the public	

Item *Action point*
Minute no 2016/17/

1 APOLOGIES

405 An apology for absence due to holiday was received from Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth and was accepted by the Council. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council and Cllr Martin Coffin, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council. An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Sparkes.

2 INTERESTS

406 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2017

407 It was proposed by Cllr Brooker, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2017 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

408 None.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Cllr Betts to speak.

Cllr Betts mentioned the Borough Council's Hive Lotto and encouraged the parish council and groups to apply. He mentioned activity on the former nightclub site on the A20 in Wrotham and said that at present the site was being cleared and that there was nothing enforceable. A fresh planning application would be required for any development on the site.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Betts and reconvened the meeting.

As Tom Sheldon was present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda

10 STANSTED SCHOOL

409 a Asset of Community Value

A letter had been received from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, asking if the Parish Council still wished to be recognised as a potential bidder and whether it wished a further extension of six months. After discussion it was agreed to reply in the affirmative on both points.

410 b Future Plans for Former Playground

In the light of the letter from the Borough Council, it was agreed the site meeting scheduled for 11th March be cancelled. Cllr Bott reported on a meeting with the Diocesan Board of Education's surveyor and Finance Director to define the boundaries. Cllr Bott had insisted the boundaries as shown on the map be confirmed, but so far there had been no reply. The installation of fencing by a certain date was agreed.

The Chairman then suspended the meeting to allow Mr Sheldon to take part in the discussion.

Mr Sheldon said that the Parish Council should be pro-active. Cllr Mrs Falconer said there needed to be consultation with the electors. Mr Sheldon outlined various scenarios, which were discussed.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sheldon and reconvened the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed that Mr Sheldon be instructed to set up and lead a working party to investigate and evaluate possible uses/users for the school site. At the same time to advise the Parish Council and to negotiate the purchase of DBE's freehold interest the latter subject to agreement by the Parish Council. Mr Sheldon's existing appointment as the Parish Council's negotiator was confirmed. The Parish Council would be represented on the working party by Cllr Mrs Falconer and Cllr Mrs Goodworth, subject to her agreement. It was agreed a presentation be made at the meeting of the Council on 8th May.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

- 411 i **TM/17/00406/TNCA:** Fairlight Lodge, Vigo Road, Fairseat: Mature Beech tree - rubbing branch originating from central leader in the mid canopy at approx. 18m: prune to remove subject branch back to source. Install an 8 tonne dynamic boa bracing system with shock absorbers, connecting the two stems of the central leader where a compression fork is present. The system is to be installed at a height of 2/3 of the subject stem overall height

No objection

- 412 ii **TM/17/00516/RD:** Ocklynge, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted: Details of condition 5 (landscaping) pursuant to planning permission TM/16/01581/FL (Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement one and a half storey chalet house)

No drawings were available and no response would be made.

413 **Out of Time**

The response to the out of time application as listed on Appendix A was ratified.

414 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

415 **c Appeals**

None.

416 **d Enforcement**

None.

417 **e Other Planning Issues**

None raised.

6 FINANCE

418 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

419 **b Payments Made since Last Meeting**

None.

420 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 812 – 813).

421 **d Precept Letter to Residents**

The draft letter to be sent to residents explaining the precept increase was approved, with the addition of the actual parish figures for 2017/18 compared with 2016/17 if possible.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

422 **a Kent Air Ambulance**

No grant made.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

b Recreation Ground

423 i. General Maintenance. Cllr Osborne said that more signs about dogs were needed.

424 ii. Hire of Ground. Cllr Mrs Falconer asked for the use for a bike ride on 9th July.

425 b Playpark

The replacement of the seats on the whirlybird was in hand.

426 c War Memorial and Garden

Nothing to report.

427 d Telephone Kiosk

Nothing to report.

428 e Church Bank

Nothing to report.

429 f Notice Boards

Cllr Bott said that Jerry Glidewell was now able to make new noticeboards. It was decided to commission one new board at a cost of £265 and that it should replace the board in the car park.

430 g Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane

Nothing to report.

431 h Registration of Council's Land

The matter was now with Colin Hall of BTF Partnership.

9 BROWNES BEQUEST

432 Nothing to report.

11 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

433 a Public Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

b Other Highways or Transport Issues

434 i Potholes

The potholes were being filled in.

12 VILLAGE HALLS

435 a Stansted Village Hall

In Cllr Mrs Goodworth's absence, there was no report.

436 b Fairseat Village Hall

Nothing to report.

13 POLICE MATTERS

437 Cllr Brooker said that burglaries were still being carried out.

14 WEBSITE

438 The Clerk reported that it was a year since she had done the training on the new website and that she needed a refresher. KALC were not currently providing any training. She had found a course which would cost £50. This was agreed.

15 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

439 None

16 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

440 No documents received.

17 CORRESPONDENCE

441 None.

18 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

443 a Bus Service

Cllr Mrs Falconer said that a resident of Fairseat was investigating the possibility of a bus service.

The Chairman thanked councillors and the members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.14 pm.

SignedChairman

On theday of2017