

**STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2013 AT FAIRSEAT VILLAGE HALL, VIGO ROAD, FAIRSEAT AT 8.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Harry Bott Chairman  
 Cllr John Brooker  
 Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth  
 Cllr George Goring  
 Cllr Michael Osborne

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 4 members of the public

**Item** *Action point*  
 Minute no 2013/14/

**1 APOLOGIES**

201 Apologies for absence were received from

Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer At work  
 Cllr Miss Janet Howie At work

It was proposed by Cllr Brooker, seconded by Cllr Bott and agreed these apologies be accepted. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council and from Cllrs Balfour and Mrs Ann Kemp, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

202 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2013**

203 It was proposed by Cllr Goring, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2013 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

204 No matters were raised.

**5 PLANNING.****a Applications**

205 **i TM/13/02849/TNCA:** Church Cottage, Tumblefield Road, Stansted: Fell cherry, golden cypress, apple, cherry and reduce height of line of cypresses by one third.

No objection

206 **ii TM/13/02634:** Horse & Groom, London Road, Wrotham: Construction of a private all-weather manège; Change of use of land to agricultural/equestrian use; and use

existing building within residential curtilage as stables

After discussion, it was agreed to respond as follows:

Stansted Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application, but asks that conditions are imposed as follows:

Details of the positioning of the manure heap and disposal of waste are submitted to and approved by the local planning authority;

No floodlighting of the manège is permitted;

No commercial use of the equestrian facilities is permitted.

- 207 **iii** **TM/13/02257/FL:** Forest Hill, Labour-in-Vain Road, Wrotham: Variation of conditions 1 and 3 of planning permission TM/05/02247/FL to allow year round holiday use of the caravans on site

It was reported that the neighbours living in Stansted parish had not been notified by the Borough Council. The Parish Council had not been notified either as the adjoining parish. It was believed the homes were intended for retired people. After discussion it was agreed to object on grounds of poor access along a single track road and the unsuitability of the site for a section of the community who would require attendance by doctors, carers and ambulances.

- 208 **b** **Decisions**

None notified

- 209 **c** **Enforcement**

No new enforcement matters were raised.

- 210 **d** **Appeals**

No new appeals were reported.

- e** **Other Planning Issues**

- 211 **i** **Field Shelter, Plaxdale Green Road**

This had now been inspected by an enforcement officer, who was discussing the situation with a senior officer..

- 212 **ii** **Cob Trees, Hatham Green Lane**

The bollards had not yet been removed. The Clerk would speak to the new highways inspector.

- 213 **iii** **Oaktree Farm**

An enforcement officer had visited the property and had reported that the new building was not yet completed.

214 **iv Seafield, Malthouse Road, Ash-cum-Ridley**

An enforcement officer from Sevenoaks District Council had investigated and had confirmed that the new fence had been built according to the approved plans.

215 **v Boot Fair, Wrotham Hill**

A letter had been received from the proprietor's agents. The Portaloos had been removed.

216 **vi The Old Rectory, Stansted – Front Garden**

A planning application had not yet been received. Cllr Bott had spoken to the owner, who had seen the planning officer and asked for a 28 day extension.

217 **vii Hilltop Hotel**

A resident had asked about the building works taking place next to the Hilltop Hotel car park. She had contacted the Borough Council's planning department and had been sent a copy of the plans granted permission in 1988. Details for external appearance were needed and the Clerk was asked to contact the enforcement officer.

**6 FINANCE**218 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

219 **b Cheques Signed since Last Meeting**

None

220 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Goring, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed the accounts as listed on appendix B be paid (cheques 664 – 667).

**7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**221 **a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Goring, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed a grant of £50 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 668). The wreath would be laid at 11 am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY****a Recreation Ground**

222 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

223 ii. Hire of Ground. No new hirings

224 iii. Bye-laws. The Clerk was asked to send Cllrs Brooker and Osborne new copies for annotation.

225 iv. Accident to child. Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported that on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September a

- 226 child playing on the cricket roller had hurt himself and had been taken to hospital.  
v. Path to hall veranda. Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported that the path to the hall veranda was in a poor state and could be a trip hazard. It was unclear whose responsibility the path was. Cllr Osborne said he would investigate. *MO*
- 227 **b Play Equipment**  
Cllr Bott reported he had seen the new Headteacher that morning and that Mr Bassett had had experience of a similar project at a previous school. The Clerk reported she was due to meet Mr Bassett the following Thursday.
- 228 **c War Memorial and Garden**  
The Clerk was asked to ensure the grass was mown before the wreath laying on 11<sup>th</sup> November. *RB*
- 229 **d Telephone Kiosk**  
Cllr Bott said that he had mentioned this to Mr Bassett during his meeting with him.
- 230 **e Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**  
Nothing to report.
- 9 POLICE LIAISON**
- 231 **a Police Report**  
In PCSO Bullen's absence, there was no report.
- 232 **b Neighbourhood Watch**  
Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported that PCSO Laura Bullen said she would try to set up a Neighbourhood Watch depending on the responses received by Cllr Osborne and Mrs Goring.
- 10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**
- 233 **a Pond, Hatham Green Lane**  
The Clerk would ask Martyn Colley for an update. *RB*
- 234 **b School Parking**  
Cllr Bott had mentioned this to Mr Bassett.
- 235 **c Drains, Fairseat**  
The Clerk reported that the problem was now resolved.
- 236 **d Potholes**  
Cllr Brooker said that potholes had been filled, but were now bumps.

**11 VILLAGE HALLS**

**a Stansted Village Hall**

- 237 i. General Matters. Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.  
238 ii. Litter bin. Mr Clarke was still storing the litter bin and Cllr Mrs Goodworth SG  
would liaise with him about it.

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

Nothing to report.

**12 BROADBAND**

240 Cllr Bott had no update to give.

**13 CONSULTATION**

**241 a Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council – Joint Standards Committee**

Received.

**14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**242 a Wheels 2 Work**

Received.

**15 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

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

**17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**244 a Brownes Bequest**

Cllr Bott apologised to Cllr Osborne that he had not yet arranged with him to look at the field.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable members of the public to speak.

Andy Yallop and Tom Sheldon gave an update on the plans for the church. Mr Yallop said that they had renewal of the planning consent and building regulations consent. They were in the process of obtaining approval from the diocese architectural group. Archaeological work was causing some concern. There would be disturbance to some old graves and Canterbury Archaeological Trust wished to undertake some investigations, which were anticipated to take place in the next few weeks. Once their report on the number of burials was available, a better price would be given for the full archaeological work. They were seeking tenders for the building works, which would be returned to the PCC by the end of November. There would inevitably be some disturbance in connecting utilities. Cllr Mrs Goodworth asked about the shortfall in finances. Mr Sheldon said they were about £130,000 short but were reducing the internal specification. Once

the work had started it would be easier to raise the remaining funds.

Phil Clarke complained that school parking was disturbing the stones placed on the verge of 1 Seagrove Cottages.

The Chairman councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.17 pm

Signed .....Chairman

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