

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018 AT FAIRSEAT VILLAGE HALL, VIGO ROAD, FAIRSEAT AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman	
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	Vice-chairman	
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth		
	Cllr Michael Osborne		
	Cllr Daren Sefer		
	Cllr Kevin Sparkes		
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk	
In attendance	Cllr Harry Rayner	Kent County Council	From item 11
	Cllr Robin Betts	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	
	Mr Tom Sheldon	Stansted School Steering Group	
	Mr Andy Yallop	Stansted School Steering Group	
	3 members of the public		

Before the meeting commenced, a minute's silence was held in memory of Cllr John Brooker.

Item	<i>Action point</i>
Minute no 2017/18/	

1 APOLOGIES

317 All parish councillors present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

318 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2017

319 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2017 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

320 No matters were raised.

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

Cllr Betts said that there was nothing to report on the financial settlement from the Government.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Betts and reconvened the meeting.

5 CASUAL VACANCY

321 The death of Cllr John Brooker on 1st January 2018 was announced. The Clerk would

put co-option arrangements in motion after the funeral, which would be held on 19th January.

6 PLANNING

322 a Applications

None received.

323 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

324 c Enforcement

None

325 d Appeals

None.

326 e Other Planning Issues

None.

7 FINANCE

327 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as shown on Appendix B were noted.

328 b Payments made since last Meeting

None.

329 c Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 847 - 851)

330 d Budget 2018/19

The draft budget was revised. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Bott and agreed the final version be adopted by the Council.

331 e Precept 2018/19

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Bott and agreed the precept for 2018/19 be £32,260.

8 GRANT APPLICATIONS

332 None.

9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**a Recreation Ground****333 i General Matters**

Nothing to report.

334 ii Hire of Ground

Nothing to report.

335 b Play Park

Nothing to report.

336 c War Memorial and Garden

Nothing to report.

337 d Telephone Kiosk

Nothing further to report.

338 e Church Bank

Nothing to report.

339 f Village Green, Hatham Green Lane

Nothing to report.

340 g Registration of Council's Land

Ongoing.

10 BROWNES BEQUEST

341 Nothing to report.

11 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**342 a Public Rights of Way**

It was reported that the footpath at Thriftwood was still obstructed.

343 b Report from Encroachment Working Party

As the owner of Ocklynge, Plaxdale Green Road was present, the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow him to speak.

Mr Wilby tabled drawings and explained why the new fence had been installed in its

current position. He was shown photographs of the former house on the site and its front hedge in relation to the road. Cllr Rayner explained the law to him about highways and verges and the rights of the owner of land adjacent to the highway in this respect. Cllr Rayner then said it was up to the Council whether they wished to pursue the matter further, but if so he would want to deal with all matters identified by the working party together.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wilby and Cllr Rayner and reconvened the meeting.

344 **c Road Name for Development at Plaxdale Green Farm**

After discussion, it was agreed that Houldings Yard or Bantam Yard be put forward to the Borough Council.

c Other Highways or Transport Issues

345 **i Potholes**

Potholes were reported at the top of Stansted Hill and in Plaxdale Green Road between Kits Cottage and The Old Farmhouse.

12 VILLAGE HALLS

346 **a Stansted Village Hall**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

347 **b Fairseat Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

13 POLICE MATTERS

348 Cllr Mrs Goodworth said she had not heard from the PCSO.

14 REPORTS ON MEETINGS

349 None.

15 WORLD WARS COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET AND AIRFIELD PLAQUE

350 Cllrs Bott and Osborne were gathering data.

16 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

351 None received.

17 CORRESPONDENCE

352 None.

18 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

354 a Pumping Station

CLlr Sefer mentioned a smell in Stansted and wondered if it came from the pumping station.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

20 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

355 It was agreed the proposed purchase of the school had progressed to the point that to discuss it in camera was no longer necessary.

21 STANSTED SCHOOL

356 a Update on Purchase

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Sheldon and Mr Yallop to speak.

Mr Sheldon gave an update. The contract was nearly finalised and he hoped it could be signed at the next meeting, to be held on 5th February. Quotations for insurance against the restrictive covenants on the 1939 conveyance were being obtained. A firm of letting agents had been shown round. Mr Yallop said they were trying to sort out the heating system which had been drained and which they thought should be fired up before completion in case of leaks or other damage. The planning application had been prepared.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sheldon and Mr Yalloy and reconvened the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Bott and agreed the planning application should be submitted as soon as possible.

357 b Name

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.55 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2018