

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2016 AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth	
	Cllr Michael Osborne	
	Cllr Daren Sefer	
	Cllr Kevin Sparkes	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Martin Coffin	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	1 member of the public	

Item *Action point*
Minute no 2016/17/

1 APOLOGIES

- 1 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Brooker, who was at work. This apology was accepted by the Council. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllrs Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council and Robin Betts, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

2 INTERESTS

- 2 None

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2016

- 3 It was proposed by Cllr Sefer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2016 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- 4 No matters were raised.

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Cllr Coffin give his report.

Cllr Coffin reported that Five Oak Stables in Labour-in-Vain Road had been asked to submit a planning application. Ideas for financial settlements with parish councils would be discussed at a meeting of the cabinet. The Borough Council was launching a low-level lottery to support communities and constituted clubs. He believed the bowls club was spreading its net widely seeking an alternative site from their present one. A bonfire would be lit at the top of Wrotham Hill to mark the Queen's 90th birthday on 21st April.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Coffin and reconvened the meeting.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

- 5 **i** TM/16/00235/FL: Fairseat Farmhouse, Vigo Road, Fairseat: Construction of a flint stone wall along the front and north west side boundaries

After discussion it was agreed to respond as follows:

Stansted Parish Council has considered the amended plans for the above application but the previous objections remain. Clarification is needed on the section of the proposed wall that would run behind the Village Hall, as it is not clear from the drawings whether this part is still included with the plans or not.

There is concern over the proposed new access. The Old Post Office, the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall have rights of access over the entire length of road shown. As has been previously stated, this is an unmade single track road with no lighting and the only access for users of the Recreation Ground and Village Hall is on foot. The access to the garage of Fairseat Farmhouse as shown on the amended drawings would still pose a danger to the community using the Recreation Ground and Hall. Furthermore, the planning consent given for the garage was using the existing vehicular access to the property and members do not see the need to alter this. This established entrance for cars has much less impact on the community and poses less danger, being closer to Vigo Road.

- 6 **ii** **TM/16/0656/FL:** Land adjoining Whitecroft, Vigo Road, Fairseat: Erection of a storage barn and sand school in connection with the previously permitted use of the land for keeping horses and the erection of stables

Stansted Parish Council has no objection to this application in principle, but asks that conditions are imposed that there should be no lighting on the sand school and that any future proposed change of use for the barn to, for example, a dwelling, will be refused.

- 7 **iii** **TM/16/00657/FL:** Land adjoining Whitecroft, Vigo Road, Fairseat: Details of materials pursuant to condition 2 of planning permission TM/12/02922/FL (Change of use of land to a paddock for keeping horses erection of a new stable block providing 4 stable bays and a tack/room/feed store together with ancillary access and vehicle parking area)

No objection

- 8 **iv** **TM/16/00295/FL:** Hemsley Conservation Area, Fairseat Nurseries, Gravesend Road, Wrotham: Change of use of land from grazing land to animal sanctuary and erection of timber buildings to house animals and provide a vet treatment room and office

This application had been withdrawn.

9 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

- c Enforcement**
- 10 **i Vigo Inn, Gravesend Road, Fairseat**

It was reported that the enforcement officer considered there was a possible breach and was investigating further. Cllr Mrs Goodworth said the right hand half of the building was for sale as a 5 bedroomed property.
- 11 **d Appeals**

None
- 12 **e Other Planning Issues**

None
- 6 FINANCE**
- 13 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as set out in Appendix B were noted.
- 14 **b Cheques signed since Last Meeting**

None.
- 15 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 773 – 775).
- 7 GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL**
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None.
- 8 STANSTED SCHOOL**
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Cllr Bott reported that the Diocese would be contesting the right to the land. Mediation would follow, which would then proceed to a tribunal. A solicitor would need to be appointed.
- 9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL’S LAND & PROPERTY**
- a Recreation Ground**
- 18 **i. General Matters.** Nothing to report
- 19 **ii. Hire of Ground.** Cllr Mrs Goodworth said that the May Fair would be held on Saturday 1st May.
- 20 **b Playpark**

Nothing to report.

21 **c War Memorial and Garden**

Nothing to report.

22 **d Telephone Kiosk**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth said the knitting group was still waiting for Tom Brooker to make the frame for their display.

23 **e Church Bank**

Nothing to report.

24 **f Dog Waste Bins**

The Clerk was asked to investigate prices and to check with Fairseat Village Hall Committee where they would like a bin sited.

25 **g Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

10 BROWNE'S BEQUEST

26 Cllr Mrs Goodworth said that Jack Saunders would be taking over. Cllr Bott suggested engaging into an annual pasturage agreement.

11 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

a Footpaths

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Roy Barry to speak.

27 i Wyse's Lane. Mr Barry said that a barbed wire fence was across the Kent carriage gate on the recently reconstructed bridleway. The pedestrian gate was also enclosed with barbed wire and there was a padlock on the gate at Ash Lane.

28 ii Fingerposts. Mr Barry referred to the fingerposts at the Recreation Ground and at the pond in Fairseat. These footpaths were already marked with stone markers and he thought the fingerposts were unnecessary, especially as they were in conservation areas.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barry and reconvened the meeting.

It was agreed to request the removal of the fingerposts mentioned by Mr Barry.

29 **b Potholes**

It was understood from Cllr Mrs Hohler that the potholes on Stansted Hill were scheduled to be filled in the near future.

12 VILLAGE HALLS

30 a Stansted Village Hall

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

31 b Fairseat Village Hall

Nothing to report.

13 POLICE MATTERS

32 a Police Representative's Report

Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported that a neighbour's electric gates had been stolen.

33 b Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing further to report.

14 BROADBAND

34 Cllr Bott had no update to give.

15 REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILORS OR CLERK

35 None.

16 QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BEACON

36 Beacons would be lit nationally on Thursday 221st April. Cllr Bott said he would email round on the day if he would be lighting a bonfire.

17 WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET

37 Nothing to report.

18 CONSULTATION

38 No documents received.

19 CORRESPONDENCE

39 None.

20 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

40 None received.

21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

41 a Age Concern

Cllr Mrs Goodworth queried why people were no longer using the bus for the shopping trip.

PUBLIC SESSION

No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked councillors and the member of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2016