

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2016 AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman	In the chair items 1 - 18
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	Vice-chairman	In the chair items 19, 20
	Cllr John Brooker		
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth		
	Cllr Michael Osborne		
	Cllr Daren Sefer		
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk	
In attendance	Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler	Kent County Council	
	Cllr Martin Coffin	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	

Item *Action point*
Minute no 2016/17/

1 APOLOGIES

195 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Kevin Sparkes who was at work. This apology was accepted by the Council. An apology for absence was also received from Cllr Robin Betts, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

2 INTERESTS

196 Cllr Bott declared a pecuniary interest in item 24, as an adjacent landowner.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

197 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016 be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendment:

C/09/16/12b minute 2016/17/181: Substitute "Cllr Mrs Goodworth" for "Cllr Mrs Falconer".

4 MATTERS ARISING

198 None.

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable Cllrs Mrs Hohler and Coffin to speak.

Cllr Mrs Hohler said that 89% of Kent schools had an outstanding or good Ofsted report, which was above the national average. The figure for early years was 95%. She was concerned the new examinations in England did not include music or art. She had gone to the Houses of Parliament with a representative from Kent Music School to lobby. She said that it was only possible for her to attend the Barnfield Park Liaison

Group because Stansted Parish was also involved. The police were working closely with schools and the NHS and had asked that if anyone saw anything suspicious, they should call Crimestoppers.

CLlr Coffin said that the Borough Council had had a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner who had acknowledged that the 101 system was not working very well. The Borough Council had consulted on the fairer charging scheme. Within Tonbridge, 75% had been against the idea but outside Tonbridge 75% had been in favour. From next year the Borough Council would no longer implement the financial arrangement with parishes.

CLlrs Mrs Goodwoth and Osborne complained to CLlr Coffin about the parking for the boot fairs at the top of Wrotham Hill.

The Chairman thanked CLlrs Mrs Hohler and Coffin and reconvened the meeting

5 PLANNING

199 a **Applications**

No applications received.

200 b **Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

201 c **Appeals**

None.

202 d **Enforcement**

None.

203 e **Other Planning Issues**

None raised.

6 FINANCE

204 a **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

205 b **Payments Made since Last Meeting**

None.

206 c **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by CLlr Mrs Falconer, seconded by CLlr Bott and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B be paid (cheques 792 - 795).

207 **f** **TMBC FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT**

The discontinuation of the Tonbridge & Malling Financial Arrangement with parish councils was noted.

7 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

208 **a** **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Goodworth, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed a grant of £25 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 796). It was agreed the wreath be laid at 11 am on Friday 11th November.

8 **MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY**

a **Recreation Ground**

- 209 i. General Maintenance. Nothing to report.
- 210 ii. Hire of Ground. Nothing to report.

211 **b** **Playpark**

Nothing to report.

212 **c** **War Memorial and Garden**

Nothing to report.

213 **d** **Telephone Kiosk**

Nothing to report.

214 **e** **Church Bank**

Nothing to report.

215 **f** **Notice Boards**

Cllr Bott said that he had reminded Jerry Glidewell, but Mr Glidewell currently had a lot of other work.

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

Nothing to report.

9 **BROWNES BEQUEST**

217 Cllrs Bott and Mrs Goodworth had still to meet to organise a licence for Jack Saunders.

10 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

218 a **Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Brooker reported that in one location spraying had been carried out on Japanese knotweed and that grass and part of a hedge had been killed.

219 b **Other Highways or Transport Issues**

None.

11 VILLAGE HALLS

220 a **Stansted Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

221 b **Fairseat Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

12 POLICE MATTERS

222 The Clerk reported that she had invited PCSO Mark Thomas to attend a meeting, but had not had a reply.

13 BROADBAND

223 Cllr Bott reported that all cables had been dug in and now had to be connected together.

14 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

224 None

15 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

225 No documents received.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

226 None.

17 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

228 No matters were raised.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Cllr Bott left the meeting. Cllr Mrs Falconer took the chair.

19 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

229 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed the press and public be excluded from the following item on the grounds that it was a legal matter. It was further proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed that Tom Sheldon be requested to remain as the Council's negotiator and that Robert Nelson also be asked to remain as having been involved in the latter stages.

20 STANSTED SCHOOL

230 Cllr Mrs Falconer went through her proposed presentation for comment. Arrangements were made for the public meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th October.

The Vice-chairman thanked Mr Sheldon, Mr Nelson and councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 10.35 pm.

SignedChairman

On theday of2016