

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3 JUNE 2013 AT
STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman	
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	Vice-chairman	From item 5
	Cllr John Brooker		
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth		Except item 5a(i)
	Cllr George Goring		
	Cllr Miss Janet Howie		
	Cllr Michael Osborne		
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk	
In attendance	Cllr Mrs Ann Kemp	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	
	7 members of the public		

Item	<i>Action point</i>
Minute no 2013/14/	

1 APOLOGIES

- 82 An apology for late arrival was received from Cllr Mrs Falconer. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council and Matthew Balfour, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 83 Cllr Mrs Goodworth declared a pecuniary interest in item 5a(i), planning application for Plaxdale Green Farm, as she lived directly opposite the site.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2013

- 84 It was proposed by Cllr Miss Howie, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2013 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- 85 No matters were raised.

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman suspended the meeting for Cllr Mrs Kemp to give her report.

Cllr Mrs Kemp said there was nothing she wished to comment on.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Kemp and reconvened the meeting.

5 PLANNING.**a Applications**

- 86 **i TM/13/01037/FL:** Plaxdale Green Farm, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted: Change of use

and conversion of 7 no. former agricultural buildings to provide 7 no. live/work units with associated parking, access and landscaping and the demolition of 3 no. former agricultural buildings.

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Cllr Mrs Goodworth left the room.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable the applicant, his planning consultant and members of the public to speak.

The applicant introduced John Collins of DHA Planning who gave a presentation of the proposals. Questions asked included the types of businesses likely to be involved; the numbers of workers, whether the units would be for sale or for rent and concern over the number of traffic movements.

The Chairman thanked the applicant, Mr Collins and the members of the public and reconvened the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed to respond as follows:

Stansted Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application; however there are concerns that at some point in the future there may be applications for further development on the site, or to convert the work units to residential, which would be resisted by the Parish Council. The Parish Council would therefore request that a condition or informative is imposed that would prevent further development or conversion of the work units.

Should permission be granted and should a S106 or Community Infrastructure Levy agreement be made, the Parish Council requests that a contribution is made towards renewal of the playground facilities on Stansted Recreation Ground, which is currently under consideration by the Parish Council and for which the Parish Council is building up reserved funds.

Cllr Mrs Goodworth returned to the meeting.

- 87 **ii** **TM/13/01234/FL:** Hope Cottage, Labour-in-Vain Road, Stansted: Proposed extension to side of existing cottage to form a kitchen/breakfast on the ground floor with music room/en-suite above

No objection.

- 88 **b** **Decisions**

The decisions as listed on appendix A were received.

- 89 **c** **Enforcement**

No new enforcement cases were reported.

- 90 **d** **Appeals**

No new appeals were reported.

e Other Planning Issues

91 **i Field Shelter, Plaxdale Green Road**

Cllr Bott asked to be reminded to take a photograph to help Enforcement identify the correct structure

92 **ii Compass Cottage, Malthouse Road.**

Cllr Osborne said he had not heard from Cllr Balfour.

93 **iii Cob Trees, Hatham Green Lane**

Although permission for the column lights had been refused, it was the lighting on the house that was causing problems for other residents. It was understood from Cllr Mrs Kemp that she would discuss the situation with the enforcement team.

94 **iv Applications for Fairseat Cottage and Fairseat Lodge**

Cllrs Mrs Goodworth and Miss Howie had attended the Borough Council's Planning Committee, but the applications had been withdrawn from the agenda for that night. However there would be a members' site inspection and it was hoped that new proposals for Fairseat Cottage would be available by then. The legal department had not allowed both applications to be taken together.

6 FINANCE

95 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

96 **b Cheques Signed since Last Meeting**

None.

97 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the account as listed on appendix B be paid (cheque 654), with the addition of £550, Garden Graft Contractors (cheque 655).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

98 None.

9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY

a Recreation Ground

99 i. General Matters. It was reported that the nettles had been strimmed but the centre of the ground was still getting smaller.

100 ii. Hire of Ground. The Clerk reported that there were no new bookings.

101 iii. Bonfire night. Cllr Mrs Goodworth said she had spoken to Will Peat. He was

staying on the FoSS committee but they were short of people. It was agreed the parish Council could not take it on and the event would have to be dropped this year. The new FoSS committee might be able to organise the event in the future.

102 **b Play Equipment**

No meeting of the planning group had been held. It was agreed that a meeting be set up with the Chairman of the Governors.

103 **c War Memorial and Garden**

There had been complaints about the mowing of the war memorial garden. The Clerk would pass these on to the contractor and seek to resolve the situation. She would include the issues of the contractor strimming round both recreation grounds and the cutting of the church bank, which were also of concern.

104 **d Telephone Kiosk**

Cllr Goring said he had spoken to the Chairman of the Governors of the school and the school would like to continue.

105 **e Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

9 POLICE LIAISON

106 **a Police Report**

In the absence of a police representative, there was no report.

107 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth said she had not been inundated with volunteers. There had been 2 thefts of fuel oil from Plaxdale Green Road.

10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

108 **a General Matters**

It was reported there was some flytipping.

109 **b Diversion of Footpaths at London Golf Club**

It was agreed that if the footpath was diverted, the access to South Ash Road should be kept open

110 **c Cutting of Public Rights of Way**

It was agreed to nominate Wise's Lane for reactive cutting (a second cut).

11 VILLAGE HALLS

111 a Stansted Village Hall

Nothing to report.

112 b Fairseat Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

12 BROADBAND

113 Cllr Bott said he had no update. He had missed the deadline for the last issue of the magazine but would write a general article for the next issue.

13 CONSULTATION

114 No documents received.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

115 None.

15 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

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

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

117 No matters were raised.

PUBLIC SESSION

No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2013