

POSTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Postling Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 30 November 2016 starting at 6.30 pm at Postling Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Cllr Frank Hobbs (Chair), Cllr Helen Calderbank, Cllr Christine Hobbs, Cllr Jane Reynolds, Cllr Charlie Wilkins, Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee, Cllr Susan Carey, Cllr John Elphick and 3 members of the Public

Parish Clerk: Jo Maher

1. Apologies: Cllr John Patrick
2. Declarations of Interest:
Cllr Calderbank declared a significant interest in 5C
Cllr Reynolds declared a significant interest in 9.
Both Cllrs left the meeting whilst these items were discussed.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 September 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from Minutes

A. Broadband:

Cllr Carey is confident that improvement of coverage can be achieved in the next 18 months although no details are available yet.

B. PCSO (Police Community Safety Officer):

Cllr Christine Hobbs has established contact with David Colyer, Shepway Neighbourhood Association, with the view of re-introducing neighbourhood watch to our village.

5. Planning Applications:

"To confirm the planning applications received since the last meeting, circulated to Councillors for comments, the outcomes of those deliberations, and to consider any further applications received since this agenda was published."

Y16/0062/SH, The Outlook Pilgrims Way Monks Horton. The plans have been considered by the Planning and Licensing Committee on 25 October 2016. This has now been approved.

Y16/1203/SH, Court Cottage, The Street, Postling, Felling of 2 Conifers and a sorbus tree situated within a conservation area followed by planting of 3 native trees. The Council has no objection.

Y16/1281/SH, Highcroft, Sandling Road, Lyminge, Erection of a 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension to form an annexe, together with erection of a replacement garage and cart building. Five of the cllrs voted to support this application. 1 cllr declared an interest and 1 cllr was absent.

6. Places and Policies Local Plan, Consultation on preferred Options began on 7 Oct and last for 6 weeks. The Plan features 56 sites across the district. Local sites include Lyminge and Etchinghill. (Email David Whittington, 5 Oct). No sites in Postling. Residents have been invited to Exhibitions.
7. Lorry Park:
 - A. Highways England – Developing a Community Forum with Dr Priest. Cllr Elphick volunteered to be a member of this forum as a Representative for Postling Parish Council.
 - B. Newsletter Stanford Parish Council, the November issue has been reviewed. Illegal parking has been reported at Hillhurst and Farthing Common.

8. Otterpool Garden Town:

- A. Debrief first developing tour (3 Oct) and second Kent tour (3 Nov).

Cllr Frank Hobbs and Cllr Elphick reporting parking issues and garden issues with existing developments they visited.

- B. Letter Cllr David Monk, dated 14 November, in which he announces support from Government.

Residents of Lympne, Postling, Saltwood, Sellindge and Stanford are to receive a letter regarding the next phase of consultation. This letter will have dates and places of these consultation events. No-one in Postling has received this letter. Cllr Hollingsbee is chasing up.

9. Tiger Club Pent Farm:

- A. Complaint Letter Annette Battersby and email Caroline Butterfield received and discussed.

It has been reported by Postling residents that the noise and frequency of flights have increased over the years. This has been reported by residents in Postling, New Barn corner and Farthing Common. The planes have been seen flying over the properties and their gardens.

- B. Response from landowner

After being more than 20 years in the business, Pent Farm is a permitted business. Chris Reynolds has stipulated a fly path for his customers. Cllr Elphick, who has knowledge of the flying industry will check rules and regulations of a farm air strip.

It was agreed that the Council should invite the landowner for next meeting to discuss possible mitigation.

10. Finance:

- A. Postling Parish Council Budget 2017/2018 and precept.

Cllr Reynolds propose to keep the donations to the Church (£200) and Age UK (£100) the same as previous years. This was seconded by Cllr Calderbank and unanimously agreed.

New this year is the training budget set at £500. Cllr Reynolds proposed this was acceptable, this was seconded by Cllr Calderbank and agreed unanimously.

For the precept, Cllr Christine Hobbs proposed to keep the precept the same as last year, £2000. This was seconded by Cllr Calderbank and unanimously agreed. Clerk is to advise SDC.

- B. Clerk's expense for stationary and postage is £66.32. Cllr Christine Hobbs proposed to accept this expense, this was seconded by Cllr Reynolds and unanimously agreed.

11. Any other business for information only:

- A. East Kent District Council's merger: Exploratory talks are taking place between the 5 East Kent Districts about a possible merger.
- B. Cllr Carey offered to provide funds to purchase extra chairs for the village hall.

12. Date of next meeting Wednesday 25 January 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 pm